

**Clairemont**  
Lutheran Church  
Iglesia Luterana

## Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 19, 2023

**Prelude**      *Sonata 1 in E-flat Major, First Movement*      J. S. Bach

**Welcome and a moment of silence**

**Gathering Hymn**      *Love Has Brought Us Here Together - ACS 1040*



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,  
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and  
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's  
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts  
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,  
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,  
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters  
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in  
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.  
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.  
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

### **The Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C: Amen.**

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy one,

**C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P. Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✙ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

**C Amen**

## Hymn of Praise

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending - ELW 678



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

## Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

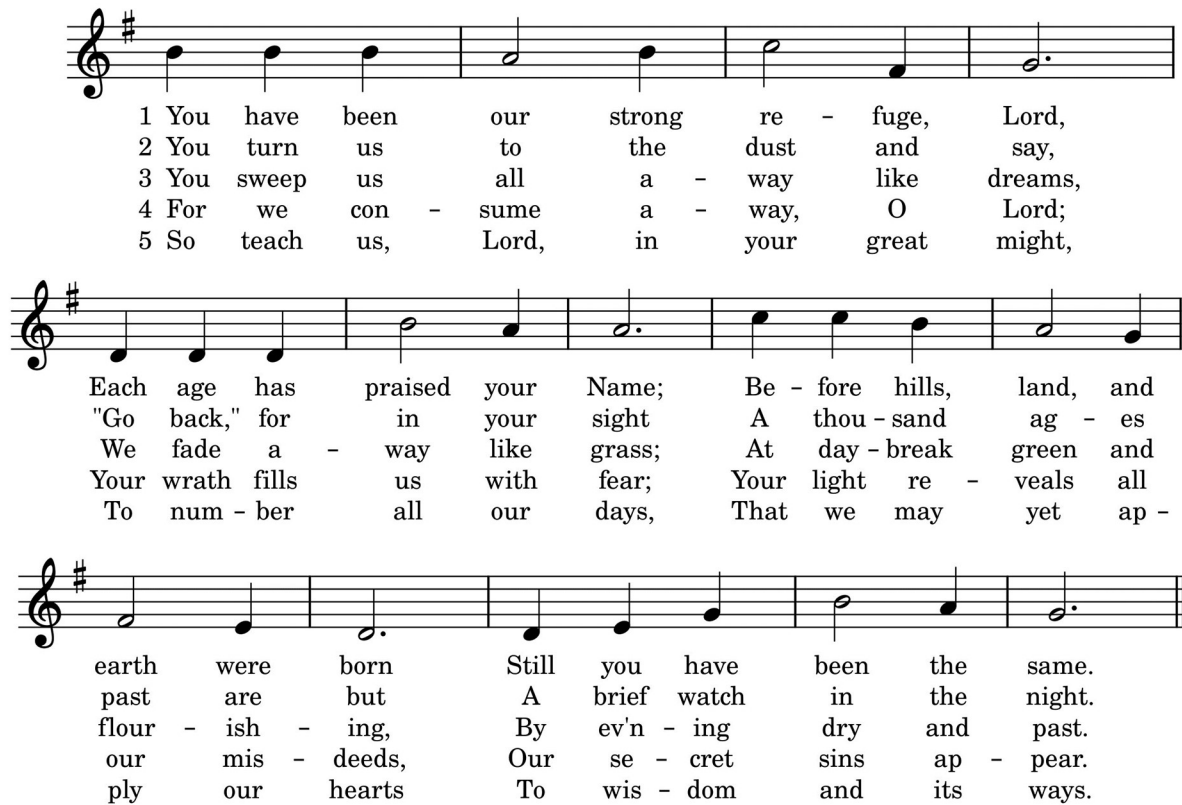
**Lesson:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

**Reader:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God

**Psalm**

**Psalm 90 (sing to ELW 754)**



1 You have been our strong re - fuge, Lord,  
2 You turn us to the dust and say,  
3 You sweep us all a - way like dreams,  
4 For we con - sume a - way, O Lord;  
5 So teach us, Lord, in your great might,  
Each age has praised your Name; Be - fore hills, land, and  
"Go back," for in your sight A thou - sand ag - es  
We fade a - way like grass; At day - break green and  
Your wrath fills us with fear; Your light re - veals all  
To num - ber all our days, That we may yet ap -  
earth were born Still you have been the same.  
past are but A brief watch in the night.  
flour - ish - ing, By ev'n - ing dry and past.  
our mis - deeds, Our se - cret sins ap - pear.  
ply our hearts To wis - dom and its ways.

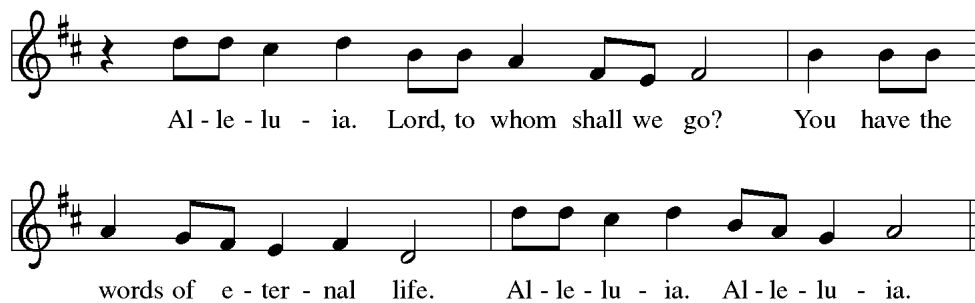
**Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Reader:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia – ELW p. 142**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30.

**Response after the announcement:** Glory to you, O Lord

**Response after the conclusion of the reading:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Hymn of the Day

*Light Dawns on a Weary World – ELW 726*



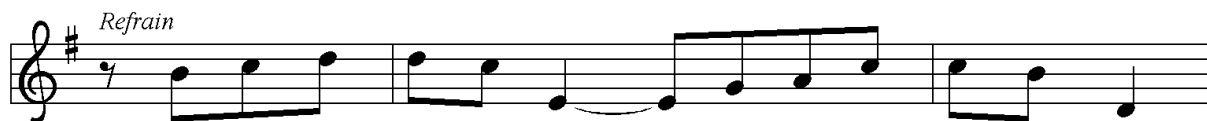
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

## Apostles' Creed

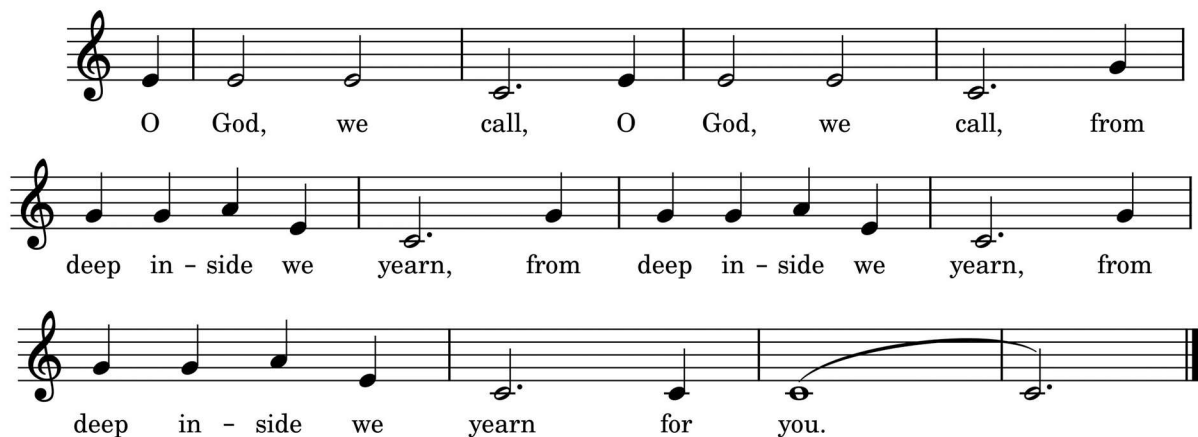
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers

### *O God, We Call – ACS 1075*



P Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P Hear us, O God    **C Your mercy is great**

The prayers conclude:

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.    **C Amen.**

## Offering Invitation

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5: 23-24

## The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.    **C And also with you.**

*We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Please remain in your pews*

**The Offering Song*****We Plow the Fields and Scatter – ELW 681(verse 3 only)***

3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you!

**C And also with you!**

P Lift up your hearts!

**C We lift them up to the Lord!**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

## Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### Invitation to Communion

**Distribution of Communion** we ask you to come to communion on the center aisle and return to your seat on the side aisle.

### Communion Hymn      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* – ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

### Prayer after Communion

P Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

### Announcements



## Blessing

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.. **C Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

### *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand – ACS 1024*

*Refrain*



Kwa - ke    Ye - su    na - si - ma - ma,    ndi - ye  
Here on    Je - sus    Christ    I will    stand.    He's the



mwam - ba    ni    sa - la - ma.    Ndi - ye    mwam - ba    ni    sa - la -  
sol - id rock    of my    life.    He's the    sol - id rock    of my



ma,    ndi - ye    mwam - ba    ni    sa - la - ma.  
life.    He's the    sol - id rock    of my    life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the  
2 It is not the work of my hands that has  
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



*Refrain*



flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.  
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.  
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

## Dismissal

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to god.**

## Postlude

*Rigaudon*    Andre Campra

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### **Serving Us Today**

Pastor Cyndi Jones

Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Charles von Gunten

Clarinet: Julie Jaskula , Percussion, steel drums: Julie Jaskula

Reader: Lynn Ten Eyck

Communion Assistants: Harriet Carmona, Lewis TenHulzen, Gary Lange

Welcome Team: Harriet Carmona, Bev Covey, Kevin Collins

Offering Couriers: Ruth Andersen, Lorri Carlsen

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

**All are Welcome!** As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

**FIRST TIME HERE? Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church.** For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED If you are facing challenges in life,** we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 6. Patience.

**Remember in Prayer:** Gaby Oregon, Myra Brandt, Julie Stivers, Elaine Erickson, Sandy McCauley, Bev Covey, Adrienne Lenhoff, Lauren Wolfe, Rebeca Hill, Barb Coolong, Stella Penyack, Betty Black, Gerald Flax, Deanna Belter, Mark Nickel, Emilie Lauchmen, Grace Holtz, Dan & Mary Brown, Linda Wolfenden, Kim Barnes, Joanne Miller, Christen Kyle, Jack Volkmann, Carole Leavengood, Ruth Andersen, Lizzy, Israel, Nicole, Sofia, River, Sue Brennecke, Elizabeth Cordial, Kathy Farrington, Dolores Russell, Bob Maske and Frank Nixon.

**Lecturn Flowers are given to the Glory of God by** Peggy Ritchie in celebration of Holly's birthday.

**Soup and Sanctuary** meets this Wednesday, November 22, at 5:00 p.m. we will have a 30 minute thanksgiving service followed by a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Come and enjoy some food and conversation!

**Next Week's Lessons:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, and the gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

**Thrivent Action cards needed!** We have many activities we can use them for before the end of the year. Thanksgiving Eve Service and a turkey dinner, Children's Advent Adventure, and the Posada. Contact the office if you would like to help out. Thank you!

**Africa Empowering children:** Thank you so much to the members of the Clairemont Lutheran for your continuous support. Your support helps the children continue in high school, for food and boarding. **Nick emailed and asked if we could help with Christmas dinner.** He also thought it would be amazing to have 100 hand-written Christmas cards sent to the children. Holy Cross Lutheran is going to write fifty letters, and he is asking for us to write the other fifty. We would like to have them at the office by December 10th so we can put them in a package for bulk mailing. May God Bless you, Nick & Judy.

**We have a sign-up sheet for those of you who can pick up Emilie** and can take her home. Emilie lives less than a mile away. A Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, Emilie would really appreciate your help!!

### **CCSA Holiday Programs**

We will support CCSA in providing gift cards for Family Christmas Baskets and Christmas Homeless Gift Bags again this year. CCSA distributes Christmas Homeless Gift Bags that will have gloves, hat, socks, hygiene items and candy and a \$10.00 gift card from McDonalds, Jack in the Box, Vons, Subway, etc. Gift cards or monetary donations for gift cards can be brought to church and/or given to the Office by Sunday December 3. CCSA distributes a festive Family Christmas Basket that will contain non-perishable food and a \$50.00 gift card from Target or Walmart for perishable items to a client family. Gift cards or monetary donations for gift cards can be brought to church and/or given to the Office by Sunday December 3. For information on how to provide a complete Family Christmas Basket on your own please go to [ccsasandiego.org](http://ccsasandiego.org)., or contact Heidi Acosta at 858-373-8634 if you have questions. Thank you for your support of this wonderful Christmas gift of giving!

**Just a reminder:** Offering envelopes, Raise the Roof/Building Fund envelopes and blue Prayer request/visitor slips are located in every pew in the church.

**Music Notes:** Somos Uno (meaning, 'We are one') by Contemporary Composer Mark Hayes is a lively calypso-flavored tune that is a celebration of our unity in Christ. The syncopated opening theme is contrasted with a lyrical section followed by a chance for each voice part to shine. The addition of the steel drum enlivens the music and accentuates the Latin rhythms. The six Sonatas by J. S. Bach were written to help his son learn to play the organ and to develop skill in counterpoint. They are a classic example of 'learn to rub your tummy and pat your head'. You'll be impressed by how lyrical this school work is. The postlude is by Andre Campra, a French composer and conductor who was one of the leading opera composers of his time.

*Psalm*

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*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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*Sonata 1 in E-flat Major, First Movement*

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*O God, We Call*

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*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

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*Rigaudon*

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*Love Has Brought Us Here Together*

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*Alleluia, ELW p. 142*

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*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

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Week of November 19, 2023

## ● SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. in English

11:30 a.m. en Español

## ● ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch LIVE during worship times on [clairemontlc.org](http://clairemontlc.org) or on YouTube.

## ● NEED TO CATCH UP?

Watch past sermons or worship gatherings on our website any time by going to the Faith Opportunities tab. An archive is also available on our YouTube channel.

## ● SOCIAL MEDIA



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## ● GIVING

We appreciate support of our ministries. Did you know that you can also give online? Click on the Home tab on our website, then click on Give to the Church.

## ● 12-Step Meetings

We have several 12 step meetings hosted in Luther Hall weekly. This is an important part of being a neighborhood church. We are glad we are able to help.

Monday, 1pm - AA, 8pm- AA /Tues., 1pm -

AA, 7pm Al-Anon

Thursday & Friday, 1pm – AA

Friday, 6pm – Al-Anon

Saturday, 7am – SA



## ON LINE & IN PERSON GATHERINGS

### Monday November 20

4:15pm Cherubs

4:00pm Gospel study on zoom

5:00pm Glee choir

6:00pm Evangelism team

6:00pm Esperanza youth choir

7:30pm Sanctuary choir

### Wednesday November 22

5:00pm Thanksgiving service followed with a Thanksgiving dinner at 5:30pm

### Thursday November 23

Happy Thanksgiving  
office closed

### Friday November 24

11:30am Food distribution

Office closed

### Saturday November 25

9:30am Handbell rehearsal

10:00am WELCA meeting

10-12pm Sanctuary choir practice

Pastor Elena on vacation

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