

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Come Holy Spirit, You who illuminate our hearts, and allow us to see the glory of Christ. Come to Your Church and help it witness with power and joy about God's love that drove Him to give His only Son so we would be saved. Let the Gospel be preached with power and authority, as joyous as it is, so everyone's eyes will be opened and everyone's hearts will be filled with a longing for your salvation. Let Your light shine in the darkness so we are drawn to the glory that shines forth from Christ's face. Holy Spirit, save us. Amen. (Bo Giertz, 1905-1998 Lutheran Bishop of Sweden)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 26, 2023 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

"The Man Is Ever Blessed"

LSB 705



- 1 The man is ev er blessed
- 2 But makes the Law of God
- 3 He like a tree shall thrive,
- 4 Not so the wick-ed race,
- 5 How will they bear to stand 6 He knows and He ap-proves

Who shuns the sin-ners' ways, A
His stud-y and de-light A

With wa-ters near the root; Fresh

They no such bless-ings find; Their Be - fore the judg-ment seat Where

The way the righ-teous go; But



mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn-ers' la - bors day And watch-es mid the of the of the night. the name shall live, His works are heav'n-ly as leaf his hopes shall flee like emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing wind. the saints at Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet? sin - ners and their works shall meet A dread-ful o - ver - throw.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28-19b, [18:20]

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the \mathbf{H} Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 130:3-4

- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

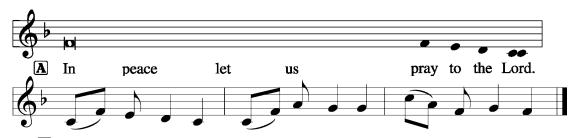
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Mark 10:47; LSB 204



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

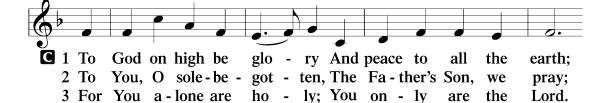
P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 204





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm



For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his | pasture.

Psalm 95:1-7a (antiphon: v. 7a)

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;* let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;* let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,* and a great King a- | bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths | of the earth;* the heights of the mountains are his | also.

The sea is his, for he | made it,* and his hands formed the | dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;* let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For he | is our God,* and we are the people of his | pasture.

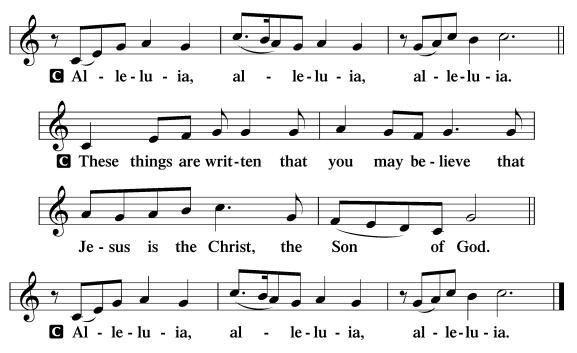
Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one

of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed LSB 206

 \mathbf{C} I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

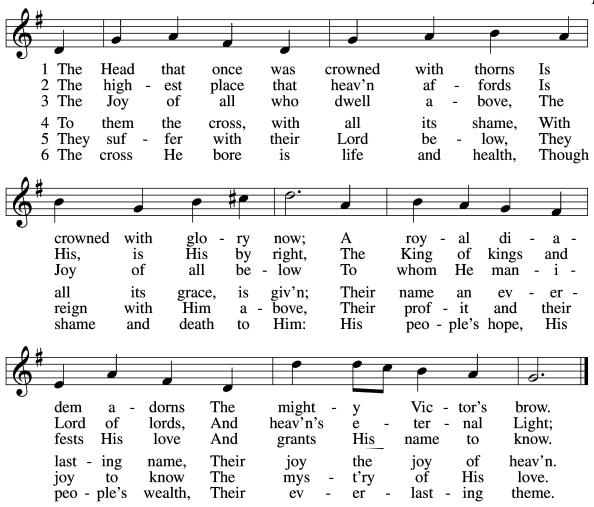
> whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

"The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"

LSB 532



Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855 Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.)

Stand

+++Service of the Sacrament+++

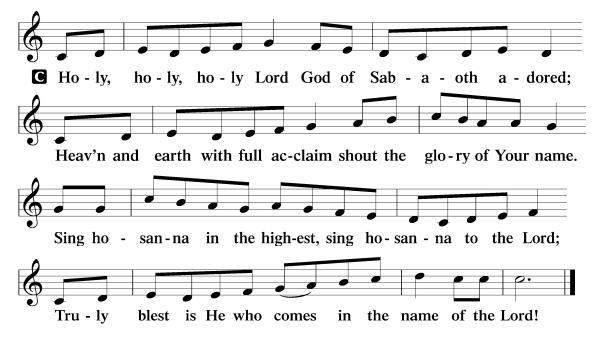
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]; LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

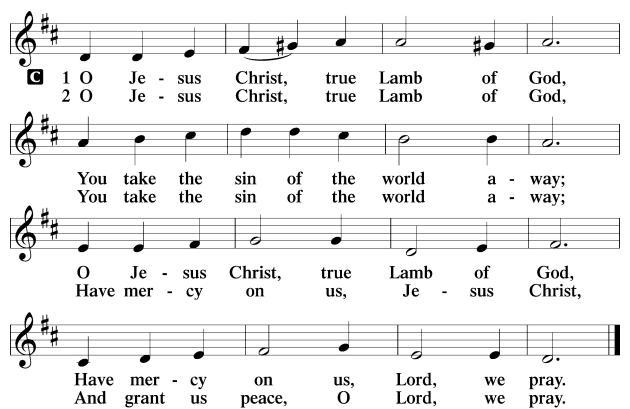
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Sit

Agnus Dei John 1:29; LSB 210



Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymns

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

Where Charity and Love Prevail Your Table I Approach

LSB 845

LSB 628

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus [Psalm 103:1]

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

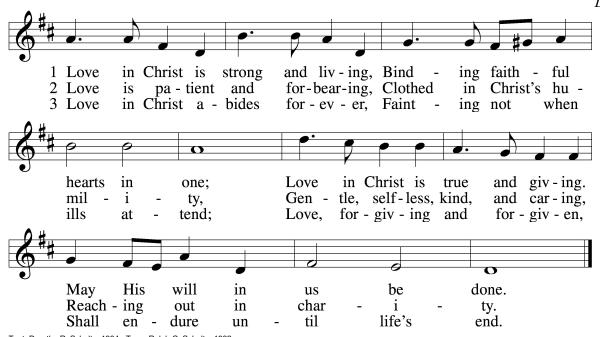
Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" *LSB 706*



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Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K-5th graders from Room 113.

Jr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet in Room 119 with Scott Peters for a study entitled "Images of the Church."

Sr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet in Room 122 with Catherine Borck for a study entitled "Face 2 Face" which discusses our relationship to others as Christians.

Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study on the book (Dis)ordered: Lies about Human Nature and the Truth That Sets Us Free in the fellowship hall.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Karen Lund leads a study called, "The Cross" at 9:30 am in Room 115.

Pledge Sunday and Voters' Meeting Next Sunday

Please remember to bring your pledge cards and plan to attend the voters' meeting after the late service. Topics covered will be the budget, financial update and the state of the parish.



E-Kids Giving Tree

Every year we collect names and wish lists from Expansion Mission Network church plants. These LCMS church plants are across our Metroplex area, connecting with the Hispanic community, and are able to see first-hand the families that are in need. This year, they have adopted families from apartment complexes in Dallas, Rockwall and Carrollton. Remember to return your gifts **by December 10th.**

Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$12 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up in the narthex.

Epic Parenting Advent Adventures on Sunday, December 3rd

The Epic Parenting small group will be hosting an Advent party for families with young children on December 3rd at 4:30 p.m. in the Lord of Life fellowship hall. Join us for a potluck dinner, family devotion, and a Christmas themed craft for the kids. RSVP to Catherine Borck or Melanie Scarth.

Tony Hernandez is Retiring

Tony has been Lord of Life's full-time custodian and handyman for more than 15 years and is retiring in December. He has been a valuable colleague and dear friend, performing above and beyond normal expectations. As a "Thank You" we would like to present Tony with a cash gift from Lord of Life to show our sincere appreciation. Please consider contributing to this gift.

Contributions can be made in the offering plate, online or directly to the office. Please notate that it is for "Tony's Retirement Gift."

2024 Flower Chart is Available in the Narthex

The flower chart consists of monthly pages in a "Flower" binder on a table in the narthex. Each monthly page has the Sundays listed with space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize for each arrangement. A suggested donation of \$40 per Flower arrangement may be made when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a "flowers" notation.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org

Look ahead to the First Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (11/29 at 9:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron's "Nothing but Christ Crucified" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and finish the Gospel of Mark and begin the book of Micah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!



Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize the basic information about the human condition and God's saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

- 1. God loves you! "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- 2. You are a sinner. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- 3. God punishes sin. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).
- 4. Jesus took our punishment. "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).
- 5. Jesus rose from the dead. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- 6. Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him. "Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:30–31).
- 7. Salvation is free—a gift from God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8–9).

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Daniel Kim

Acolyte: Emily Scarth, Robert Duff

Altar Guild: Susan Knowles, Beverly Moudy, Charis Bennett

Elders: Greg Moudy, Doug Hite

Greeters: Stu & Sandy Ehrett, Charis Bennett and Cheryl Tyler Ushers: John Frinsko, Joel Crumrine

Sound: Kaitlyn Hacker, Doug Hite

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Nov. 26, 2023

8:00 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am Children's Sunday School

(K-5th Gr, Room 113)

Jr IMPACT Class (Room 119) Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)

10:45 am Late Worship Service

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, December 1

9:00 am Comfort Makers

Saturday, December 2

7:30 pm Men's Bible Breakfast

Next Sunday, December 3

Pledge Sunday and Voters' Assembly

Next Sunday's Readings December 3, 2023

Old Testament: Is. 64:1–9

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:3–9

Gospel: Mark 11:1–10 or

Mark 13:24–37



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Charis Bennett in celebration of Evelyn Buckmeier's birthday; and by Tony & Nevelle Vess in loving memory of Kymberly Vess.



About the Cover: As this Church Year comes to a close, we know a new one is on the horizon. Likewise, Jesus' glorious return with the angelic host on the Last Day will be the setting of this life as we know it and the dawn of a new day where we will be welcomed into the inheritance of the kingdom that has been prepared for us. It has already been secured for those who believe because the judgment against sin has been rendered on Christ's cross. The darkness of Good Friday gave way to the light of Christ's resurrection on Sunday morning.