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## for the Week of November 23, 2025

## Little Lutherans - Children ages 2 - 4 years old

Little Lutherans class begins at 9:25 AM in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 AM parents may pick up preschoolers from Room 110.

## 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 & Sr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 AM in Room 122 with Scott Peters.

## **Special Needs Bible Class**

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

#### **Adult Bible Class**

At 9:30ish, Pastor Shaltanis leads an adult class in the Fellowship Hall.

## Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the Gospel of John at 9:30 AM in Room 115.

# Pledge Sunday and Voters' Meeting - December 7

Pledge cards were mailed earlier this month. If you haven't received yours, please let the office know. Please remember to bring your pledge cards to place them before the altar during the worship service on December 7. If you are unable to attend that day, you may place it in an offering basket any Sunday in the next few weeks. Also, please be advised that our semi-annual Voters' Meeting will be immediately after the late service that same Sunday. The focus will be approving the 2026 budget.

# **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. If you would like to sponsor a child, please pick a name from the giving tree in the narthex and sign your name on the list. Remember to return your gifts by December 7th.

#### We Need Your Voice!

The choir needs singers for Christmas, especially tenors. If you are willing to help out, please see Vicki Frinsko for more information.

#### Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$15 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up in the narthex.



## Israel anyone?

As some of you may remember, we had a trip to Israel planned in 2020 that was derailed by the pandemic. Since we are past the pandemic, and political events in the Middle East have cooled down, we have decided to try again to organize a trip to the Holy Land led by Pastor Shaltanis. We have tentatively set the date for this trip as October 13-22, 2026. This 10 day trip to Israel will hit all the highlights and follows the same itinerary we had planned for the previous trip. If you are interested in going on this tour, or if you just want some additional information, contact Doug Hite or Pastor Shaltanis.

## Stewardship Thought in the Church Year

Colossians 1:18a – "And he is the head of the body, the church." We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

## A Life Thought in the Church Year

When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction: "Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed" (Luke 23:29). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us to view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God's gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the "refuge and strength" of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His "treasured possession" (Malachi 3:17).

# Christ for You this Week on KFUO.org

We're continuing our series, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Each day, we'll study a new hymn of Thanksgiving from Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study of the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 26-27. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (11/8 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! We're beginning a new study of the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at <a href="https://kfuo.org">kfuo.org</a> or in the KFUO Radio app.

# Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Linda Haupt

Soloists: Lauren Ault, Shelby Lund

Altar Guild: Gail Senter, Beverly Moudy, Laurie George

Elder: Tim Ozlowski

Acolyte: Emily Scarth

Greeters: Stu & Sandy Ehrett, Laurie & Abby George

Ushers: Mike Paradise, Samson Carter Sound: Brian Wolf, Doug Hite

# This Week at Lord of Life - Today, Nov. 23, 2025

8:00 AM Early Worship Service

9:30 AM Little Lutherans (2-4yrs, Room 110)

Children's Sunday School (K-5th Gr, Room 113)

Jr & Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122)

Special Needs Class (Library)

Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)

Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)

10:45 AM Late Worship Service

Tuesday, November 25

12:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

# Next Sunday's Readings November 30, 2025

First Reading: Is. 2:1–5

Epistle: Rom. 13:(8–10) 11–14

Gospel: Matt. 21:1–11 or

Matt. 24:36-44



The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jade Jackson in celebration of her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Charis Bennett in celebration of Evelyn Buckmeier's birthday.