—Lord of Life——ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the Week of December 7, 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 Epistles of John at 9:30 AM in Room 115.

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.

Voters' Meeting Today

Please stay for our semi-annual Voters' Meeting following the late service. We will be approving the 2026 budget.

Christmas Cookie Baking Party!

The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a baking day in Lord of Life's beautiful kitchen. Come Bake cookies and enjoy fellowship anytime from 9am to 1pm on Sat., Dec. 13^{th.} Please sign up in the narthex and indicate if you would like childcare provided. Recipes and ingredients will be provided.



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.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Comfort Makers quilting group over the last year. Lord of Life donated 139 quilts, 9 fabric kits, and \$70 for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. The

boxes from LOL were delivered to the LWR ingathering site at Messiah Lutheran on November 8th, 2025, one of 3 collection sites in Texas. The quilts and kits from all over north Texas were then transported to the LWR warehouse where they will be sorted and sent out to help people in need around the world.

All are welcome to join the Comfort Maker group. They meet the first and third Friday of the month from 9 am to noon to tie quilts and chat. Refreshments are served. For those who are unable to attend, donations of supplies and/or cash to the LWML quilting fund are welcome to pay for batting and thread.

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

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Being a Gospel-motivated voice for life means loving all our neighbors, regardless of their size, condition, or past. As servants in the Master's house (Matthew 24:43), we not only need to be prepared for Christ's coming (Matthew 24:44; Romans 13:11), we should be eager to make all others ready, preaching the Gospel to them, inviting them "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:3) that they, too, might be brought into the safety of the ark of the holy Church.

Christ for You this Week on KFUO.org

It's time for a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT)! "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" will begin airing this week, with a focus on Paul's two epistles to the Thessalonians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for a new study on the book of Malachi! Don't forget to join us this weekend for Concord Matters (12/6 at 10 a.m. CT). In our current study of Luther's Large Catechism, we are taking a deep dive into the Lord's Prayer. Listen in as we discuss the 1st Petition. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app.

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Daniel Kim

Altar Guild: Clarice Lundquist, Charis Bennett, Joanna Smith

Elders: Eric Wilde, Mike Kunschke Acolyte: Sean Tweedie, Scarlet Jackson

Greeters: Phaedra Shaltanis, Charis Bennett and Cheryl Tyler

Ushers:

Ben Scarth, Jeff Loewecke
Sound:

Russ Wilkerson, Nick Moudy

This Week at Lord of Life - Today, Dec. 7, 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 12:00 PM Voters' Assembly

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 PM Handbells

7:00 PM Board of Elders

Wednesday, December 10

1:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship Service 7:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship Service

7:30 PM Adult Choir

Saturday, December 13

9:00 AM Cookie Baking Party

Next Sunday's Readings December 14, 2025

First Reading: Is. 11:1–10

Epistle: Rom. 15:4–13

Gospel: Matt. 3:1–12



The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Sue Parson in celebration of her mother's 98th birthday; and by the elders.



About the Cover: From his clothing to his diet, John certainly stood out as his voice echoed in the wilderness. However, John's voice did not stand out because of him. His call to repent was all about preparing the way for Christ, the standalone Savior of the world. For Christ alone is the one who has taken all of our sins upon Himself and atoned for them on the cross.