



The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is “darkness, and not light” (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their “burnt offerings and grain offerings,” nor will He look upon their “peace offerings” (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets “justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the “lamps” of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the “oil” of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us “to the dealers” (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we “encourage one another with these words” (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes “with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,” and “we will always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Stand

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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- P** 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

Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
- C** **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
- P** How lovely is your dwelling place,
- C** **O LORD of hosts!**
- P** Behold our shield, O God;
- C** **look on the face of your anointed!**
- P** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
- P** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
- C** **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
- P** O LORD of hosts,
- C** **blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
- C** **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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.

- A** 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.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading*Amos 5:18–24*

- A** The Old Testament Reading for The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifth chapter of the prophecy of Amos.

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
 Why would you have the day of the LORD?
 It is darkness, and not light,
¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,
 and a bear met him,
 or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
 and a serpent bit him.
²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
 offerings,
 I will not accept them;
 and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
 I will not look upon them.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
 to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

- A** The Second Reading is from the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those

who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for

yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sermon Text: All Three Lessons

Sermon Title: Are You Ready?

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

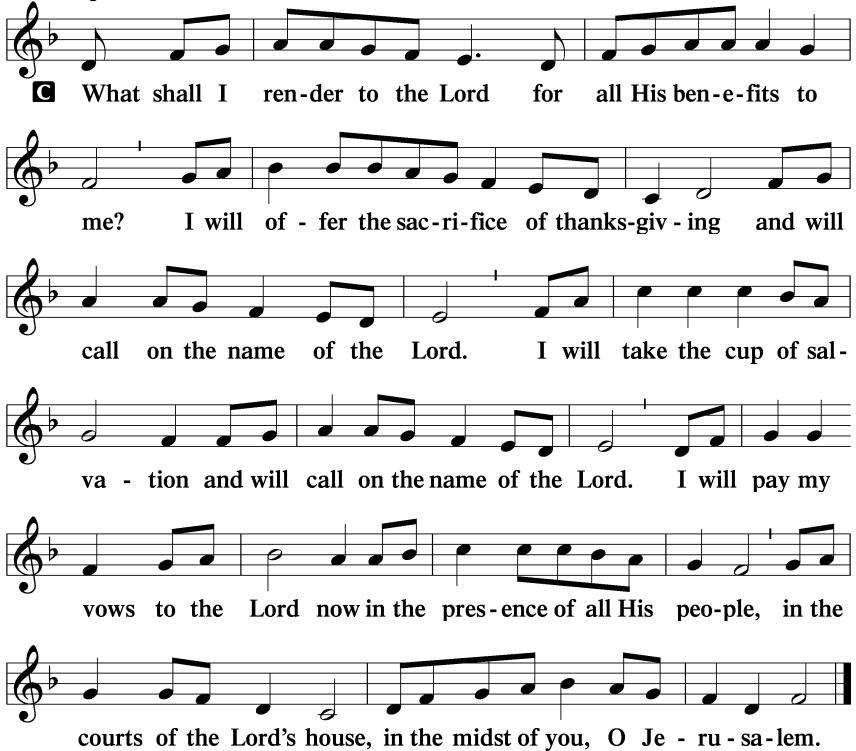
Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Prayer of the Church

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P ... Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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

P 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

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and

blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

512 At the Name of Jesus

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

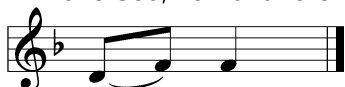


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

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P 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 A - men.

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Sunday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Guest Pastor: N.I.D. President
Rev. Dr. Allan Buss



Our Thanksgiving Worship Service will be Sunday November 19th at 4 PM followed by a Traditional Turkey dinner.

As in the past, turkey and gravy will be provided and we ask everyone to sign up and bring the fixins. So as to have a good variety, signup sheets for desserts, veggies, salads and stuffing are posted in the parish hall. See where your favorite dish will fit in and sign-up by November 12.



Dear Food Basket Helpers,

Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, we would like to provide support for those in need for Christmas. We will continue to purchase Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards it would be much appreciated.

Please make your donations for the Christmas Gift Cards by Sunday December 10th so we have time to purchase cards and send them to the families.

Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry Food Baskets.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry





Advent Season

November 19

9:30 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Thanksgiving Service
5:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner

December 6

9:30 am Advent Serv.
10:30 am Breakfast

December 13

6:00 pm Pot-luck Dinner
7:00 pm Advent Service

December 20

9:30 am Advent Serv.
10:30 am Breakfast

December 24

9:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Candlelight Service



The Glad Spirit St. Paul & Lutheran Church

November 12, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Bill Sommer
Dolly Tatgenhorst
Dorothy Van Mynen
Kayla Van Mynen, Family Noelle

BIRTHDAYS

Alexis McGrath, 11/14

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Bloom, 11/12
Blake Ovalle, 11/18

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday December 6, to review *Comfort & Joy: A Fable* by Kristin Hannah. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFUE.org: Hear stories from Deaconess Kim Bueltmann (missionary to refugees in Germany), Benjamin Kolodziej (history of LCMS music), and Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor and Rev. Ken Krueger (church worker wellness) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), begin studying 1 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Mark 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Responding To Arguments Against Christianity... When people challenge the truths of the Christian faith, do find yourself at a loss for answers? You can listen to the new audiobook, “Objections Overruled: Answering Arguments against Christianity,” at issuesetc.org/objectionoverruled. This new audiobook is free and produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

Word of Hope offers free and confidential counseling to women and men struggling with an abortion experience. If you would like more information on how Word of Hope can help you or someone you love, visit our website at www.word-of-hope.org. You can be healed.

We’d love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos>. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at <https://www.splcms.org/worship>.

“What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let’s roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, ‘Lord, help me be an eager

worker in Your kingdom.” Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church,
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Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know
the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



T Z F E S G H O G Q N O G T A
 O B M P K S M I D N I G H T A
 G O M Q I N A N H E A V E N S
 C A Q L Q T I I E D I J K B L
 L P O B R I D E G R O O M A E
 M O J K E F D K L X M O H N E
 F E O G S W O I H A Z S R Q P
 V W E X G B I N O D A T H U X
 I T B T P C L G R W R T E E T
 R S R C U B O D A A M O Z T E
 G S D I K T Y O N T W D W K X
 I T T S M W G M G C R F O S W
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| FOOLISH | MEET | DROWSY | VIRGINS | BANQUET |
| MIDNIGHT | WEDDING | TRIMMED | RANG | KINGDOM |
| BRIDEGROOM | LAMPS | WISE | WATCH | COME |
| DOOR | ASLEEP | HEAVEN | OIL | WOKE |

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



November 5th Attendance 25, 25 Communed, 6 Online

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|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Basket | \$135.00 | Weekly Missions | \$45.00 |
| Envelopes | 1,038.00 | Luth. Church Charity | 10.00 |
| Organist | | Church Maint | 50.00 |
| | | Social Ministry | 375.00 |
| Budgeted Total | 1,173.00 | Non-budgeted Total | \$480.00 |
| Offering Needed | 1,233.00 | | |
| Short | \$-60.00 | | |



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Coffee &...

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Coffee &...
4:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship
5:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner

SERVANT SCHEDULE

| | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Sun, Nov 12, 9:30 AM | Sun, Nov 19, 9:30 AM |
| Pastor | Pastor Fluechtling | Pastor Dobberstein |
| Usher | Louis Sella | Bill Sommer |
| Lay Reader | Dana Krieger | |

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



GENERAL FUND