

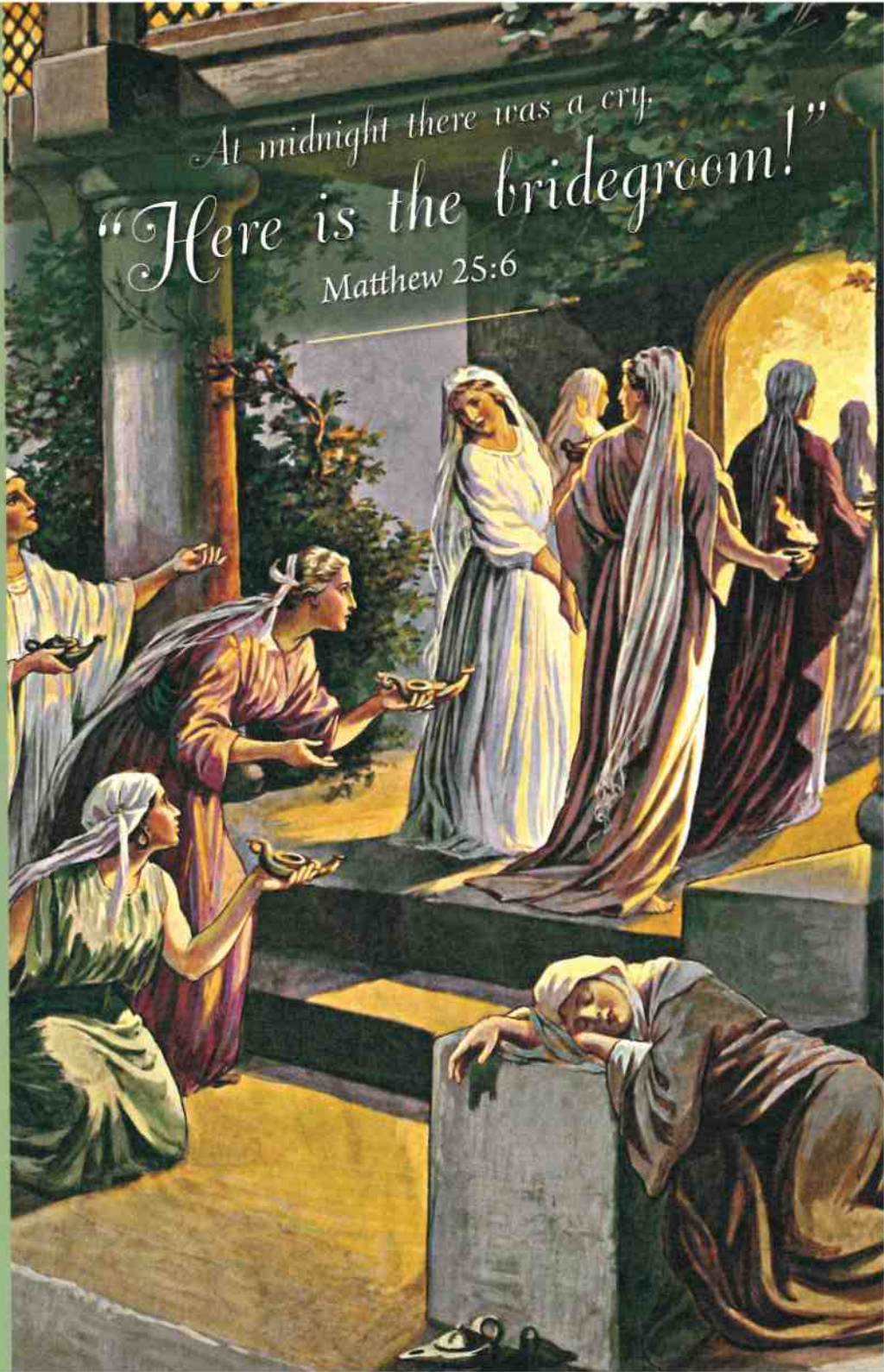
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 12, 2023 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am**

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Zachariah Hastings, Director of Music

Our Mission: Share Christ † Serve Others



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8:00am & 10:30am

WELCOME — We would like to extend a cordial welcome in our Lord's name to all who worship with us at Pacific Hills. We greet our guests with the love and peace of Jesus and pray that our sharing of God's Word will enrich your faith and life in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION — Anyone who would like more information about Pacific Hills may speak to an usher, visit with a greeter in the welcome area or call the church office. You may also read about our ministries by going to our church's website. While there you can also read our weekly newsletter, "The Pacific Hills Messenger". To subscribe to our newsletter, send your e-mail to: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org

NURSERY — Children are always welcome in worship! If a parent or guardian needs to step out with a child, a nursery is available in Room 112.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS — Hearing assist units are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PHONES — We thank you for silencing your mobile device or turning it off during worship.

WORSHIP CARDS — We kindly ask our guests and members to please complete a Worship Card located in the hymnal rack. The cards will be received by the ushers during the worship service. You may request a prayer or lift up a name by writing in on the back of the card. First names will be read during the parish prayers.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

We invite those who share with us in the fellowship of faith to come to the Lord's altar and receive, in the Holy Communion, the very body and blood of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus has given us His Holy Supper so that we might receive into our very lives His body and blood, under the elements of bread and wine, for the remission of our sins and thereby know in a physical, tangible way that we are forgiven and have eternal life through faith in Him.

Each who comes to the Table of our Lord should:

- ◆ Be a Baptized Child of God;
- ◆ Have received scriptural instruction in Christ's means of meeting us in this Sacrament;
- ◆ Examine themselves by confessing their sins to God;
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:26-29
 - b. Lutheran Service Book, p. 329
- ◆ Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord from sin and death and who delivers us from the power of the devil;
- ◆ Desire the Holy Spirit's power to turn away from sin and live a Christ-like life;
- ◆ Recognize the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood (under the elements of bread and wine) for the forgiveness of sins.

If you are uncertain or have questions concerning your participation, please ask to speak with an elder, our pastor or an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Alcohol-removed wine is in the center of the tray. Children and adults desiring to receive a blessing should cross their arms while at the communion rail.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service

Setting Three

About the Cover: The bridegroom is here! Five were prepared with oil in their lamps, but another five were unprepared and left in the dark. Christ's parable of the ten virgins is a call to vigilance for the Lord's return. We do not know the hour when He will come back again. However, in our Lord's Word, we have everything we need to be ready for that day. His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (see Psalm 119:105). Jesus, the Church's Bridegroom, has died, risen, and is coming back again for His Church.

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

Confession of Sins

- L** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

- L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- C** **Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Opening Hymn

515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

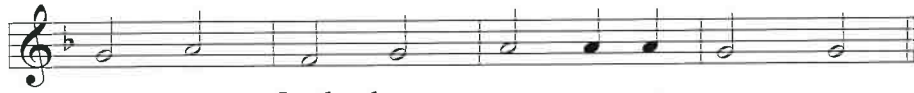
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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



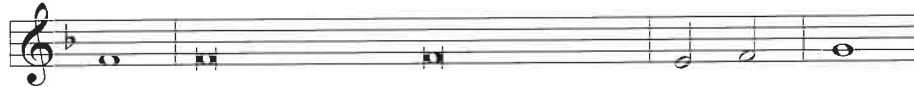
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

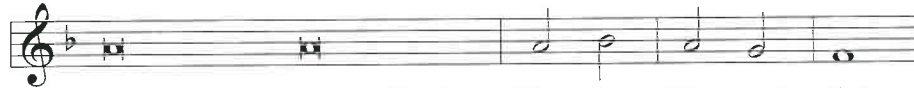
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



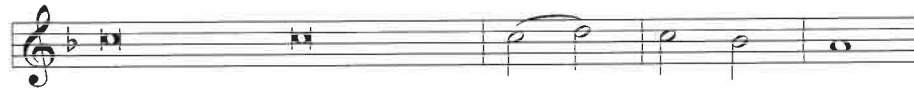
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

L 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 Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Amos 5:18–24

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.”

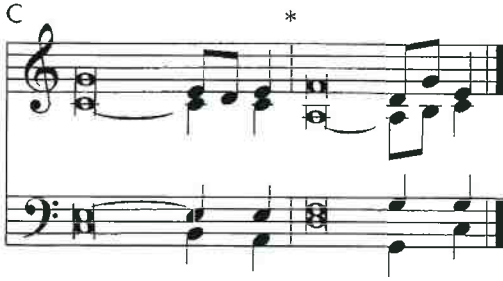
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Worship Cards are collected at this time.

Psalm

Psalm 70



¹Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

²**Let them be put to shame and confusion who | seek my life!***

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

³Let them turn back because | of their shame*

who say, "A- | ha, Aha!"

⁴**May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!***

May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, | O God!*

You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do | not delay!

Stand

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.

Sit

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, 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.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

514 *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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Sermon

The Bridegroom Is Coming...Are You Ready? Matthew 25:1-13

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the Church - Prayer lists are available in the narthex.

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Offering

Performed by Bell Choir
(10:30 Service Only)

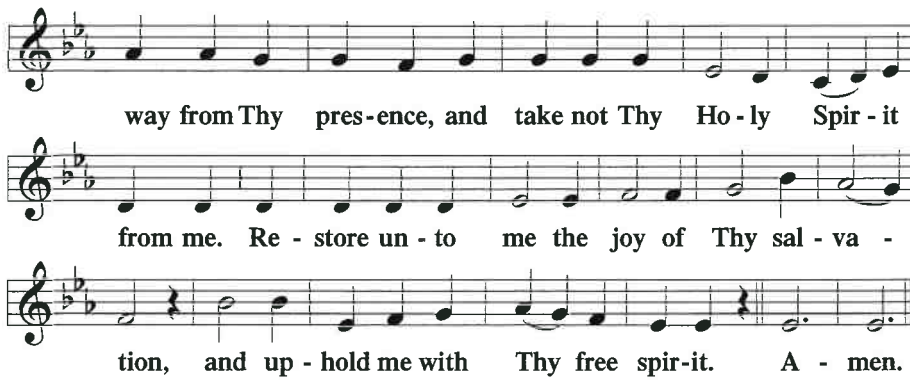
We Gather Together
by Edward Kremser

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.


Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.



Stand

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

L The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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Postlude/Silent Prayer

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 19, 2023 - 8:00 am & 10:30 Services**

Readings

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Hymns

LSB 783

LSB 785

LSB 980

LSB 635

LSB 513

Sermon

Being Stewards of God's Good Gifts

Time, Talent, and Treasure

Matthew 25:14-30

This Week at Pacific Hills

Sunday

November 12

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour with Pastor Bryan

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Bell Choir

11:30 am Youth Fundraiser Thanksgiving Dinner (Acker Hall)

Annual Congregation Meeting to follow

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday

November 14

11:30 am Senior Lunch Bunch (Farmhouse Café)

7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting (Acker Hall)

Pray, Knit, Crochet (Narthex)

<u>Wednesday</u> <u>November 15</u>	9:30 am	Devotional (Zoom)
	12:30 pm	First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Women's Group (Narthex) Youth Group (PHLC)
<u>Thursday</u> <u>November 16</u>	6:30 pm	Tai Chi (Acker Hall) Board of Trustees Meeting (Rm 114)
<u>Friday</u> <u>November 17</u>	7:30 pm	Omaha Philatelic Society (Acker Hall)
<u>Sunday</u> <u>November 19</u>	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
	9:00 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 am	Sunday School Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship with Choir
	11:45 am	Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Rm 115)
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Please join Pastor Bryan between services for a Study on the Lessons of the Day. Class meets in Acker Hall. All are welcome!

Dr. Bob Vandervort and the Bible study group are studying the Books of Jude & 2 Peter via Zoom every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Please e-mail Bob at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

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Our Record of Response:
November 5, 2023

Attendance: 113

Giving: \$6,695.00 Year to Date Giving: \$284,073.47

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Today's Service

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Creed	Apostles' Creed
Distribution Hymn	LSB 461 <i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>
Closing Hymn	LSB 336 <i>Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending</i>

Presiding/Assisting This Day

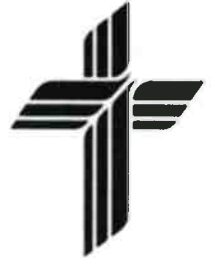
Preaching & Presiding.....	Jim Mueller, Lay Minister
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Artist.....	Michelle Steen
Acolyte	Ade Vogel
Head Usher.....	8:00 am Kevin Wilshusen 10:30 am Joe Risko
Head Elder.....	8:00 am Bill Wagner Mike Whealy, Assist 10:30 am Andrew Aulner Dan Irvin, Assist
Lector.....	8:00 am 10:30 am Cheryl Drebes
Communion Steward.....	8:00 am Marlene Hawver 10:30 am Rhoda Storck

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Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Bryan and Cheryl Drebes.

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