

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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About the Cover

Daniel's vision is overflowing with the glory of the One like the Son of Man coming in the clouds. In His first coming, Jesus arrived in humility. He suffered, died and rose for our sake. When He comes again, no one will be mistaken about who He is. He is the true King of kings and Lord of lords. Today, we hold fast to His Word and Sacrament, which may appear humble but are delivering "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16)

Since Holy Communion presupposes a "common unity" of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. If you have not previously communed here, please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing, but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please kneel or stand with your arms crossed over your chest.

H The Last Sunday of the Church Year H November 24, 2024

Hymn of Invocation: "O Worship the King"

LSB 804

O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

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2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old, Established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea. 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

Stand

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** 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.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Introit

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,* the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;* let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,* and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?* My hope | is in you.

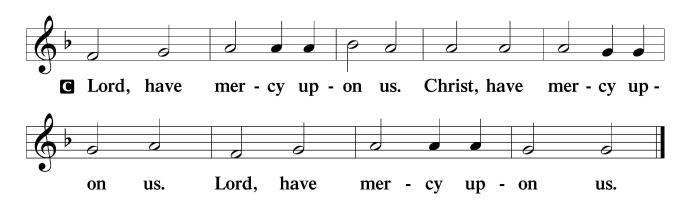
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.* Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;* hold not your peace | at my tears!

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.

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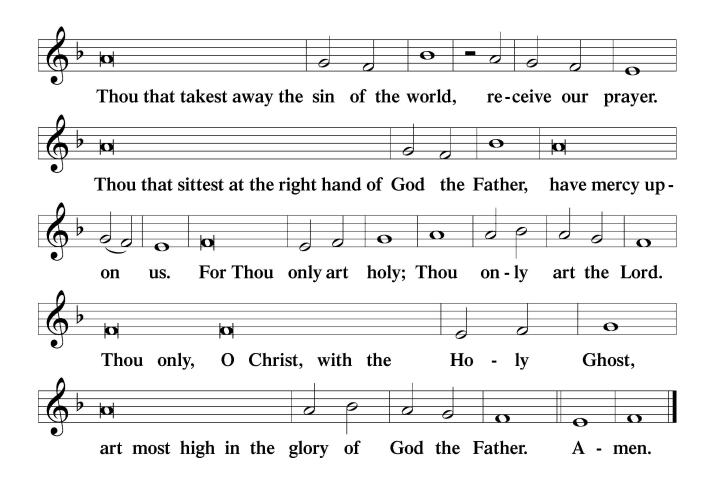
Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- ▶ Let us pray... Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

(God's salvation will be forever.)

⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath: for the heavens vanish like smoke. the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

(Keep yourselves in the love of God.)

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

(Stay awake and keep prepared for Christ's coming.)

P C

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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.

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"Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

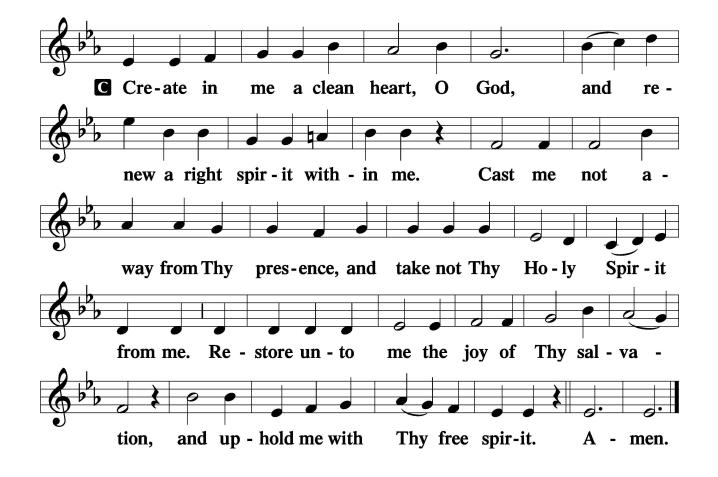
Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come. Now come, Thou Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna! We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Sermon: "Watchful Waiting for Our Glorious Homecoming"

Stand

Offertory

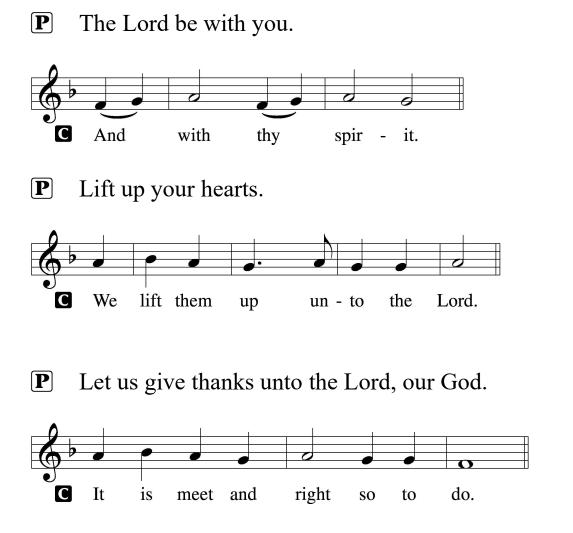
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Mark 13:24-37

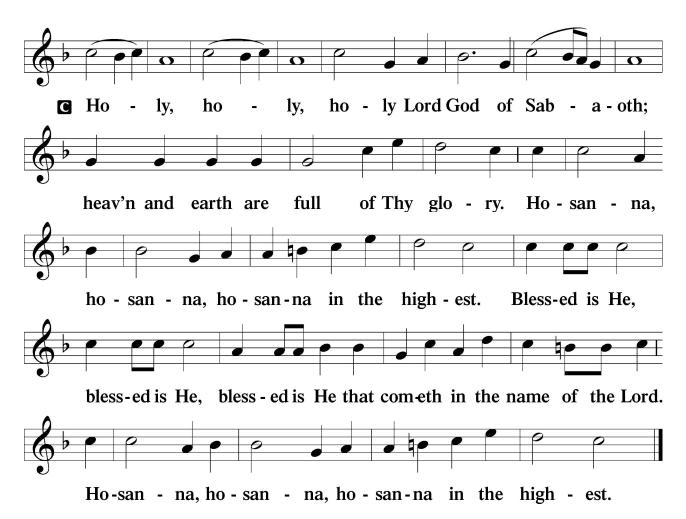
Prayer of the Church

Preface



 It is truly meet, 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 is risen from the dead, alive and reigning at the Father's right hand. We look for His glorious return and the promised restoration of all creation. 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



Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.



The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

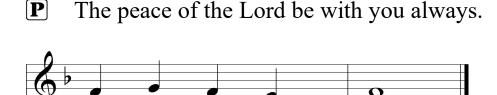
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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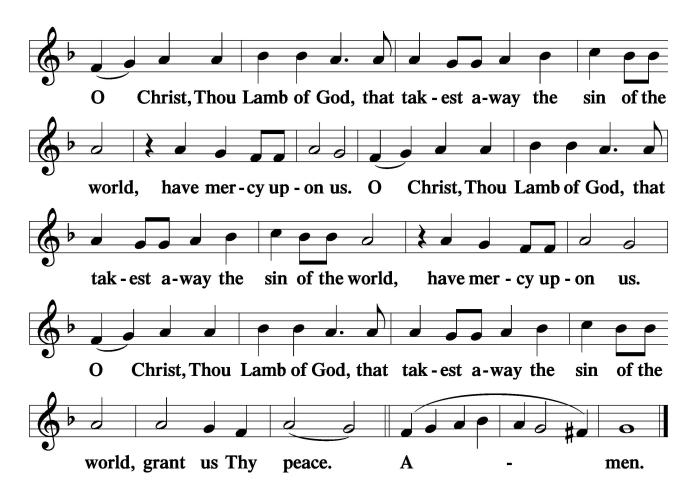
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Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB 549

 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call, The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all. The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
 Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
 Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away. 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

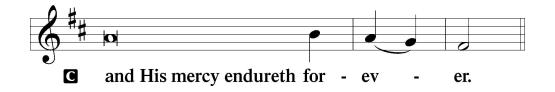
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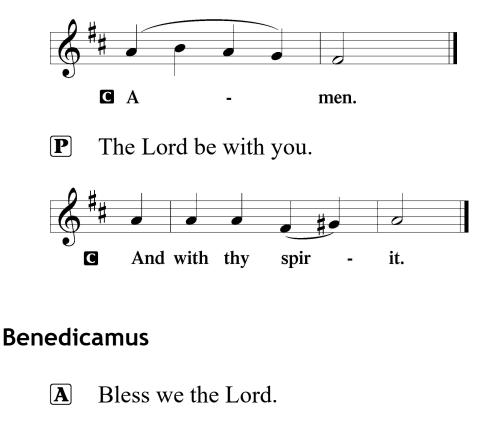
Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



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.





Benediction

LSB 525

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Hymn to Depart: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, 1 The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity. 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

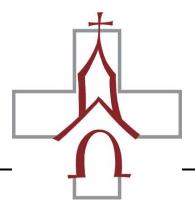
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

THANK YOU TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Preacher: Rev. Gary A. Wright Organist: Bruce Noah Elders: 10:45 a.m.: Jerry Tutskey ~ Scott Paller Videographers: Rick Serre, Max Serre, Alex Serre



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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES...GOD WILLING

SUNDAY, NOV 24	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class/SS		
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service HC		
WEDNESDAY	No Bible Class			
	No Fitness Class			
	No Fellowship Hour			
	No Bell Practice			
	No Confirmation Cla	No Confirmation Class		
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service		
FRIDAY	9:00 A.M.	Decorate the Church		
SUNDAY, DEC 1	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class/SS		
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service HC		
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Pantry Sunday ~ Christian Friendliness (Youth-Hope)

Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have first secured their permission to do so.

Prayer List

Prayer list emphasis for today: Members in Facilities *Serious health conditions:* Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe

Celebrating Birthdays This Week!!!

Mallory Finch ~ Lynne Harms ~ Joshua Stewart ~ Courtney Elliott

Please remember to complete one of the attendance cards in the pew rack. This information is used for many planning purposes. The center flowers on the altar are provided by Karen Broberg in loving memory of Vernon Broberg.

Come join us... Friday, November 29th at 9 a.m. to help decorate the church for Christmas!

Because the first Sunday in December (the traditional date for the LWML Ladies Christmas Luncheon) falls on Thanksgiving weekend, this year the luncheon will <u>not</u> be held. We look forward to hosting the ladies and their loved ones next year.

Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of December is Christian Friendliness -YouthHope

Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out shopping!

St. Matthew's 20th Annual Cookie Walk + Crafts When: Saturday, December 7 Where: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 115 W. 12th Ave., Milan, IL Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Come shop for Christmas goodies, cookies, candies & crafts. *Proceeds go to the Milan Christian Food Pantry*

The Mutual Encouragement Committee serves a meal the second Monday of every month following a worship service at Christian Care in Rock Island. In this way we serve both body and soul of those in our community who find themselves in need. Our next date of service is Monday, December 9, 2024. Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase spaghetti ingredients, salads and garlic bread. A signup sheet is located in the entryway for those interested in providing desserts or fresh fruit. These items, clearly marked for Christian Care, can be left in the Holy Cross kitchen on Monday or Sunday immediately preceding. Space is limited in the Christian Care kitchen, so those signing up to serve must be limited to four. The Mutual Encouragement Committee thanks you in advance for your kind and generous cooperation.

Volunteering to Serve

As we approach 2025, Holy Cross is looking for volunteers to serve on committees and leadership positions. If you are interested in serving the Lord through leadership/ committee work or general assist, please call or text Marcia Green *refer to church phone directory.

Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our

services! If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.

Just a reminder... There will be NO Peace Quilters in the month of December.

Fitness Class/Fellowship Hour

Exercise class begins at 10:15 a.m. immediately following the 9 A.M. Bible Class led by Pastor Wright. Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises followed by Coffee Hour and Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

During Advent season Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Wright.

Holy Cross has been blessed in their support to Sri Lanka this year. Our \$4,000 pledge to Rev. Mahlburg's work was achieved. **God be Praised!**

We will be supporting **The Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church's** annual Christmas outreach events bringing the gospel to non-Christian children and families. Our goal last year was \$3,000 and by God's grace our \$3,000 goal will be met this year as well. Donations for this purpose may be made payable to Holy Cross and should be given by December 15. Please clearly mark your gift **"Sri Lankan Christmas."** Thank you. The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.

New Dollar for Mission Project

We have been able to fund four of our current DFM projects. We are moving our subsequent approved DFM project. **Restroom and water heater at University Lutheran Church, Champaign** Dollar for Missions (DFM) contributions are now being devoted to necessary infrastructure at the University Lutheran Church in Champaign (UniLu). New toilets will be installed in the men's room, and a new water heater will be installed for the building. "Items like these seem far from glamorous," said CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb. "They do not capture our senses until problems arise in connection with them. Then their importance stands out."

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Progressive Christianity, Christian Identity vs. Identity Politics, the Hymn "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator," the Advent Season and more. You can listen ondemand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org:

We continue our study of the Psalms of thanksgiving on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and discuss chapters 8-11 in the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (11/30 at 10:00 a.m. CT) to learn more about the Lutheran view of the Sacrament. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Prayer List

Members in Facilities: Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; Park Vista-Ron & Caroline Luecke; Wodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg- Dick Ristau; Illini Restorative Care- Henry Setton; Friendship Manor- Dick Hochstetler, PhylThorngren; Mercer Manor, Aledo-Bob Koehler; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline- Jan Phillips; Hope Creek, East Moline-Elizabeth Cobb

Serving in the Military: Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri (son of Peggy Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean) Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Pastor Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.

Friends & family of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Tom Leahey (son-in-law of Bob Hellstrom) Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland (friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison), Corey Dombrowski (neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).

Serious Health Concerns:

Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle),Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake, Monroe 'Chip' Kemerling (cousin of Don Freeman).

Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns:

Anita Ingold-Kroll (daughter of Martha Kroll) Ladd Poell (friend of Donna Knudtson) Levi Koopmas (relative of Patricia Erickson), Lucy Jahns, Penny Dawson, Donald Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Beryl Edwards, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.