

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Watch for the Final Events

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

November 8, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY'S THEME

Imagine you are planning to take the family out to dinner. You all have to wait for someone to get ready. Minute after minute passes. What can happen in that situation? It's easy to focus on something else and even forget the original goal. Perhaps as you wait, you even fall asleep. As we wait for Christ to return, as day after day passes, it can be easy to get distracted, to lose vigilance, to become spiritually drowsy. It's the beginning of the end. Why does it have to take so long? God forbid that Christ should return and find us spiritually asleep. Today we are reminded that the time between Christ's first and second coming is a time for watchfulness.

Pastor……Jeremy Glowicki
Accompanist……..……Lois Zander

870 O Church, Arise *CW 870*

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession *CW 172*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

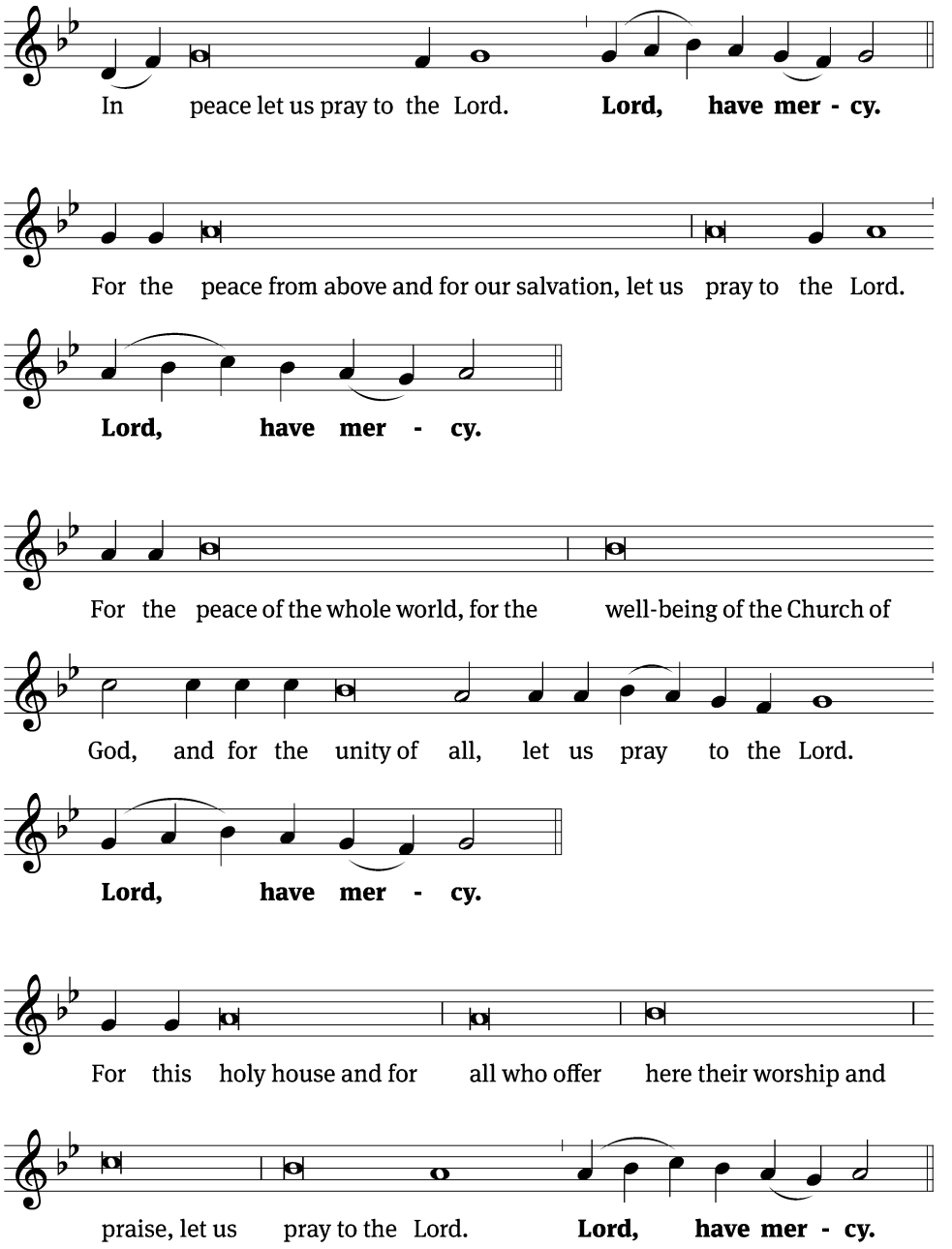
Silence for meditation and reflection

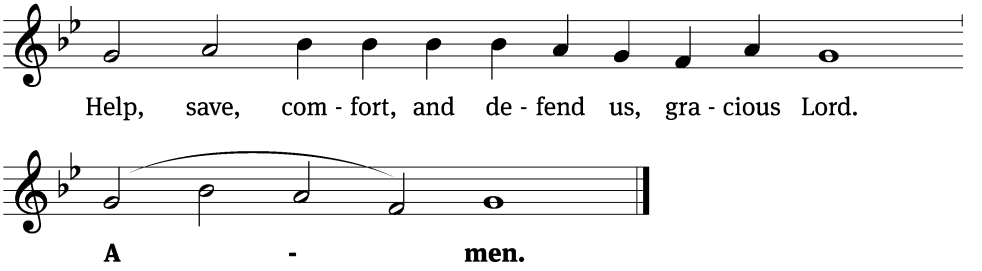
Absolution *CW 172*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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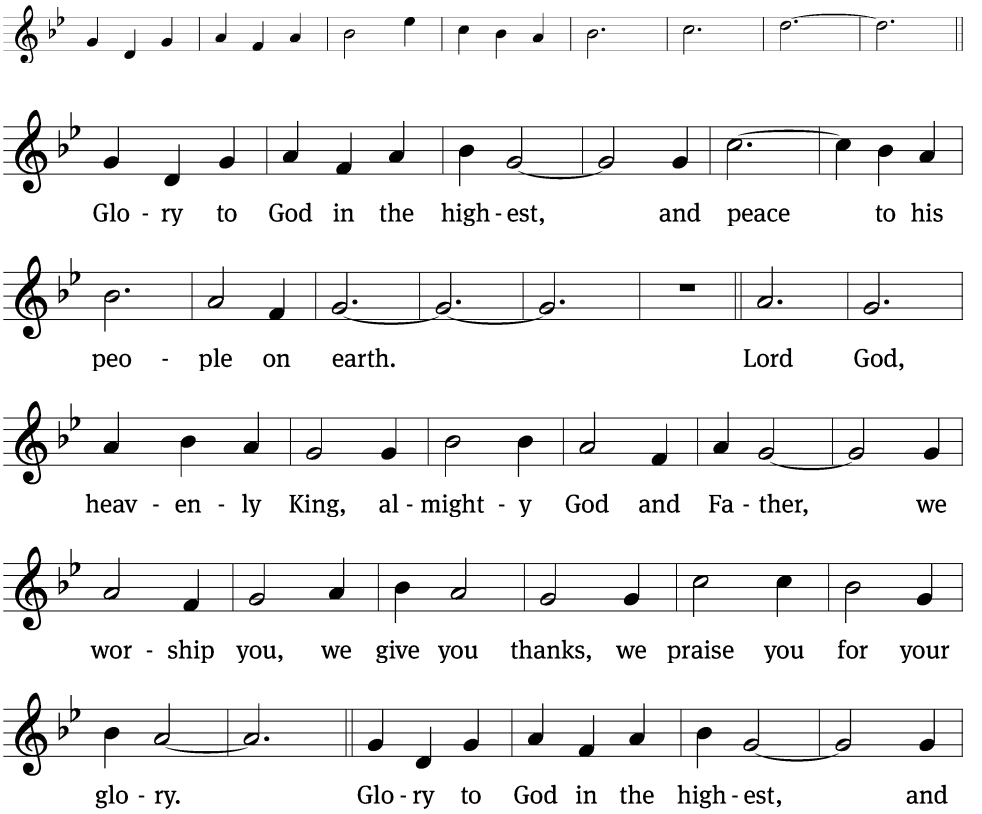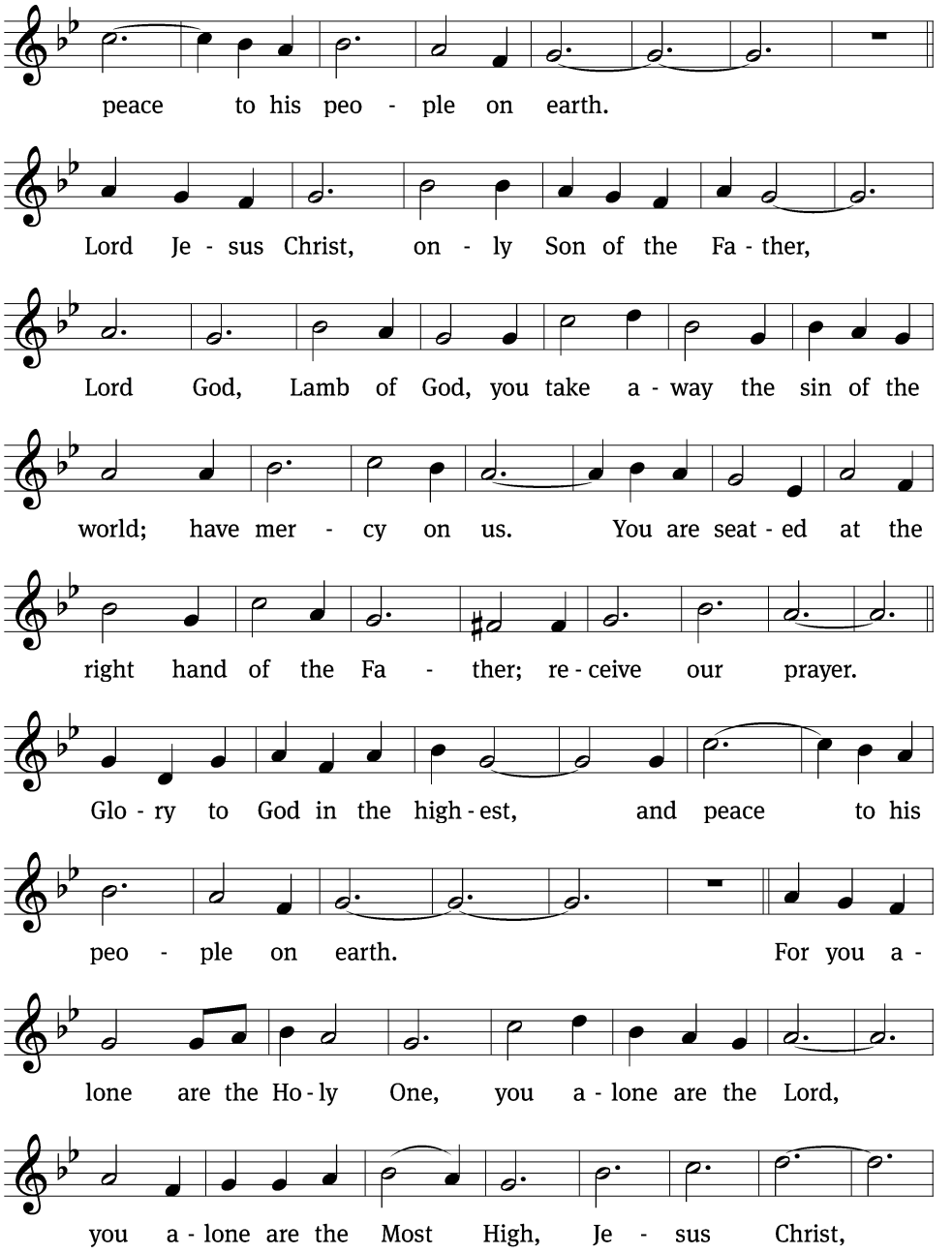




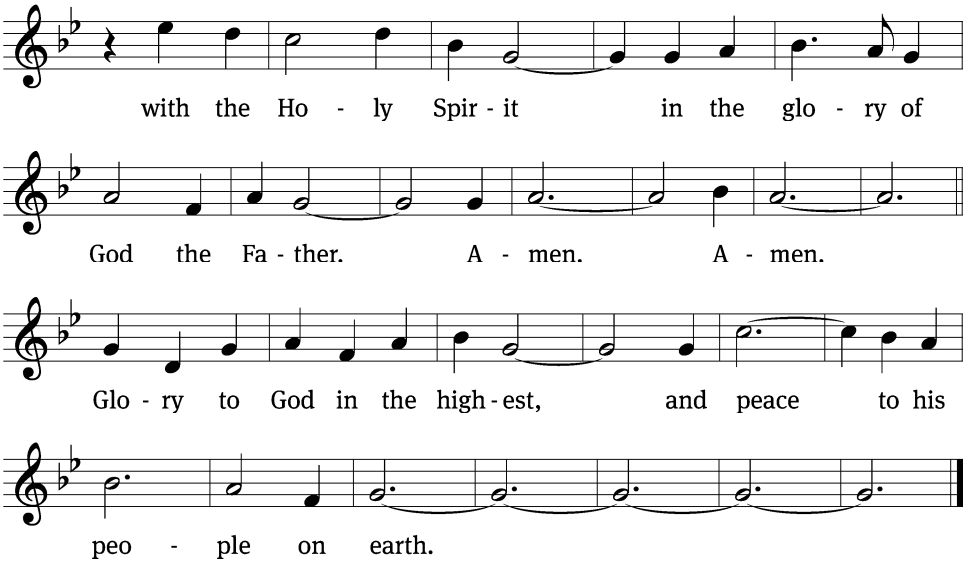
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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176




peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 52:1–6

The prophet cries "Awake!" to people sleepwalking through life.

Wake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, you holy city, for never again will the uncircumcised and the unclean enter you. Shake off the dust. Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem. Loosen the chains from your neck, you captive daughter of Zion. Yes, this is what the LORD says. You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money. Yes, this is what the LORD God says. In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while. Later Assyria oppressed them without cause. Now what do I have here? declares the LORD. Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing. Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the LORD. My name is continually despised all day. Therefore my people will know my name. So on that day they will know that I am the one—the one who is saying, "Here I am!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

90A Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord

Psalm 90A

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Be watchful for Jesus to return. Live as children of light.

Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day could take you by surprise like a thief, for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober. To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. You
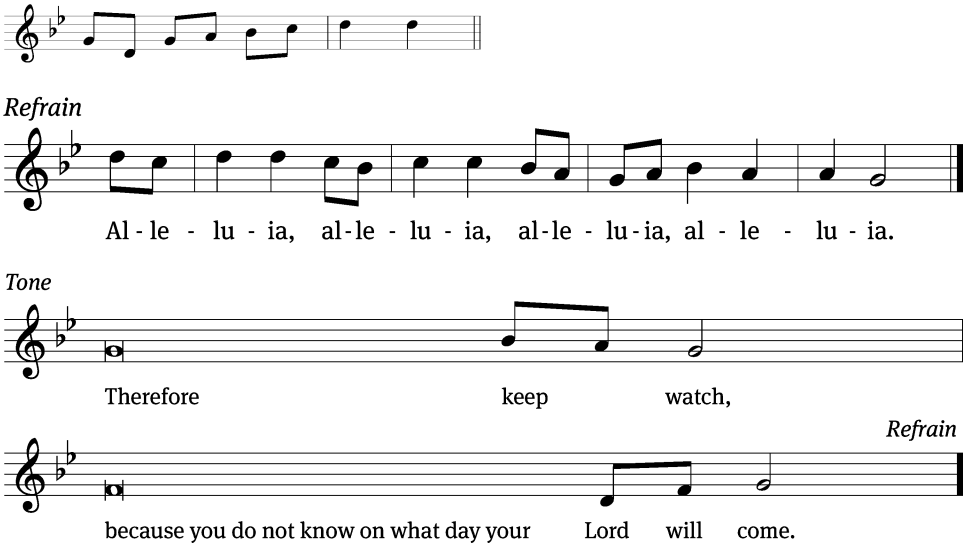
see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42



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Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

Those who are watching and ready for the Bridegroom will enter into the great wedding banquet.

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; but the wise took oil in their

containers with their lamps. While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

486 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *CW 486*

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

820 O God, Our Help in Ages Past *CW 820*

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

784 Now the Light Has Gone Away *CW 784*

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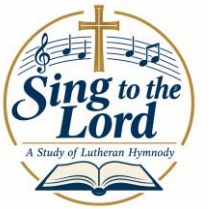
News & Notes

Radio Broadcast
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Elaine Gerdes, Nancy Goss and Norma Bendzick in memory of Doris Heinisch. Thank you!

Fellowship Sunday
Today is Fellowship Sunday! Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for coffee, treats, and good conversation. Stay for bible study after fellowship where we will continue to take a look at Apologetics.

Advent by Candlelight
Please join us for our annual Advent by Candlelight dinner on Sunday, December 6th. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Dinner is at 5 pm, with the program to follow. This event is open to all women and girls 7th grade or above. Feel free to invite family members and friends! You can either host a table or join someone who is hosting. Please register by November 29 if you are hosting.

Sing to the Lord Bible Study
The Lutheran Church is often called the "Singing Church". Martin Luther helped restore hymn singing to the congregation and others followed his example. What makes a good hymn? Are there more to the hymns we sing than meets the eye? Learn more starting November 22nd following worship in the Fellowship Hall.



Upcoming Events

We would love for you to be part of these special opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, and service. A full calendar of events can be found on our website at spljordan.com

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Nov. 8	Fellowship Sunday	Following Worship
Sun, Nov. 8	Roots Yard Cleanup	12:30 PM
Tues, Nov. 10	Reflections Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
Thurs, Nov. 12	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Sun, Nov. 15	Congregation Budget and Elections Meeting	10:15 AM
Thurs, Nov. 19	Theology on Tap **Mana Brewing**	6:30 PM
Wed, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 PM
Sat, Dec. 5	Jordan Dazzle Parade	6:00 PM
Sun, Dec. 6	Christmas Decorating	Following Worship
Sun, Dec. 6	Advent by Candlelight	5:00 PM


NOW THANK
we all OUR GOD
Thanksgiving Worship
November 25 - 7:00 pm

SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes	11/8 **Carson Kalal** 11/15 (Need Volunteer) 11/22 **Carson Kalal**
Ushers	11/8 Group 1 11/15 Group 2 11/22 Group 3
Media Booth	11/8 **Greta Newton** 11/15 (Need Volunteer) 11/22 **Cooper Kalal**
Organist	11/8 Lois Zander 11/15 Noah Helke 11/22 Lois Zander
Greeters	11/8 Debbie Glowicki 11/15 11/22

November Altar Guild	Service Group 3 Leader	December Altar Guild
•Angela Ambroz •Nancy Stocker •Brenda Stocker	•Dianne Jabs	•Dianne Jabs •Lynn Sorenson

Attendance	
Sunday	*98*
Monday	*n/a*
Total	***98***

Gifts to Our Lord

Received	$
Online Giving	$941
Total	**$**

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