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# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023

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### Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation**    *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

LSB 655

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| <p>1 <i>Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;<br/>Curb those who by deceit or sword<br/>Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son<br/>And bring to naught all He has done.</i></p> <p>2 <i>Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,<br/>For You are Lord of lords alone;</i></p> | <p><i>Defend Your holy Church that we<br/>May sing Your praise eternally.</i></p> <p>3 <i>O Comforter of priceless worth,<br/>Send peace and unity on earth;<br/>Support us in our final strife<br/>And lead us out of death to life.</i></p> |
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*Stand*

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

**P** 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.

### Service of the Word

**Kyrie** ♪

LSB 186

**C** *Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** *♪ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

*We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.*

*O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

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

*that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.*

*Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,*

*art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *♪ And with thy spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 1:7-16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD,  
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.

<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,

‘The LORD will not do good,  
 nor will he do ill.’  
<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
 and their houses laid waste.  
 Though they build houses,  
 they shall not inhabit them;  
 though they plant vineyards,  
 they shall not drink wine from them.”  
<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
 near and hastening fast;  
 the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
 the mighty man cries aloud there.  
<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,  
 a day of distress and anguish,  
 a day of ruin and devastation,  
 a day of darkness and gloom,  
 a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
 against the fortified cities  
 and against the lofty battlements.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sunday* **Adult Choir**

*I Am Yours*

*Stand* **Alleluia** 

*LSB 190*

**C** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

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

**C** *♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit Hymn*

*One Thing's Needful*

*LSB 536*

- 1 *One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure  
Teach me highly to regard.  
All else, though it first give pleasure,  
Is a yoke that presses hard!  
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,  
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.  
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!*
- 2 *How were Mary's thoughts devoted  
Her eternal joy to find  
As intent each word she noted,  
At her Savior's feet reclined!  
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,  
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!  
All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord  
And found her contentment in hearing His Word.*
- 3 *Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,  
Jesus, is revealed in You.  
Let me find in You my pleasure,  
And my wayward will subdue,  
Humility there and simplicity reigning,  
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.  
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,  
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.*
- 4 *Nothing have I, Christ, to offer,  
You alone, my highest good.  
Nothing have I, Lord, to proffer  
But Your crimson-colored blood.  
Your death on the cross has death wholly defeated  
And thereby my righteousness fully completed;  
Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,  
And in them in glory with You I shall reign.*

- 5 *Therefore You alone, my Savior,  
Shall be all in all to me;  
Search my heart and my behavior,  
Root out all hypocrisy.  
Through all my life's pilgrimage, guard and uphold me,  
In loving forgiveness, O Jesus, enfold me.  
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!*

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## Sermon

*Nathan Nelson*

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

## Stand Offertory

*LSB 192*

- C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

## Sit Offering

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

## Stand Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy God, a nation that despises You will be as a sacrifice to others, for it has rejected You as its strength and shield. Grant repentance in our land, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, You have not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until the day of His coming in glory, grant that we may welcome Him at the altar, even as we are welcomed to Him, receiving His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *♪ And with thy spirit.*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** *♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.*

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** *♪ It is meet and right so to do.*

**P** 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. 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 195

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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 glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *♪ Amen.*

## Agnus Dei *♪*

LSB 198

**C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.*

## Sit Distribution Hymns

### *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

LSB 563

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| 1 <i>Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness<br/>My beauty are, my glorious dress;<br/>Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,<br/>With joy shall I lift up my head.</i>          | 4 <i>Lord, I believe, were sinners more<br/>Than sands upon the ocean shore,<br/>Thou hast for all a ransom paid,<br/>For all a full atonement made.</i>     |
| 2 <i>Bold shall I stand in that great day,<br/>Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;<br/>Fully absolved through these I am<br/>From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.</i> | 5 <i>When from the dust of death I rise<br/>To claim my mansion in the skies,<br/>This then shall be my only plea:<br/>Jesus hath lived and died for me.</i> |
| 3 <i>Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,<br/>Which at the mercy seat of God<br/>Pleads for the captives' liberty,<br/>Was also shed in love for me.</i>                      | 6 <i>Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,<br/>Whose boundless mercy hath for me,<br/>For me, and all Thy hands have made,<br/>An everlasting ransom paid.</i>   |

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| 1 <i>O God, our help in ages past,<br/>Our hope for years to come,<br/>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br/>And our eternal home:</i>     | 4 <i>A thousand ages in Thy sight<br/>Are like an evening gone,<br/>Short as the watch that ends the night<br/>Before the rising sun.</i>  |
| 2 <i>Under the shadow of Thy throne<br/>Thy saints have dwelt secure;<br/>Sufficient is Thine arm alone,<br/>And our defense is sure.</i>   | 5 <i>Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br/>Soon bears us all away;<br/>We fly forgotten as a dream<br/>Dies at the op'ning day.</i>       |
| 3 <i>Before the hills in order stood<br/>Or earth received her frame,<br/>From everlasting Thou art God,<br/>To endless years the same.</i> | 6 <i>O God, our help in ages past,<br/>Our hope for years to come,<br/>Be Thou our guard while troubles last<br/>And our eternal home!</i> |

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*Stand Nunc Dimittis* ♪

LSB 199

- ☐ *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou  
hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

- ☐ *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
☐ ♪ and His mercy endureth forever.*
- ☐ *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.
- ☐ *♪ Amen.*
- ☐ *The Lord be with you.*  
☐ *♪ And with thy spirit.*

**Benedicamus**

LSB 202

- ☐ *Bless we the Lord.*  
☐ *♪ Thanks be to God.*

## Benediction

LSB 202

- 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.
- C** *♪ Amen, amen, amen.*

## Hymn

### *Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB 784

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| <p>1 <i>Take my life and let it be<br/>Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;<br/>Take my moments and my days,<br/>Let them flow in ceaseless praise,<br/>Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</i></p> <p>2 <i>Take my hands and let them move<br/>At the impulse of Thy love;<br/>Take my feet and let them be<br/>Swift and beautiful for Thee,<br/>Swift and beautiful for Thee.</i></p> <p>3 <i>Take my voice and let me sing<br/>Always, only for my King;<br/>Take my lips and let them be<br/>Filled with messages from Thee,<br/>Filled with messages from Thee.</i></p> | <p>4 <i>Take my silver and my gold,<br/>Not a mite would I withhold;<br/>Take my intellect and use<br/>Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,<br/>Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.</i></p> <p>5 <i>Take my will and make it Thine,<br/>It shall be no longer mine;<br/>Take my heart, it is Thine own,<br/>It shall be Thy royal throne,<br/>It shall be Thy royal throne.</i></p> <p>6 <i>Take my love, my Lord, I pour<br/>At Thy feet its treasure store;<br/>Take myself, and I will be<br/>Ever, only, all for Thee,<br/>Ever, only, all for Thee.</i></p> |
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Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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## Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: [www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar](http://www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar)

Give thanks as you pray:

- Thank God for your neighbor, that you might help in any need.
- Thank God for the people in your life. May we speak well of them and explain everything in the kindest way.

## Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 11/19 .....	Jeremiah 38:1-28; Matthew 27:57-66
Monday, 11/20 .....	Daniel 1:1-21; Matthew 28:1-20
Tuesday, 11/21 .....	Daniel 2:1-23; Revelations 18:1-24
Wednesday, 11/22.....	Daniel 2:24-49; Revelations 19:1-21
Thursday, 11/23 .....	Daniel 3:1-30; Revelations 20:1-15
Friday, 11/24 .....	Daniel 4:1-37; Revelations 21:1-8
Saturday, 11/25 .....	Daniel 5:1-30; Revelations 21:9-27

## Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m.

Public School Confirmation Classes—Sundays @ 7:00-8:15 p.m.

GriefShare—Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir—Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Men's Musings Bible Class—Thursdays @ 6:03 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—November 9, 10 a.m.

## 2023 Lutheran Witness Renewals

It is time to renew or start a new Lutheran Witness subscription. The new rate is \$26.50, and the deadline is November 20. Please make sure to let us know your correct mailing address when you make payment for your new subscription. We also need to know if you wish to discontinue your subscription. We have the following subscriptions on file:

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## Finance Report

<b>Weekly Contributions Budget Expectation</b>	\$ 19,566
Contributions 11/11-12	9,976
Vanco Giving 11/6-10	140
Venmo Giving 11/12	620
<b>Total Giving for the week</b>	<b>10,736</b>
<b>Budget Expectations not met</b>	<b>8,830</b>
<b>Debt Relief received to date</b>	<b>16,312</b>

**Altar Flowers:** Given in Honor of Irma Wagner's 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Holiday Schedule**

November 23	9:00 a.m. –Thanksgiving Day
November 26	1:00 p.m.—Christmas Decorating
December 2	6:00 p.m. —First Sunday in Advent
December 3	9:00 a.m.—First Sunday in Advent
December 6	5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Meal 7:00 p.m.—Mid-Week Advent Service
December 9	6:00 p.m.—Second Sunday in Advent
December 10	9:00 a.m. —Second Sunday in Advent
December 13	5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Meal 7:00 p.m. —Mid-Week Advent Service
December 16	6:00 p.m.—Third Sunday in Advent
December 17	9:00 a.m. —Third Sunday in Advent 3:00 p.m.—Pre-Kindergarten & 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program 4:00 p.m.—Kindergarten-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program
December 20	5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Meal 7:00 p.m. —Mid-Week Advent Service
December 23	6:00 p.m.—Worship Service
December 24	9:00 a.m.—Christmas Eve 2:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve
December 25	9:00 a.m.—Christmas Day
December 30	6:00 p.m.—1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas
December 31	9:00 a.m.—New Year’s Eve

## **Youth Group RaiseRight Orders**

We are beginning to take orders for gift cards. Scrip has changed their name to RaiseRight but we can still use the order forms we used last year. Look for the bright green order forms at each door. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 965-3192. We will place orders a couple of times before Christmas, but your final deadline will be December 6 to make sure we have the gift cards in time for Christmas gift exchanges.

RaiseRight is a program where you can buy gift cards for your own personal shopping and/or for your loved ones and the Youth Group receives a percentage back from each card you order. Drop your order form with payment in the offering basket or at the church office at any time. Once the order is placed, we will have the gift cards within two weeks.

## **It's Angel Tree Time!**

Our Angel Tree project is under way and the ornaments have been hung. Be sure to sign the page to note which ornaments you have taken. The deadline to turn in all gifts with their tag attached is Monday, November 27.

## **Tuition Fundraiser Sunday, November 19**

St. Paul's, Wine Hill, is having a Tuition Fundraiser on Sunday, 11/19. Soups are on the menu including—chicken and dumplings, chili, taco, potato, duck bouya, and beef vegetable. Serving begins at 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. or when the soup runs out. Dine in or carry out. Free will offering for the tuition of students at St. Mark's and St. John's.

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Chapel:** Join us for chapel on Wednesday at 8:25 a.m. @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church (weather permitting).

The **Beta Club** are having a **canned food drive** for those in need during the Holiday season. All food donations will be given to the Steeleville Food Pantry.

The PTL will be having a **Pickled Egg Fund Raiser**. The price is \$18 a dozen. The eggs are pickled in Apple Cider Vinegar with spices and sugar. If you would like to order please call the school office at 618-965-3838, they will be happy to take your order. Payment may be made at time of pick-up. Pick-up dates will be announced but will be within the next two weeks.

## School Schedule

No P.M. bus transportation on Wednesday, Nov. 22.  
Early out on Wednesday, November 22 at 1:30 p.m.  
Thanksgiving Weekend Break, November 23 & 24.  
Doughnuts with Dad, Friday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Programs, Sunday, December 17  
    3:00 p.m.—Pre-Kindergarten & 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
    4:00 p.m.—Kindergarten—6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Christmas Break—December 21—January 2

## Sports Schedule

### *Boys' Basketball*

Nov 20, Away, Red Bud Luth. C/B/A 6:00

### *Girls' Basketball*

Nov 20, Home, PDR, B/A Time: 6:00

Nov 21, Away, Chester Luth. C/A Time: 6:00

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

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### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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