# Last Sunday of the Church Year November 23, 2025

**As We Gather** - There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

# **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

**Prelude:** 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

# **Hymn of Invocation:**

### **Come, Thou Almighty King**

LSB 905

Δ Please stand after a brief interlude.



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

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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.
- **G** Amen.

# Service of the Word



- Let all the earth | fear the LORD;\*

  let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!
- Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,\* who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!
- Lift up your hands to the | holy place\*
   and | bless the LORD!
- May the LORD bless you from | Zion,\*
  he who made | heaven and earth!
  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.
  Let all the earth | fear the LORD;\*
  let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

Kyrie LSB 152

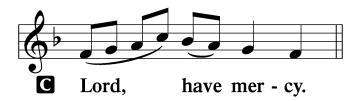
**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



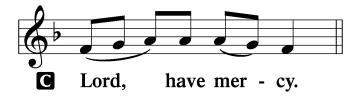
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



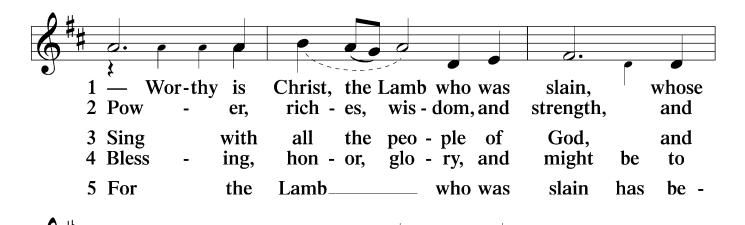
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

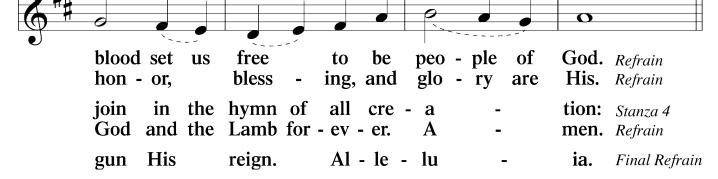


This Is the Feast LSB 155













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# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.



# P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

# **Old Testament Reading**

Malachi 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup>"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' <sup>14</sup>You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

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

Epistle Colossians 1:13–20

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 23:27–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### **The Conclusion**

- **P** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- **P** What does this mean?
- This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

### **Children's Sermon**



Hymn of the Day: (Tune ELLERS) 1 Fa gra - cious God ther in heav - en, a - bove, 2 Your king-dom come, Your of love rule with - in: 3 Give this day dai - ly bread. us our we pray; 4 Lead O Lord. our foot - steps us. and keep true 5 Yours, Lord, a - lone king - dom, pow'r, and praise; the ly Bold come be fore Your throne of love: we Your Spir - it hearts from sin. Lord. by turn our Thank You for all Your gifts each to us day. When tempt - ed ban - don You. we are to a -Your glo-rious reign shall last for end - less days . . . 0 Ho ly Your name of tri - une maj - es ty, will be Your done ev - 'ry in place on earth, For - give our debts. debt - ors for - give our we us from vil. Keep res - cue from harm: e us "Yes, yes, dear Lord!" With faith we gain: say a re - flect Your May all do pu - ri we ty. As it is done where an - gels sing Your worth. Your known, Your mer - cy we must live. mer - cy let Your fears death dis - arm. Lord, love our at shall it be-A men! A - men! A - men!" Text: Stephen P. Starke Tune: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901 Text: © 1995 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: CCLI no. 1551442

Sermon

"The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory"
Luke 23: 27-43

### **Nicene Creed**

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.

Sit

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "Come Now and Praise His Name"

By Jeff Lippencott

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)** 

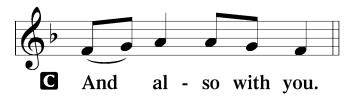
**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)** – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

**Prayer of the Church** 

# **Service of the Sacrament**

Preface LSB 160

f P The Lord be with you.



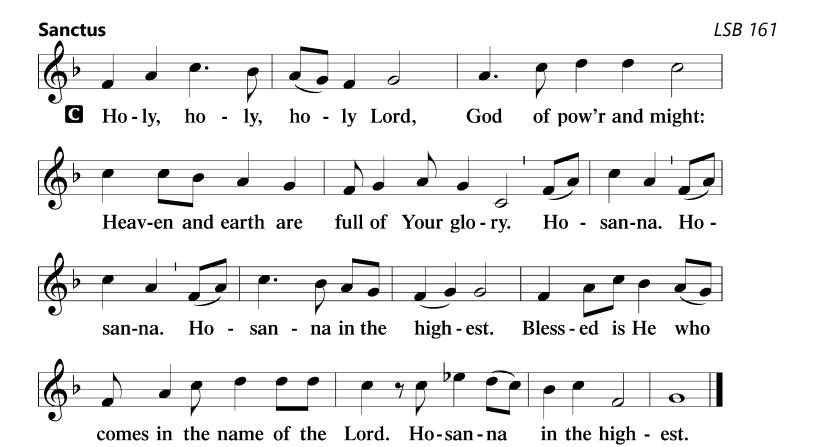
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

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.

### 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."

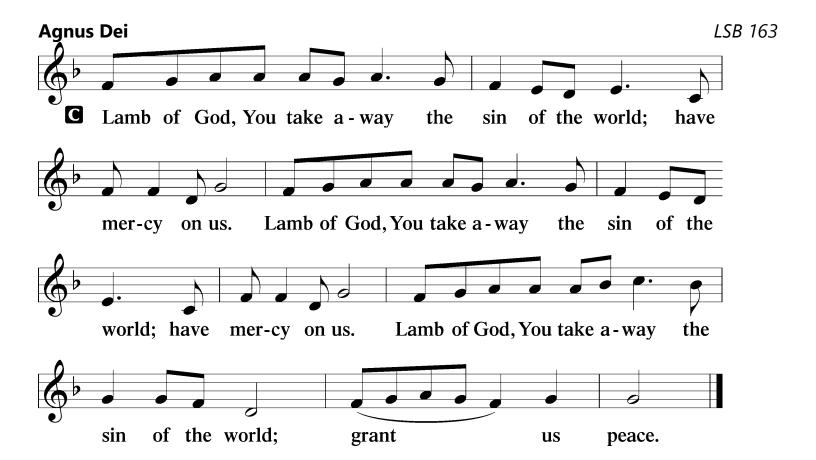
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



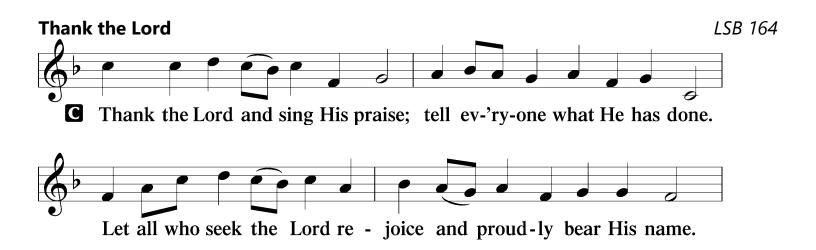


**Distribution** 

Sit

**Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)** 

LSB 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above LSB 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me





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



### **Post-Communion Collect**

# (Saturday)

- **P** Let us pray.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# (Sunday)

P 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 Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

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.





### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

LSB 525



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns,
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,

The Lamb His throne: up on The God in - car - nate

His hands and Be - hold side. Who tri-umphed o'er grave En-throned in worlds



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: vis - i - ble a bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. Rich wounds, yet those He came to save. rose vic - to - rious in the strife For Crown Him the king to whom is The won-drous name of Love. giv'n



A - wake, my soul, and sing Fruit of the mys-tic rose, an - gels in the sky No glo - ries now we sing, Crown Him with man - y crowns Of Him who died for thee, And Yet of that rose the stem, The ful - ly Can bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



thy match-less king Through all hail as root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At to bring And died e - ter - nal life ye kings, with man - y crowns, For Him,

e - ter - ni - tv. babe of Beth - le - hem. mys - ter - ies SO bright. lives that death may die. He is king all.

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#### **Postlude:**

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<u>Sunday</u>	
Elder	Frank Decker
Lector	John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeter	Anthony Plaza
Audio	Kyle Welch
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	GFX: Andrea Hazzard
Altar Guild	Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams
LEADING AND ASSISTING	G IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
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	Judi Rudolph
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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM <u>LAST WEEK</u>	
Saturday Worship Attendance	26
Sunday Worship Attendance	106
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Total of Offerings Received	\$0
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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>TODAY</u>

Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts.....\$0

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH** - When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction: "Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed" (Luke 23:29). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us to view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God's gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the "refuge and strength" of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His "treasured possession" (Malachi 3:17).



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWER SPONSOR** – Today's altar flowers were given by Janette Williams, in memory of her loved ones.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** - There is no Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS** - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10 am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY)** – Team 2 is serving today; coffee and cookies will be served next week. Everyone is invited! There is no charge, and a freewill offering is voluntary. Our Fellowship offerings for this Fall will be: <u>November</u> - Gideons <u>December</u> - Top Button.

<u>AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES</u> - The last ASL for Beginners class with Maddie Block is Monday, November 24th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m

<u>THANKSGIVING EVE</u> — Please join us for the Thanksgiving Eve service, on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**OUTREACH MEETING** — Outreach meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

<u>CIVITAN MEETING</u> – The Lakeland Polk Civitan meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at II Forno (North). Join us at a meeting and see what we're all about!

<u>ANNUAL BAZAAR</u> – The annual Christ Lutheran Craft Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Profits will benefit local charities. See you there!

<u>ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP</u> – Sign-up sheets through August 2026 are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each sheet will now be posted quarterly, by season, so that as a season passes, a new sheet will be put up, rather than one sheet used for the entire year. There are still some spaces open for the remainder of 2025. It would be a blessing to see those filled! Additional information is available on the poster, immediately next to the signup sheets. Specially designated envelopes are available below the poster. Altar flower offerings go toward our Christmas and Easter live flowers, as well as toward the proper upkeep and refreshing of our silk arrangements used throughout the year.



**HELP WANTED** - The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership), and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

<u>ADOPT-A-BLOCK</u> – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Lora Wacker or Pastor Chris.

**TRUSTEE WORKDAY** - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check-in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** - Please check your mailbox in the Narthex.

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY</u> – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the Narthex for more information or email <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Colossians 1:18a* – "And he is the head of the body, the church." We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.



### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

### **Monday - 11/24**

Last ASL Class for Beginners @ 6:30 pm

### *Wednesday - 11/26*

Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
There is no Trustee Workday Today
Quilters @ 10 am
Individual Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Choir Practice @ 5:00 pm
Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 6:30 pm

### *Friday - 11/28*

Church Office closed Pastor's day off

### *Tuesday - 11/25*

There is no Adopt-A-Block today

### <u>Thursday - 11/27</u>

Thanksgiving Day - Church Office closed



### <u>Saturdav - 11/29</u>

Worship @ 5:30 pm

### **Sunday - 11/30**

Bible Study @ 8:30 am Worship @ 10 am