

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

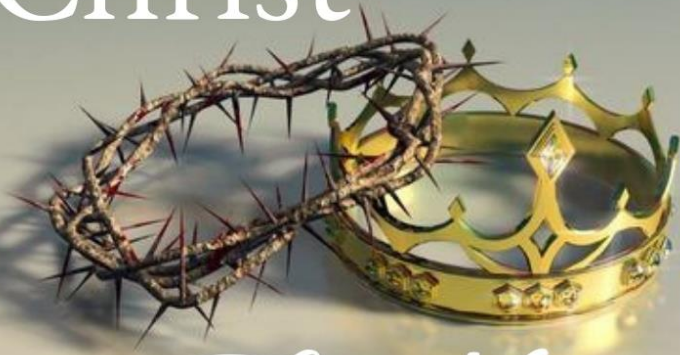
(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 21, 2021

Christ



The King



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

Lord Jesus, as another church year comes to a close, set our hearts on things above, not on earthly things. Forgive us for allowing the din of our daily activities to drown out Your command: "Keep watch because you do not know the day your Lord will come." We rejoice that by the Spirit's grace we can eagerly look forward to You, dear Jesus, as Savior as well as Judge. Truly, we Christians welcome the Last Day and lift up our heads, for our redemption draws near. Yet always remind us that You are also a righteous judge who will condemn unbelief. Excite us and Christians everywhere to reach out with the Gospel and rescue unbelievers before that great and awesome Day. Gracious Savior, enable us to live holy and godly lives so that we look forward to the Day of the Lord. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV



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!

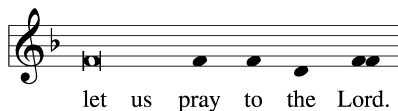
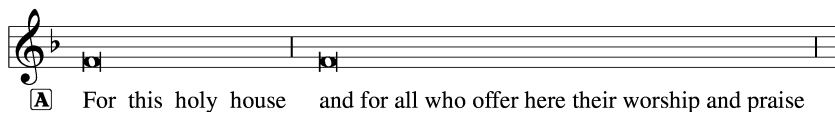
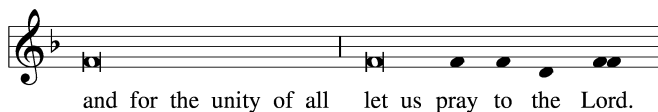
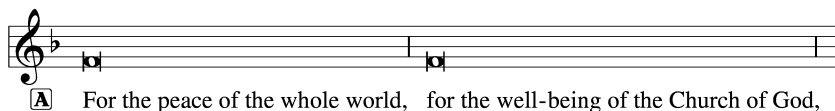
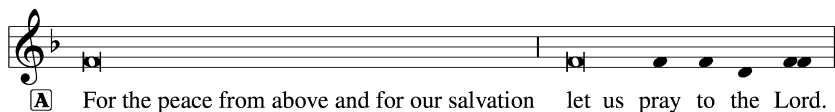
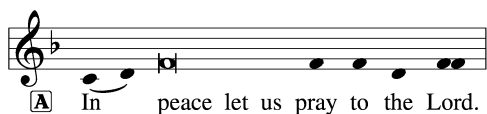
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;*
hold not your peace | at my tears!

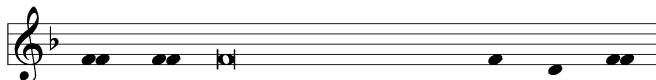
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P 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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4–6

"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.
My 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.
Lift 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.

Epistle: Jude 20–25

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to 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 and Verse

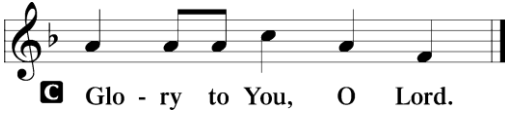
John 6:68

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D#). The melody is divided into two lines. The first line contains the notes: D#4 (quarter), E4-F#4 (eighths), G4 (quarter), F#4-E4 (eighths), D#4 (quarter), C#4 (quarter), B3 (half). The second line contains the notes: A3 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4-E4 (eighths), D#4 (quarter), C#4 (quarter), B3 (half), A3 (half). The lyrics are: "Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia." A square symbol is placed below the first measure of the first line.



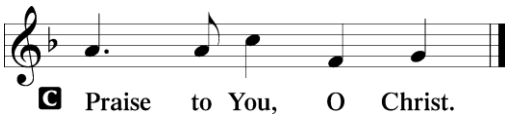
Holy Gospel: John 18:33–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.



Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Sermon

"Christ the King"

Text: John 18:33-37

Stand





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.**

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



Service of the Sacrament

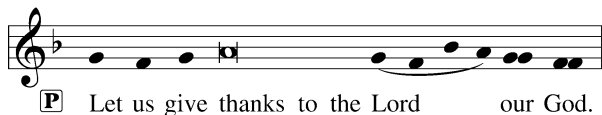
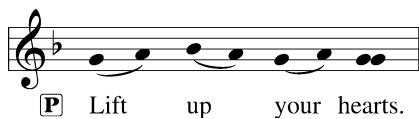


Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

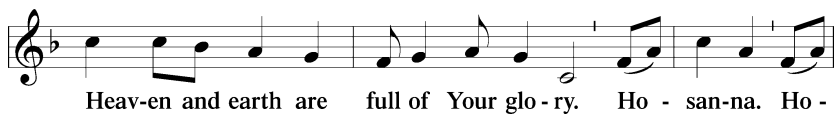


Proper Preface

- P** 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





Prayer of Thanksgiving

- 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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

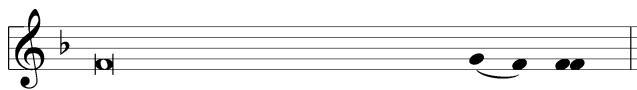
*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.


621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Stand




Post-Communion Canticle


680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise




1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more




lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

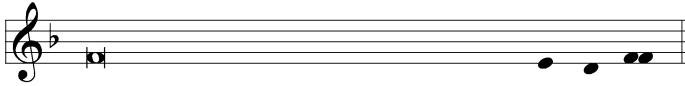
Post-Communion Collect

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.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



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.



525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



Soli Deo Gloria!
(To God alone be the glory.)

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels



The Church Year began with Advent and the joyful hope and expectation of Jesus coming to save the world with His nativity. The Church year comes to a close in much the same way as it began: the closing Sundays of the Church Year teach of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the Last Judgement. For

those who know and trust in Jesus, His return is only the beginning of eternal delight. Lord Jesus, come swiftly to take us to the wedding feast of the Lamb, which has not end!

*Ordering Our Days in His Peace - An Introduction to the
Christian Church Year by H.R. Curtis, Published by CPH*



Thanksgiving Eve

Worship Service

Wednesday, November 24, 7 p.m.

(There will be NO Thanksgiving Day Service)



Please join us this Saturday, November 27, as we decorate for the Christmas season. The fun begins at 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. We will enjoy coffee, tea, and goodies as we decorate the narthex and put up the tree and decorations in the Sanctuary.



Advent Worship Schedule

Wed., Dec. 1	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Soup dinner Advent Worship Service
Wed., Dec. 8	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Soup dinner Advent Worship Service
Wed., Dec. 15	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Soup dinner Advent Worship Service
Friday, Dec. 24	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service (NO Christmas Day Service)

The Soup Dinners are sponsored by the Elders and will be held in the downstairs fellowship room. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, bread, or dessert to share.





Congregational Christmas Giving “Blessings at Christmas”

This Christmas we again have the opportunity to support "Blessings at Christmas" through Bethesda Lutheran Communities Ministry headquartered in down-town Littleton. This project is sponsored by "Women of the Cross."

Gift-giving this year is purchasing Gift Cards in any amount determined by your Heart. Suggested gift cards for easiest shopping: Walmart or VISA cards.

Place your "Gift Card" in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box. This will be located on your right side as you depart the Sanctuary. (Cards will be collected after second service.) We will receive you gifts beginning Sunday, November 7 through the deadline of Sunday, December 5.

Should you wish to make a cash donation or by check, make your check to: LWML - Women of the Cross - Memo: For Bethesda Christmas Blessings, and put in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box.



Bethesda Lutheran Communities will purchase meaningful and useful gifts using the donated gift cards for those living in Bethesda's home situations. Bethesda will wrap and place the gifts under the Christmas trees.

Thank you for your generosity in making someone's
Christmas special! Women of the Cross

FREE CONCERTS



The Lutheran Chorale and
Orchestra presents:

A Reunion Celebration
Concert

Welcome
Joyous Season!
Christ's Birth

Sunday
December 5, 2021
2:30pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2100 N. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, CO

Sunday
December 5, 2021
7:00pm

Concordia Lutheran Church
13371 W. Alameda Pkwy., Lakewood, CO



The Lutheran Chorale



We are not selling tickets but appreciate your free will offerings.
Visit www.thelutheranchorale.org for more information.

HEART HEART - a Non-Profit

We have been working with this neighborhood group for a few years. Heart 2 Heart provides start-up goods for the homeless who are moving into their own housing. This includes Veterans, sheltered families and battered women, and young people transitioning from foster care. Other organizations find the housing and basic furniture, we provide the start-up needs.

The organization was founded by our neighbor, Linda Garrity, about 10 years ago. Caseworkers provide the names, ages, and needs of the families and a few of us “grandmas and grandpas” put together the orders for these families and load them into the cars for deliveries.

Donations come in from our neighbors and from those who have heard about Heart 2 Heart through word of mouth. Additionally, we scour thrift stores and purchase some new items, especially toys for the kids. One organization provides homemade quilts!

Needed donations include lightly used bedding, towels, books, toys, kitchen items such as pots, pans, dishes, cups, mugs, glasses, silverware, coffeemakers (each Veteran gets one), plastic storage like Glad or Tupperware, baking dishes, spatulas, etc. We do not deal with food, furniture, or clothing. However, we do purchase outfits for newborns, as no baby should leave the hospital in hand-me-down clothing.

If you have something that you no longer need, you can bring your items to church and we will drop them off at Linda's. If you have any questions, please call me, Becky White, at 303-506-8417. Thank you.

Steve and Becky White – 303-979-5978

Petitions and Prayers: Prayer is to seek “the Lord and His strength.



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, lift the spirits and strengthen the faith of those people who are ill, helping them to look beyond this present affliction. Remind them that You are near, even in this time of pain and suffering. Heal them if it be Your will; if not, give them the strength to endure in faith. We pray in Your name, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver's father) – finding right medications
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues

O Comforter of priceless worth, grant a measure of Your presence to **Andy Olson and those who loved his mother **Linda Olson** who fell asleep in Jesus November 17. May knowing that Jesus' death has undone the fear of death enable Andy and his family to look forward to the day when they shall be reunited with Linda in heaven. Amen.*

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the End of the Church Year

Graciously heavenly Father, thank You for the many blessings You have granted us this past year as Your Church and as Your children individually. Thank You for Your mercy extended to us as undeserving sinners, for covering us with the righteousness of Your Son's shed blood. Lord Jesus, keep us close to the Word and faithful to the end as we look forward to Your return and to life eternal with You and the Father. Amen.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life November 21, 2021

“We pray for God's light to shine on all of our decisions and that every aspect of our lives would be fulfilled within the boundaries of His Law and Gospel. We do not want our worry to guide our search for daily bread (Matthew 6:25-34). Rather, we rely on God's Promise and receive what He has provided with thanksgiving. For we know that with Jesus we have daily bread that endures, even to everlasting life (John 6:28-29).”

*Rev. Justin A. Herman, University Lutheran Church,
West Lafayette, Indiana
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



The Lord is king forever and ever!

Psalm 10:16

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office.....303-683-1300

Fax..... 303-470-0165

Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:

Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!



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