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(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

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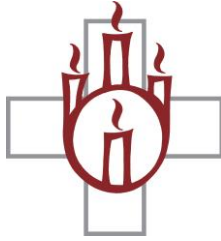
The First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021



**I will cause a righteous
Branch to spring up for
David, and he shall execute
justice and righteousness
in the land.**

Jeremiah 33:15



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

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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.

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for the First Sunday in Advent

Lord God, we praise You that You comforted Your people with the promise of a Redeemer. We praise You that in the fullness of time You sent Your Son as that Redeemer. We praise You that You give promise that You will send Him to us again to judge the world in righteousness. Open our hearts to receive our Redeemer now as He comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Open our eyes of faith in an awareness of His presence in our lives by His grace. Make Advent a blessing to us as we welcome our King in faith and love. We lift our hearts to welcome Him anew. Fill us with gladness as He comes to us. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?*
Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;*
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

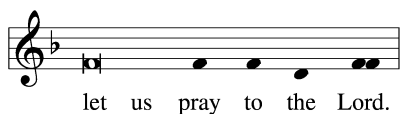
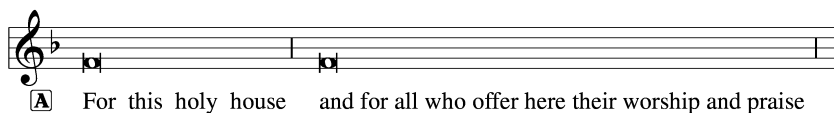
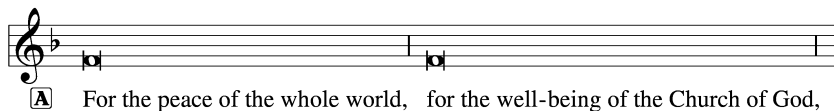
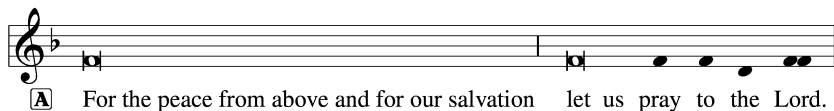
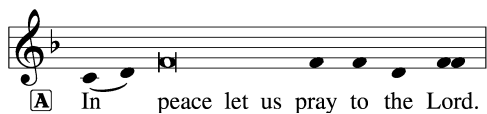
For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

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.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

C A - men.

Gloria

Omitted during Advent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14–21

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

"For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever."

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: "Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Alleluia and Verse

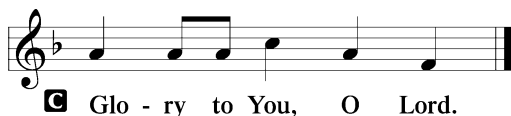
John 6:68



C 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.

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28–40

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

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



C Praise to You, O Christ.

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

“Great David's Greater Son”

Text: Jeremiah 33:14-21

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Stand



Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

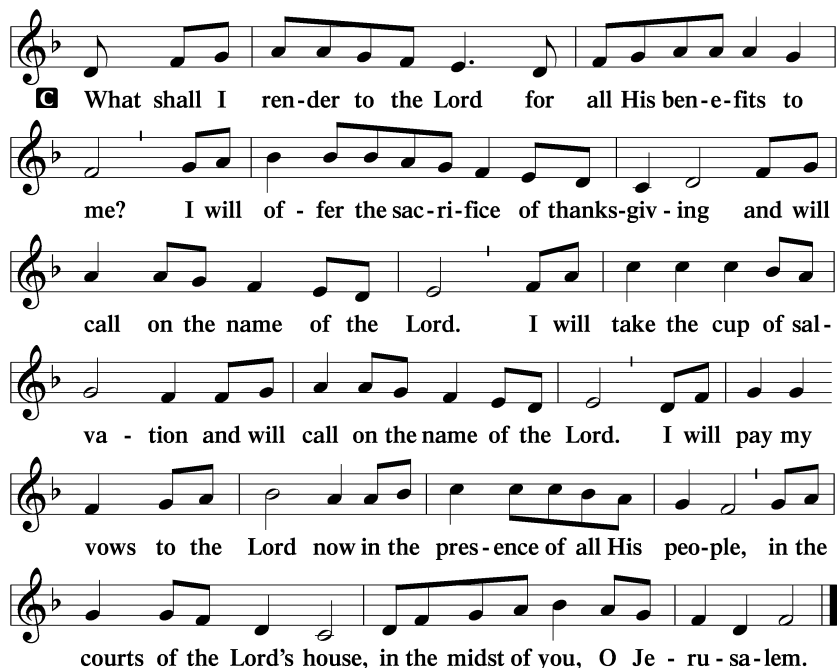
Sit

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.

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.**

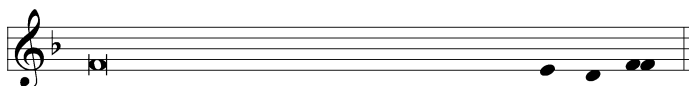
Closing Collect

- P** Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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.



339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors



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

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels



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.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



The Voters' Assembly will be held on December 12, between services at 9 a.m. Please plan to attend as this is an **extremely important** meeting concerning the future of HCLC.

With the loss of our ELC, the Council and the Ad Hoc committee have been dealing with some challenging realities and possible options. Below are items for the meeting:

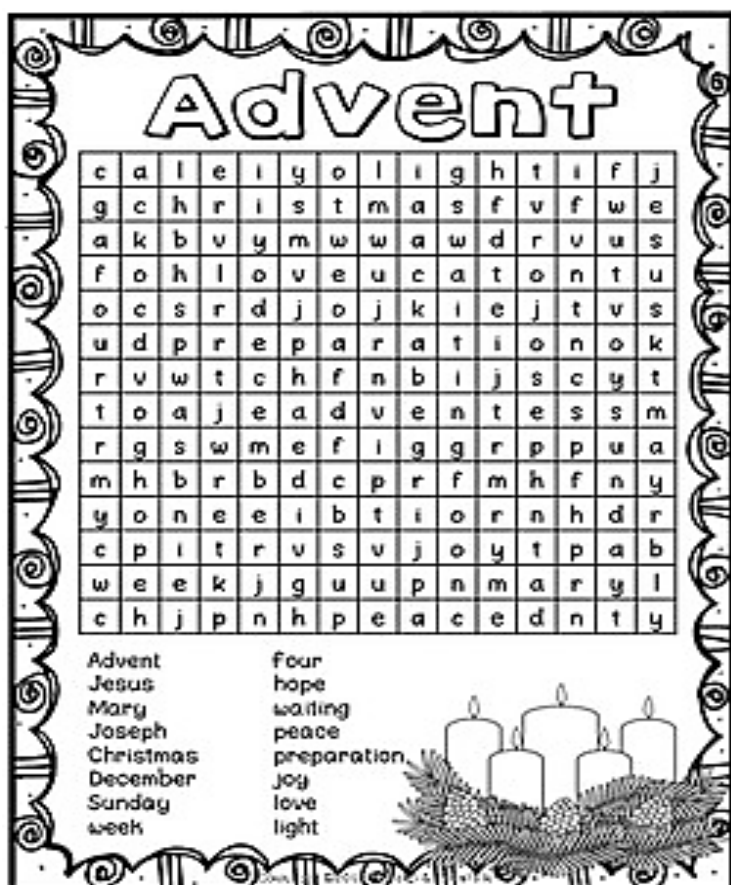
- a. The approval of the 2022 budget
- b. Options and recommendations concerning the building:
 - i. These options include leaving the space vacant, for use by church only; attempting to resurrect our own ELC; leasing and/or renting the space.
 - ii. Approval of a Building Use Policy
- c. The real need for volunteers to serve our congregation and consequences of not having help – possible going to one Sunday service.

A packet for previewing all reports and recommendations will be available on December 5.

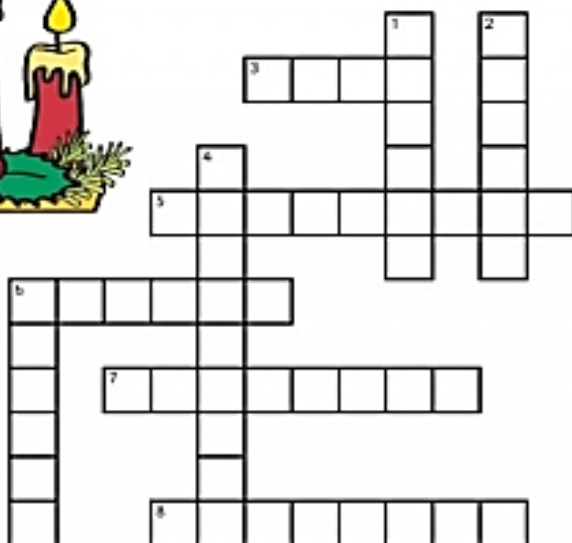
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***For the Son of Man came to seek
and to save the lost.***

Luke 19:10



Advent Crossword



Across

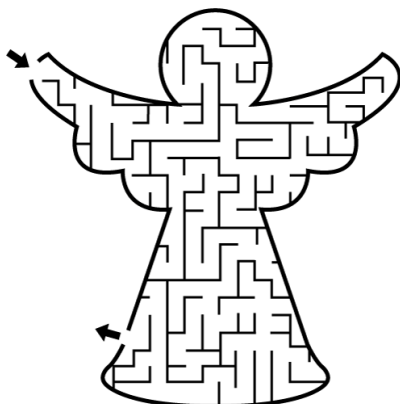
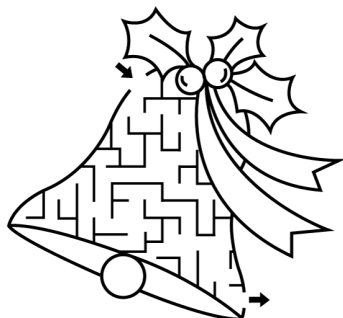
3. The number of candles on an Advent wreath.
5. The festival at the end of Advent.
6. Religious building where you might go to an Advent service.
7. Open windows in one of these to count down the days.
8. Most of Advent falls in this month.

Down

1. Circle of fir tree and other evergreen plants.
2. The first day of Advent is sometimes called Advent _____.
4. Many Advent calendars have a _____ behind each window.
6. One of these is lit on every Sunday in Advent.

Christmas Tree Angel maze

Christmas Bell Maze





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.thelutheranchorage.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: When we call upon God in prayer, we are to confess who we are: sinners who are undeserving of His mercy.



Health concerns:

God of everlasting power, enable those people with illnesses to bear them with a measure of forbearance. Stay with them, granting them Your peace. Bless the efforts of the doctors and nurses involved in caring for them. We pray in the name of Your Son who helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on our eternal home. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Sandy Olson (daughter of Jerry and Shirley Tuell) recovering from surgery as a result of a car accident
- Frank Koessel – Suffering from gall stones and kidney stones
- 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
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Advent Season

**O most merciful Father, the season of Advent prepares us for the celebration of Your Son's birth and reminds us of His second coming on the clouds in glory. Awaken our hearts from their slumber, enliven our faith to prepare for His return, and grant us Your Spirit to be about the mission of the church until we are called home in glory. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life November 28, 2021

"Creation is preaching a message about its Creator. He is wise. Kind. Brilliant. Powerful. Limitless. Combine those qualities with His reckless love for us found on the cross, and you have a God who can strengthen trembling hearts and weak knees. You have a Creator worth worshiping."

*Rev. Mike Novotny, Time of Grace
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

***Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine,
that we may be saved!***

Psalm 80:5



***Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.***

Hebrews 10:23

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or

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***How would you feel if
we celebrated your
birthday without you?***