

God is able  
to provide you with every  
**blessing**  
*in* **abundance,**  
so that by always having  
enough of everything,  
you may share abundantly...



Lutheran Church of Our Savior

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# Last Sunday of the Church Year

For God Loves a Cheerful Giver

November 20, 2022

## Our Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.*

## Serving Today

### Elder of the Week

Sandy Cox

### Organist

Nancy Brock

### Altar Care

Jan Kyle

Rosalie Seebeck

### Ushers

Craig Cooper

Roger Bates

### Money Counters

Greg Bond

Tere Bond

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## As We Gather

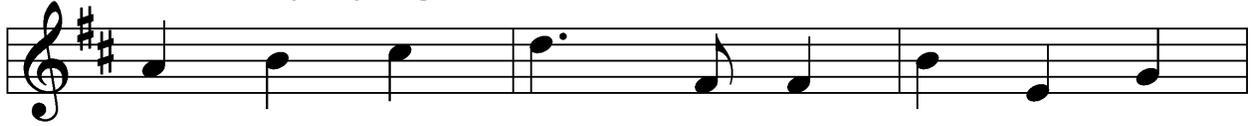
As Christians, one area of life we are able to grow in all our lives is recognizing God's blessings. At the time God comes through for us, or pours out an unexpected gift, we tell ourselves that this is His blessing. In other words, at a point in time, something good came our way, and we acknowledged that God's goodness was behind it. But possibly a better way to see God's blessings to us is by seeing His hand in your whole life. To do that you might try a couple of things. Make a timeline of your life: childhood, adolescence, young adult, middle age, mature years. Over each segment of life on your timeline, write down something God did for you, helped you with, protected you from, or gave you that you consider a blessing. Then connect the dots between these events or happenings. See a pattern? Notice how His help, gifts, protection, etc. are linked together, as on a string. Another way to highlight God's blessings is simply to make a list of good things, people, places, and possessions that have marked your life. Example: parents, grandparents, friends, job, education, career, home, health, car, land, farm, etc. If you take time to do so, just look at how long the list can be! Count your blessings, the song says. Name them one by one. Doing so helps us see that God's blessings are not occasional, but more like constant. God's Word encourages us always, and especially when we see His blessings, to give thanks. For God is certainly good to us!

Prelude

Welcome

PREPARATION

TLH 403 Savior, Thy Dying Love



1 Sav - ior, Thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est  
2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for  
3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to  
4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so



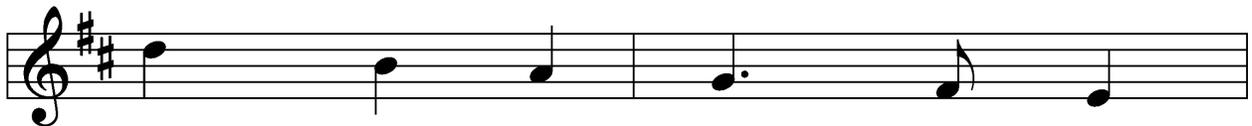
me; Nor should I aught with - hold,  
me, My fee - ble faith looks up,  
Thee, That each de - part - ing day  
free, In joy, in grief, through life,



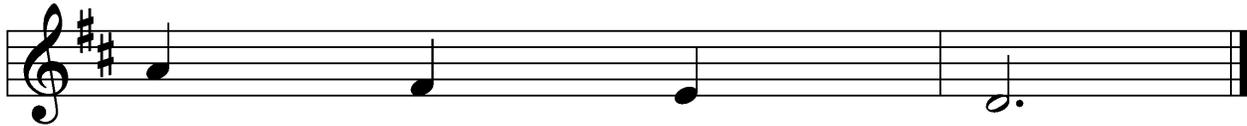
Dear Lord, from Thee. In love my  
Je - sus, to Thee. Help me the  
Hence - forth may see Some work of  
Dear Lord, for Thee! And when Thy



soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,  
cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,  
love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,  
face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be



Some of - f'ring bring Thee now,  
Some song to raise or prayer,  
Some wan - d'r'er sought and won,  
Through all e - ter - ni - ty



Some - thing for Thee.  
Some - thing for Thee.  
Some - thing for Thee.  
Some - thing for Thee.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** In our lives, we often ask ourselves, “Who am I?” We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. 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.  
**C** Amen. In Jesus we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## WORD

### 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.”

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 9:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, <sup>2</sup>for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. <sup>3</sup>But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove vain in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. <sup>4</sup>Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. <sup>5</sup>So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

<sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:25–33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

## Greeting

### Count Your Blessings

1 When upon life's billows You are tempest tossed  
When you are discouraged Thinking all is lost  
Count your many blessings Name them one by one  
And it will surprise you What the Lord hath done; Chorus

#### Chorus

Count your blessings Name them one by one  
Count your blessings See what God hath done  
Count your blessings Name them one by one  
Count your many blessings See what God hath done

2 Are you ever burdened With a load of care  
Does the cross seem heavy You are called to bear  
Count your many blessings Every doubt will fly  
And you will be singing As the days go by; Chorus

3 When you look at others With their lands and gold  
Think that Christ has promised You His wealth untold  
Count your many blessings Money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven Nor your home on high; Chorus

4 So amid the conflict Whether great or small  
Do not be discouraged God is over all

Count your many blessings Angels will attend  
Help and comfort give you To your journey's end; Chorus

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## Sermon

*"Giving Gifts from the Giver"*

## Offering

*(Please fill out the friendship books as they are handed to you, noting the names of others in your pew as they are passed back. If there is communion, please mark if you plan to participate.)*

## Offertory

### 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.  
To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

- 5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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## Prayers of God's People

# SACRAMENT

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## 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

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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.”

## Lord’s Prayer

**G** 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.

## Distribution Hymns

### 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
 Thine can never fail.  
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
 Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
 Never let me fall.  
 I am trusting Thee forever  
 And for all.

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### 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



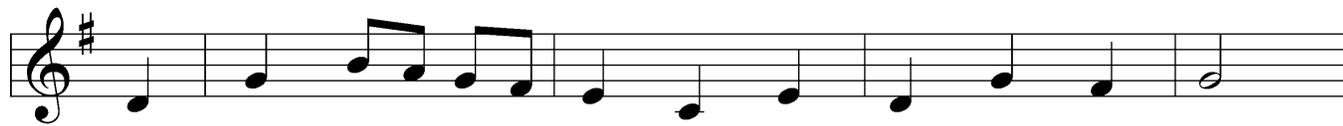
give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

## Benediction

**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.

**C** Amen.

## 784 Take My Life and Let It Be

*sts. 1, 4-6*



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would  
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
long - er mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall  
trea - sure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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## Postlude

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## This Week's Calendar

November 20, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Newsletter Article Deadline</i>	
	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 P.M.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Happy Thanksgiving—Office Closed</i>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship

## Serving Next Week

November 27, 2022

<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Shirley Lodes
<b>Ushers</b>	TBD
<b>Money Counters</b>	Kay McDaniel & Mary Kline
<b>Altar Care</b>	Jan Kyle & Rosalie Seebeck



*"And He is the head of the body, the church." Colossians 1:18a*

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.

### Birthdays This Week:

Nov 20 Shelly Michael  
Nov 23 Deborah Wilkowske

### Anniversaries This Week:

Nov 21 Chester & Jan Kyle  
Nov 25 Mark & Patti Casey



*Women's Advent Tea – Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*



*10:00 – 11:30 a.m.*

*Please come with a friend!*



**Danke! (Thank you)** to all of you who attended the German Dinner and to all the volunteers that made it possible! With Thrivent Action Teams, most of the food expense was covered. We made a profit of \$1146.35! With the help from Thrivent Representative, Daryl Osmus, Thrivent will donate \$1 for every \$2 made. A total of \$1,719.35 will be given to Orphan Grain Train (OGT), a LCMS recognized service organization that is helping families in Florida who are rebuilding after the devastation caused by Hurricane Ian in September. OGT encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people far and near. They are able to provide aid long after the initial devastation caused by these disasters. OGT presently has an office located in Fort Myers, Florida.

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**2023 Election for Church Officers** December 18, 2022

we will have a voters meeting to elect officers for the next year. If you are interested in serving on the Council, Board Chairs or to be an Elder please contact Lynn Riley at 405-819-0991 for openings. Please prayerfully consider serving our church by volunteering for a position. I will be putting the list of openings on the first Sunday in November in the bulletin.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,  
Lynn Riley  
Vice President



Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

### Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering or In Need

Gloria Michael	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Chester Kyle	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Gale Mueller	recovery from surgery	<i>Former Member</i>
Shae Schneider	double mastectomy	<i>Family Member of Mary Kline</i>
Delores Withers	recovering from surgery	<i>Office Secretary</i>
Michelle Brooks	Stage 3 adrenal cancer	<i>Former member</i>

### Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound  
 Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership  
 Pray for our government officials and first responders  
 Prayers for Worldwide Church



### Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV	Jennifer Pena	Joey Pena	Kyle Freeman
Jonathan Krepel	Nathan Hiegel	Cole Morris	Timothy Thomas



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