# The Last Sunday of the Church Year Sunday, November 26, 2023



Knowing Christ's Love ... Seeking His Will ... Spreading His Word

Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.





Children: Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the & church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who prefers or e little children needs a more private setting.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.



**Publications:** We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



**Audio Assistance:** We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. CD and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.

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Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist: Rev. Joseph McCalley Preacher: Rev. Brian Thieme

Elders: (8:00) David Attebery | (10:30) Carey Smith

Ushers: (8:00) Kyle Dickes & Hunter Kevil

(10:30) Kevin Burns & Mike Walz

Organist: Carolyn Holste

## Order of Service: Divine Service I – LSB 151

Bells' Call to Worship Word of Welcome Organ Prelude Hymn of Invocation

LSB 785 We Praise You, O God



## Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

#### Introit

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

In keeping with his promise 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!
- P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
- And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

P Deliver me from all my transgressions.

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! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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the home of righteousness.

Kyrie LSB 152



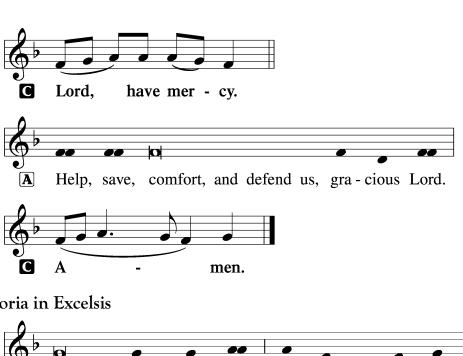
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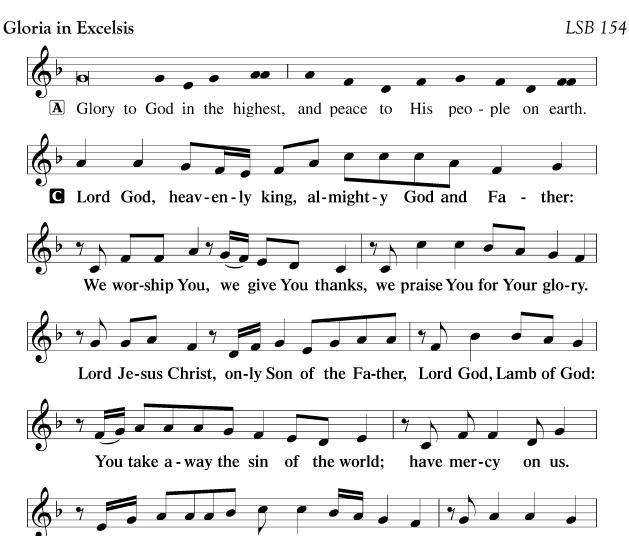
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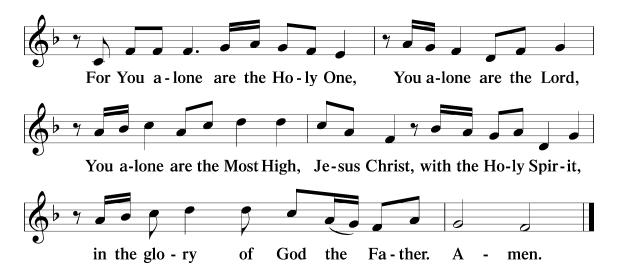
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You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



#### **P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the

inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

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

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

- P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
- They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- P Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
- in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**Epistle** 

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31–46

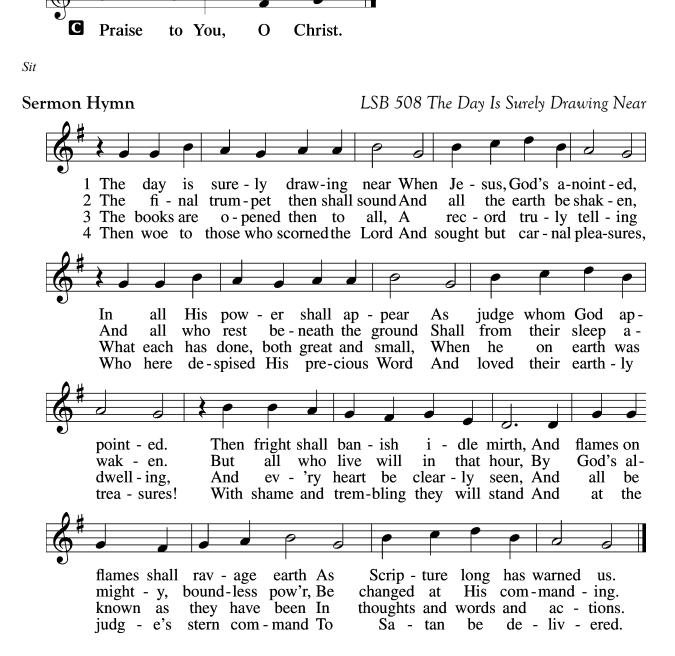
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not

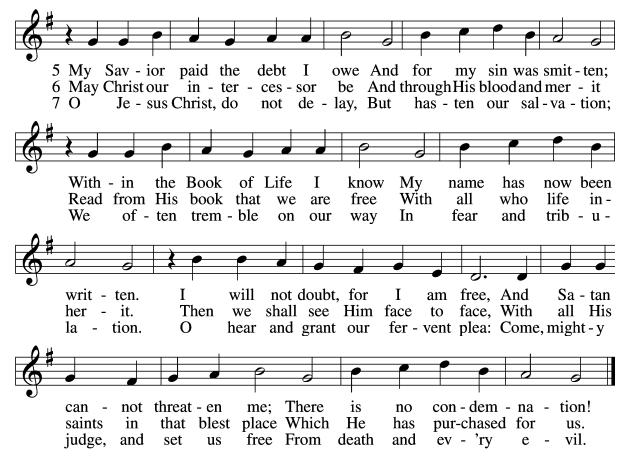
do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



#### Children's Message

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

"Prepared for You"

Matthew 25:31-46

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.

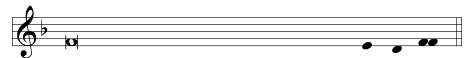


Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction LSB 166



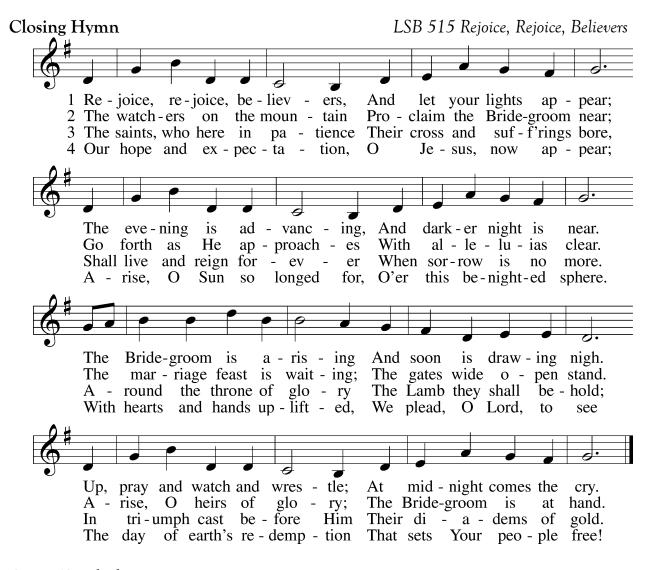
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





#### Organ Postlude

#### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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## November 26 & 27, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by Doug & Joanna McDowell in memory of Lynn Frerking's birthday



## This Week at Trinity:

#### **Sunday 11/26**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service 9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School 10:30 a.m.—Divine Service

#### **Monday 11/27**

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study 1:15 p.m.—GLAT 6:00 p.m.—Divine Service

#### Tuesday 11/28

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball 5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat. 5:30 p.m.—Board of Trustees

#### Wednesday 11/29

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

#### Thursday 11/30

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel 9:00 a.m.—Bylaws Review Meeting 5:30 p.m.—Pickleball 6:30 p.m.—Bylaws Review Meeting 7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

#### Friday 12/1

Pastors' day off

#### **Sunday 12/3**

#### Advent I

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm 9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School 10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm 5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus 6:00 p.m.—Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.—JCC 6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship



It's that time of year again! A sign-up sheet to sponsor poinsettias for the Sanctuary is posted on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. The cost is \$16 per plant.

Please write your check to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Altar Guild" in the memo line and place it in the collection box.

The Poinsettias will be delivered on December 16<sup>th</sup> and volunteers to help set them up would be appreciated!

#### Sunday School Christmas Program: Sign Ups & Rehearsals

The Board of Christian Ed is looking for Sunday School kids to participate in the Christmas Eve service. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

Practice times are as follows:

- Sunday, December 3: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 10: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 17: during the Sunday School hour
- Thursday, December 21: dinner (pizza) at 5:15-6 pm, practice from 6-7 pm

Brothers and Sisters of Trinity Lutheran Church,

A committee of Buck Katt (Chair), Eldrid (Pete) Easterhaus (member), and Andrew Saeger (member) were appointed to review Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. This review was prompted by a request of the Board of Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund to update the boards By-Laws. In addition, all Church boards were given the opportunity to review and suggest updates to Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. Those suggesting changes are the Board of Endowment Fund, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Youth.

All recommended changes to the By-Laws have been reviewed by the Board of Directors and require a final vote of the Assembly of Voter's. The suggestions will be presented at the December 17, 2023 Assembly of Voters. For your convenience we have placed copies of the suggested changes in the narthex and copies are available in the office. Your opportunity to ask questions and discuss the suggested changes will take place on the following dates and times:

• November 30th 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

November 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall

• December 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15 am Fellowship Hall



Come and help decorate the church for Advent & Christmas on December 11 at 9:30 am!



## Help Us "Spruce" Up the Church!

Stewardship & Scripture

Nov. 26 – Proper 29
Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

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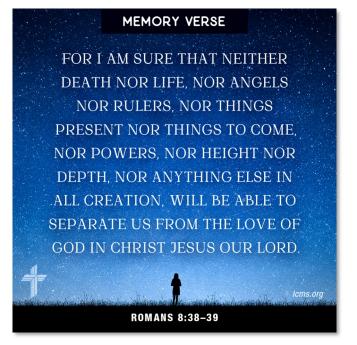
## Bible Study

#### Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is study-

ing Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition), starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of Concordia, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the Concordia notes.

Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at 7:00 am each Thursday.



#### Life Thoughts

**November 26 – Pentecost XXIV (Proper 29A) –** Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!



#### Grief Resource Available

Stephen Ministry has a resource available to you. Journeying through Grief book sets can help you extend care and minister to people you know who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The four short books are intended to be given at 3 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, and 11 months during the first year after a loss. A tracking card is included to record when each book is due to be given and the date they were given. Each 44-page book focuses on the feelings and issues a person is likely to experience at that point in his or her grief, offering comfort, help, and hope throughout that difficult first year.

Although the books are written from a Christian perspective, they address spiritual matters sensitively, with a focus on ideas and principles that would apply for any reader, whatever his or her beliefs.

It is sometimes difficult to know how to minister to others who are grieving. Our hope is this will be a loving and effective way for you to extend care to people in your life. The book sets are available to you at no cost or obligation. A sample set is on display in the information stand in the narthex. If you would like to obtain a set of the books, text or leave a message to Barbara Barrett: 573-268-0056 or email her at barbara.barrett5@outlook.com

#### Collections for Community Missions

Thank you for your generous donations to our community missions! Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway). If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or have other suggestions for collections, please contact the Church Office.

- Bibles and Devotional Materials
- Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas)
- Coupons with no expiration date
- Eyeglasses you no longer use
- Food (nonperishable, no glass containers)
- Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops



#### Stephen Ministry at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church has a caregiving ministry. It is an important way we at Trinity care for one another. If you or another church member

you know are going through a difficult time, reach out to one of our pastors and consider a caring relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. The ministry offers real care, comfort, and hope and is free and completely confidential.

Quotes from past care receivers:

"My caregiver was an angel sent from heaven. She helped me to understand things and to see what God has done. So much is off my shoulders."

"Thank God you are here."

"Do it! Take the time to go through the process. Let someone else help."

A tri-fold flyer and a yellow information card are available from the information stand in the narthex and/or visit stephenministries.org to learn more.











Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

-Psalm 100:4-5



## **SAVE THE DATE:**

Sunday, December 17th Cookie Decorating & Christmas Party



#### Radio & Podcast Resources

#### The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM** 9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**  8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM** 10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM** 

#### **KFUO Lutheran Radio**

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at <a href="mailto:kfuo.org">kfuo.org</a> and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Look ahead to the First Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (11/29 at 9:00 a.m.), study 1 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron's "Nothing but Christ Crucified" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and finish the Gospel of Mark and begin the book of Micah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!





DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE... You can listen to morning chapel from Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN live weekdays at 9 a.m. Central, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain or 7 a.m. Pacific at issuesetc.org. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.