Welcome to Lord of Life
Lutheran Church
November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Welcome: Lord of Life Lutheran Church's long-standing credo is "We share God's Love".

LoL provides a welcoming and safe place for worship, comfort, solace, and reflection. We are called by Jesus to love God and one another: to practice radical hospitality, and to serve all without reservation, stipulations or regard to your race, ethnic background, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic position, family status, or where you are in your faith journey. You are a unique and beloved child of God. We welcome you to join us in worship and communion and be part of our commitment to anti-racism, social and economic justice and environmental care.

Worship: *Communion:* All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Individual packets available near the entrance to the worship center.
Passing of the Peace: It is ok to greet those sitting near you. Please remember people have different levels of personal space which may vary from day to day and situation to situation. You can be respectful by asking, "May I hug you?" or "Would you like a handshake."
Physical Distancing: It is still important to be aware of distancing. Pews along the sides of the church near the stained-glass windows are for people who want space; please space yourselves accordingly.

Children Welcome: Kids of all ages are welcome in service, and we celebrate their joyful wiggles and giggles! There are kid's bags in the back of the sanctuary.

Information, service & liturgy instructions are shown in italic or ***bold italic*** *type on the following pages.*
Portions of the liturgy spoken by the leaders are shown in plain type.
Portions of the liturgy spoken by the assembly are shown in **bold type.**

PRELUDE

Gathering

Land Acknowledgement

More than 10,000 years before European contact the earliest Americans, the peoples of the First Nations, inhabited the Americas from the North Slope of what is now Alaska to the tip of Tierra del Fuego. Although their cultures varied widely, these peoples shared two important attributes: a lifestyle in harmony with their environment and a love of the land. Recognizing their primacy we make the following declaration.

We, the congregation of Lord of Life Lutheran Church acknowledge and honor the Peoria, Bodwéwadmi (Potawatomi), Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo) peoples, upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Lord of Life, today we remember all the saints that have gone before us into glory. We give thanks for the ways in which they have beaten down the path, making it easier that we might follow in their holy footsteps.

As the names of the departed saints are read aloud, we will respond with "We remember them."

We praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to

saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.
Amen.

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
And you will find rest for your souls.

GATHERING HYMN **For All the Saints** **ELW 422**

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
and also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

All are seated

Word

First Reading: Revelations 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to

the Lamb!”
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these,
robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him,
“Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their
robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

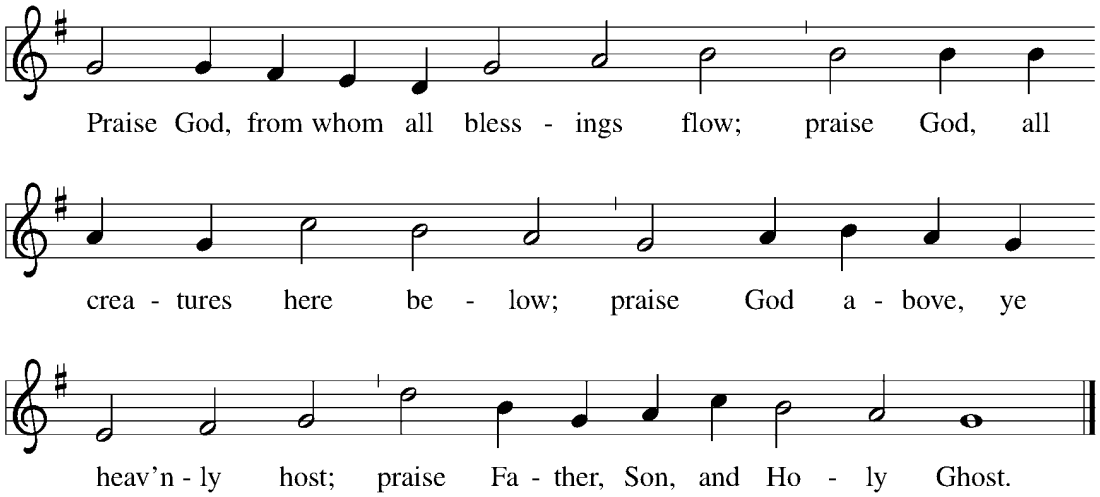
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands as they are comfortable



Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, **and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.** ***Alleluia.*** *(Rev. 7:15)*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he
sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and
taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for
they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of

God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All are seated.

SERMON ***Pastor Adam Dowd***

HYMN OF THE DAY **I love You Always Forever** ***Donna Lewis***

Response to the Word
The assembly stands as they are comfortable.

THE NICENE CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All are seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel

in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterway. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness especially Marla, Beverly, Margie, Nancy, Linda, Lee Ann, Jenna, Art, Vernette, Roberta, Judy, Linda, Paul, Toni, Kerry, Jim, Caryl, and Gale. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

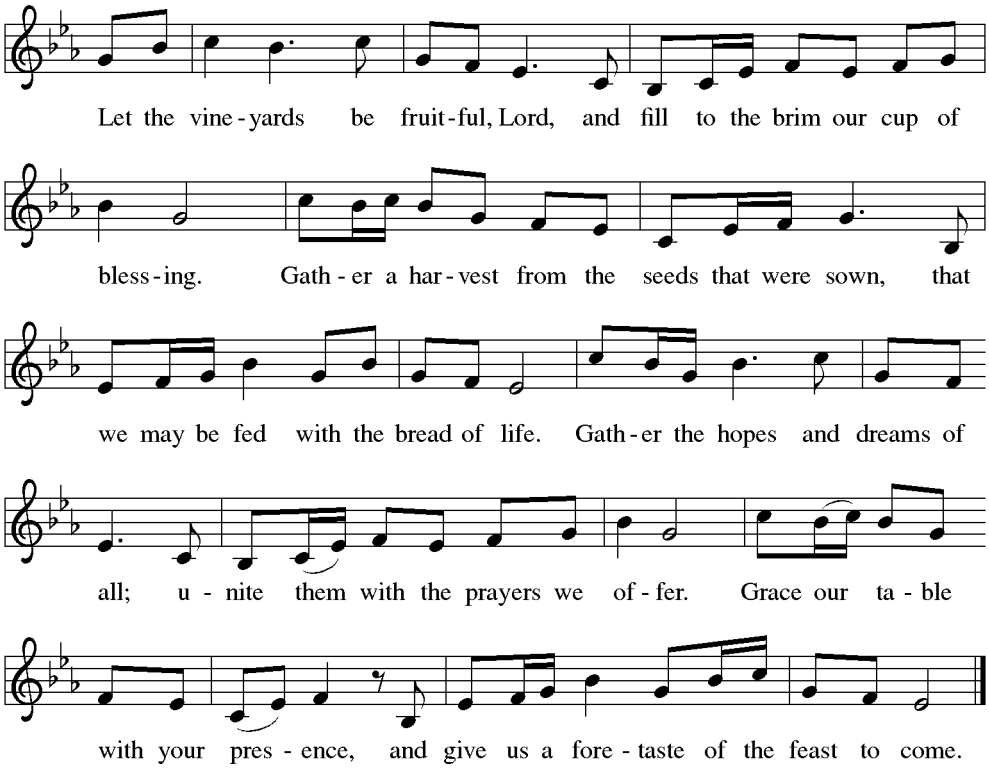
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord with phrases like **"Peace be with you."** If you have your phone available, text a word of peace to someone who is worshiping alones*

OFFERING AND PRAYER

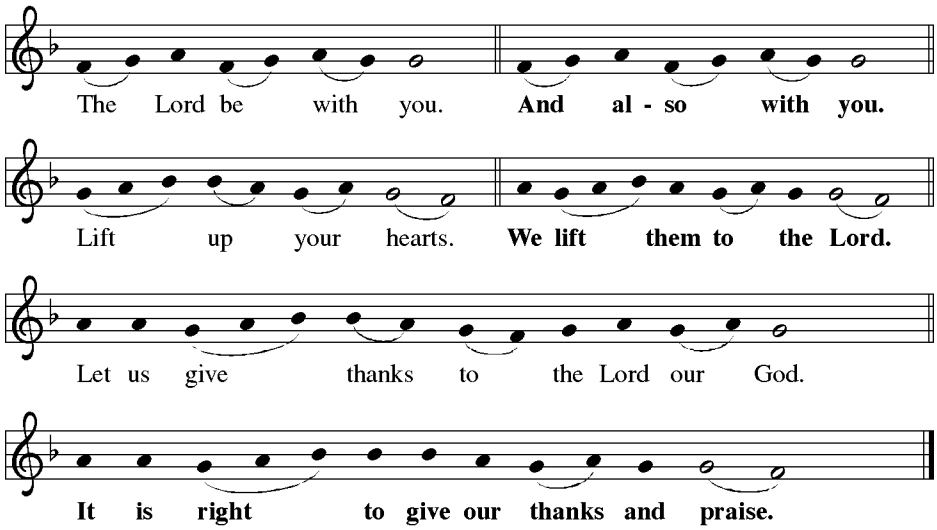
The offering plate is brought forward as a sign of the good gifts, ourselves included, God has given us.



Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Meal

The assembly stands as they are comfortable.



PREFACE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER…
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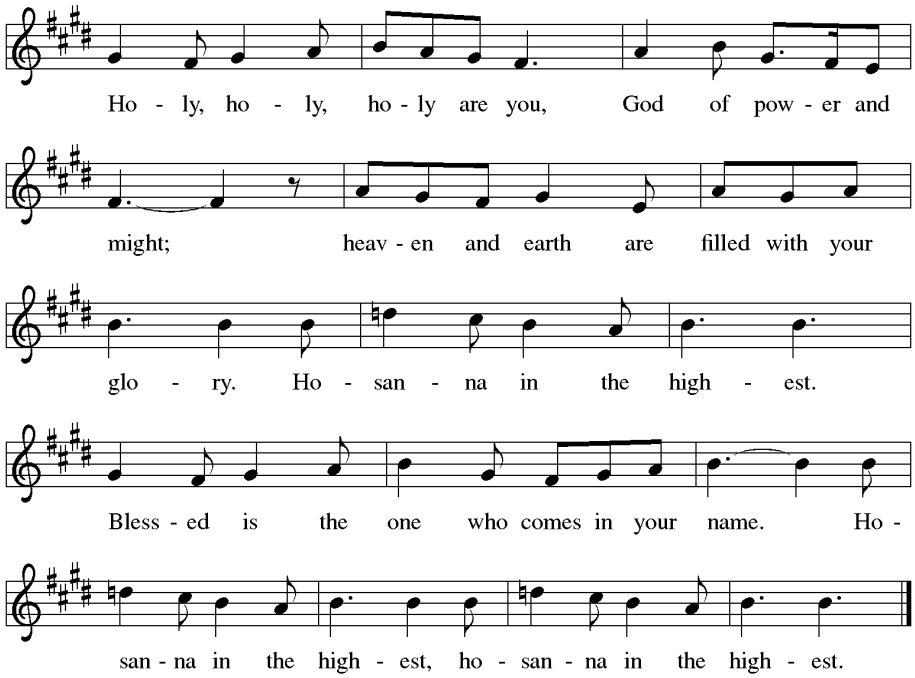
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us *"SING"* the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION

All are seated. Please take time to prepare yourselves and your communion elements.

We prioritize people with mobility issues. We invite you to come forward in your own time and take a position at the altar that is most accessible for you.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen

SENDING HYMN Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In ACS 950

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,

O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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We thank you for your ministry here today**:**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Dowd
Assisting Minister	Raymond Silhan III
Lector	Marilynn Sells
Pianist	Nick Tangorra
Guitarist	Christopher Vincent and Pastor Adam Dowd
Greeters	Marlene Carlson
Ushers	Art Kardatzke and Alice Tangorra
Acolyte	Alex Kerfin
Video	Sherry Sejnost

Announcements
11-1-2026

Wine and Candles this month are provided by **Trish Oldman** for the Blessing of all Thanksgiving.

Flowers today are provided by **Art and Janet Kardatzke.**

Election Day Treat Table The sign-up sheet is in the Sanctuary if you would like to man the treat table for our voters on **November 3, 2026.** We are looking for people from 6 am to 7pm.

The Sounds of the Season will be held on **Dec 13th at 4:30 pm**, a pot luck dinner to follow after the program and there will once

again be a raffle. The **first meeting** will be on **November 8th after church service**, if anyone is interested in participating in the program or helping with the set up and decorating the tables and there will also be a sign-up sheet for those wishing to bring food.

Lunch Bunch We will meet at Stevens, 2393 63rd Street, Woodridge on **Tuesday, November 10th at 11:30 AM**. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP Connie Allekain at 630-986-9238. Please plan to pay with cash, as cash is preferred by the restaurant.

Gingerbread House Making Bring your creativity and holiday cheer to our Gingerbread House Making Contest on **November 13 at 6:00 PM!** We'll provide the gingerbread house kits and decorating supplies. Want to make your house extra special? Feel free to bring additional candies, frosting, or decorations. Gather your family and friends for an evening of festive fun and friendly competition!

Extra Halloween Candy We will be collecting any extra Halloween candy you may have left over from Halloween. We will be using it for our Gingerbread House Contest. Collection will take place next **Sunday, November 8th**.

THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

Sunday	11/1	**10:00 AM**	**Worship**
		12:00 PM	Loving Word
Tuesday	11/3	5:00 AM	General Election
		5:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
Wednesday	11/4	**10:00 AM**	**Bible Study**
		7:00 PM	One Day at a Time
Friday	11/6	**9:30 AM**	**Cards**
Saturday	11/7	9:00 AM	SDA

Sunday	11/8	**10:00 AM**	**Worship**
		11:15 AM	**Sounds of the Season Meeting**
		12:00 PM	Loving Word

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