Welcome to Lord of Life
Lutheran Church
November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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.

HYMN **When Peace Like a River** **ELW 785**

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3 my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

All are seated

Word

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm: Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and
| **be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

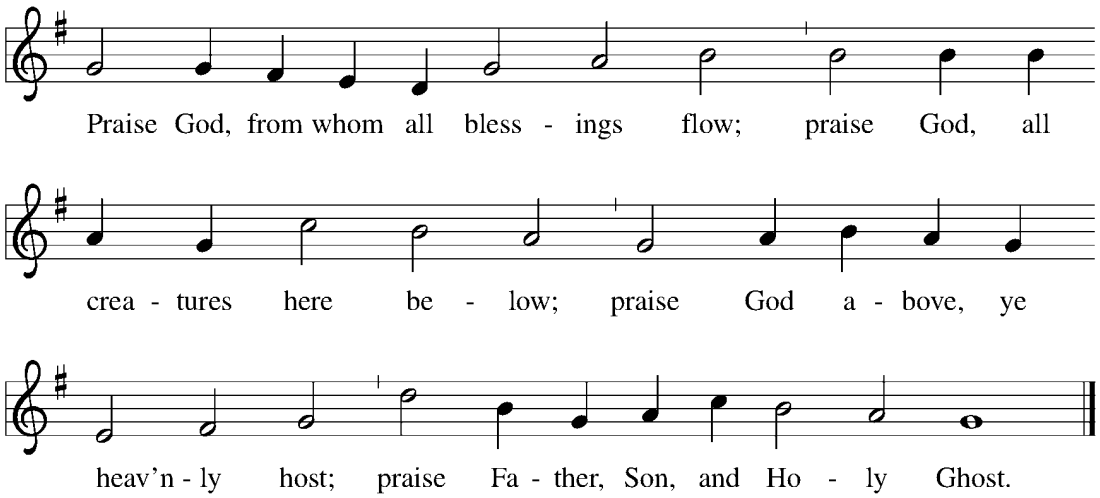
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, siblings, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,

who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands as they are comfortable



Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready**, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.** ***Alleluia****. (Matt. 24:42, 44)*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the

bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

All are seated.

SERMON ***Pastor Adam Dowd***

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Canticle of the Turning*** ***Rory Cooney***

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

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially Marla, Beverly, Margie, Nancy, Lee Ann, Jenna, Art, Vernette, Roberta, Judy, Linda, Paul, Toni, Kerry, Jim, Caryl, and Gale. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. 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.

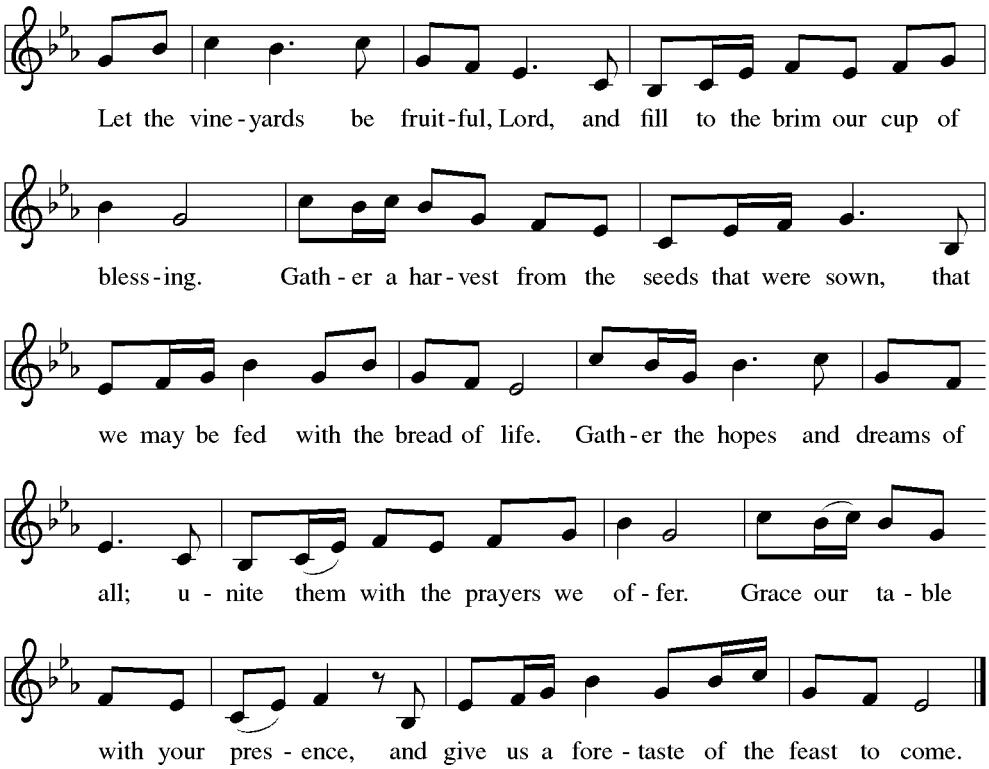
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

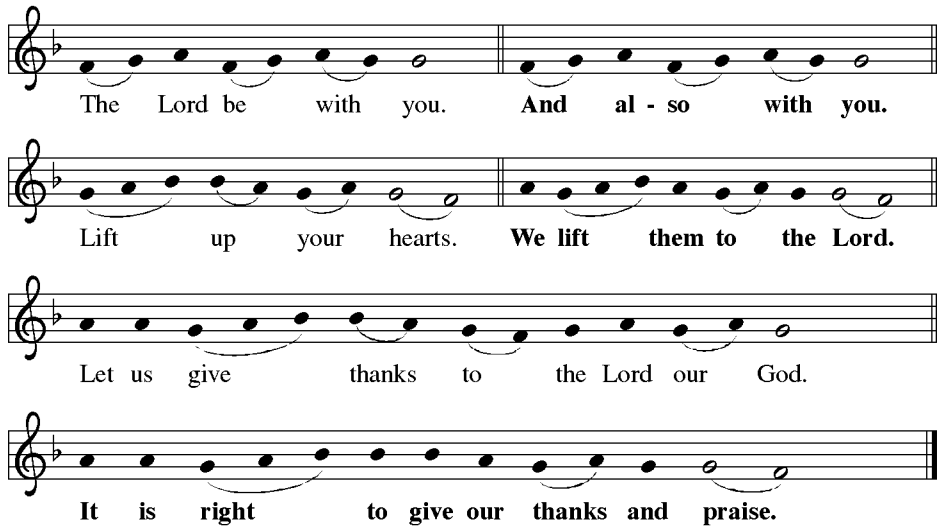


Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

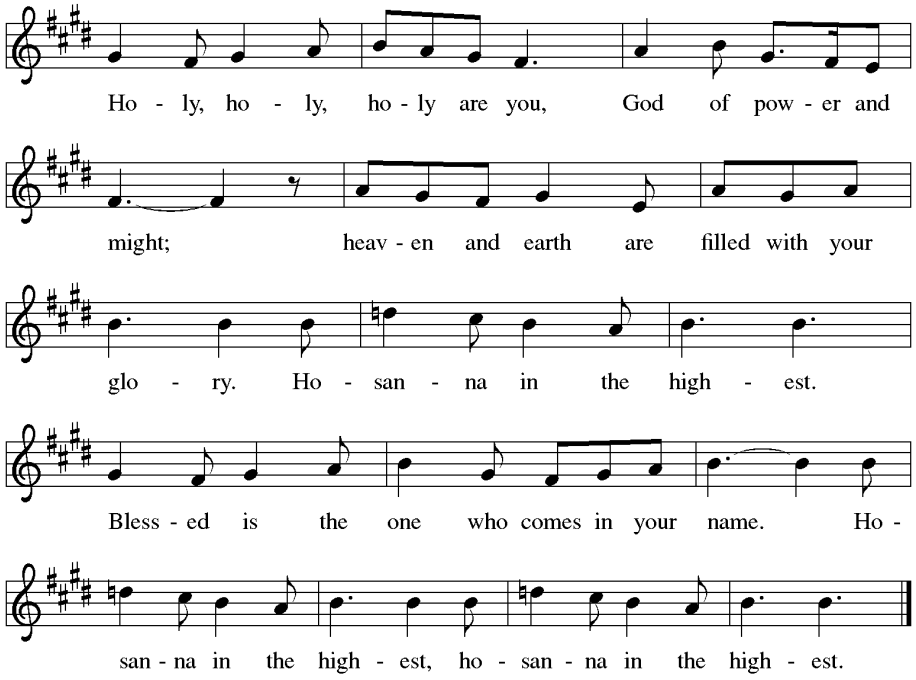
Meal

The assembly stands as they are comfortable.



PREFACE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER…

……..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

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 **Blessed Assurance** *ELW 638*

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

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	Ron Matta
Lector	Art Kardatzke
Pianist	Nick Tangorra
Guitarist	Christopher Vincent and Pastor Adam Dowd
Greeters	Connie Allekian
Ushers	Marilynn Sells and Debbie McNichols
Acolyte	Judy Padera
Video	Sherry Sejnost

Announcements
11-8-2026

Wine and Candles this month are provided by **Trish Oldham** for Thanksgiving for all the Blessings.

Flowers today are provided by Linda Glover.

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 **today 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!

Senior Spirits On **November 19th** Seniors will meet and enjoy a Potluck luncheon and a presentation by a Representative from the Downers Grove Township who will show us how to make boxes out of old Christmas cards! If you have any old Christmas cards please feel free to bring them!
Seniors meet at 12 noon, and everyone is welcome!
If you have any questions please call Marilynn at (630) 927-9996

Best Christmas Pageant Ever We have been invited by the SDA to join them for this laugh-out-loud movie for the whole family. The Herdman kids turn a traditional Christmas pageant upside down. Join us at Lord of Life on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

South Loop Community Table – Thanksgiving Meal We're preparing a special Thanksgiving meal for our friends at the South Loop Community Table on November 22nd! You can help by bringing part of the meal—sign-up sheets are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you'd like to come along to serve the meal and share in the fellowship, there is a sign up sheet. Together, let's spread gratitude and love this season!

Last Week's Giving – $3785.00
Electronic Donation for the month of October - $829.62

THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

Sunday	11/8	**10:00 AM**	**Worship**
		11:15 PM	**Sounds of the Season Meeting**
		12:00 PM	Loving Word
Monday	11/9	6:00 PM	Marydale Condo Meeting
Tuesday	11/10	**11:30 AM**	**Lunch Bunch**
		5:15 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
		6:15 PM	Green Willow Condo Meeting
Wednesday	11/11	**Veteran's Day**	
		10:00 AM	**Bible Study**
		7:00 PM	One Day at a Time
Friday	11/13	**9:30 AM**	**Cards**
		6:00 PM	**Gingerbread House**
Saturday	11/14	9:00 AM	SDA
		12:30 PM	SDA Luncheon
Sunday	11/15	**10:00 AM**	**Worship**
		12:00 PM	Loving Word

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