Welcome to Lord of Life
Lutheran Church
November 22, 2026
Christ the King



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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.

The church bell is rung three times as a call to worship.

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 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!** **ELW 634**

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will
sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are
among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them
from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples
and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own
land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed
them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be
their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they
shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will
be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the
Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and
I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat
and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with
flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns
until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and
they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and
sheep.
[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he
shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the
LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among
them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

[1] Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
[5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

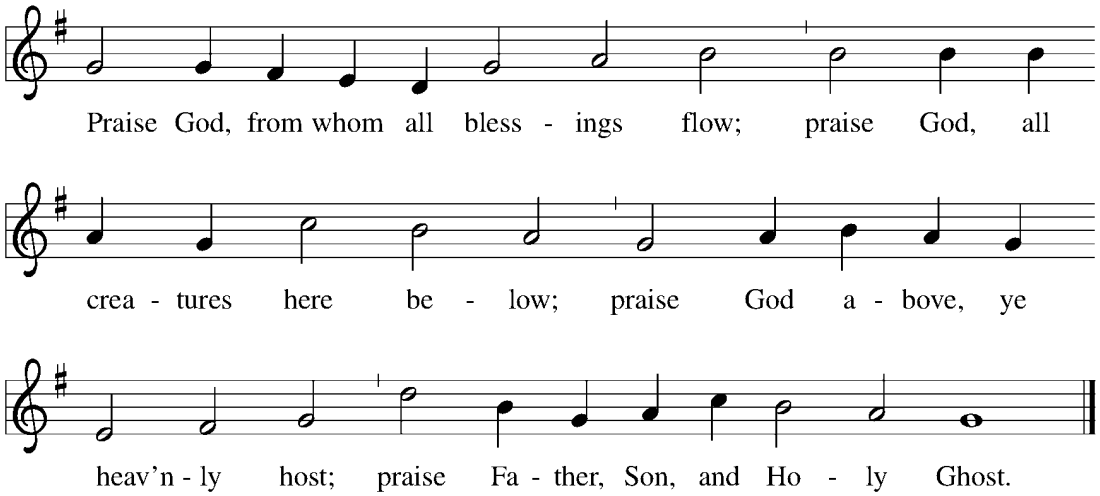
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward
all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for
you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your
heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us
who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put
this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and
seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all
rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And
he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over
all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who
fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands as they are comfortable



Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.
Alleluia. (Mark 11:9-10)

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his
glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his
glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will
separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the
goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry
and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you
gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and
gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a
stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And
when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it
to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to
me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil
and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was
thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you
did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer,
'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he

will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

All are seated.

SERMON ***Pastor Adam Dowd***

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Above All*** ***Michael W. Smith***

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.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need 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.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. 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.

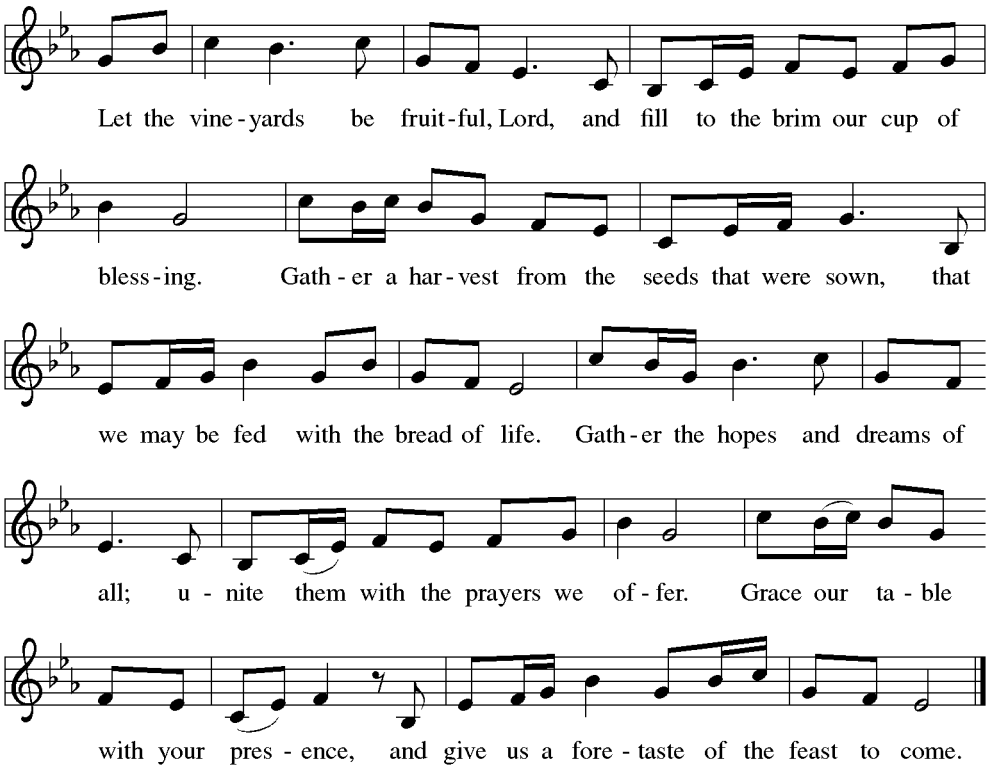
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

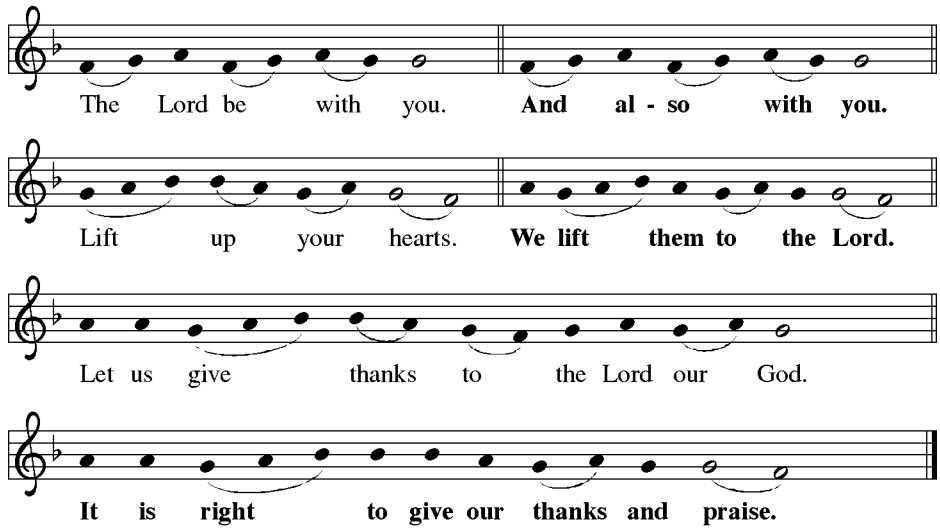


Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
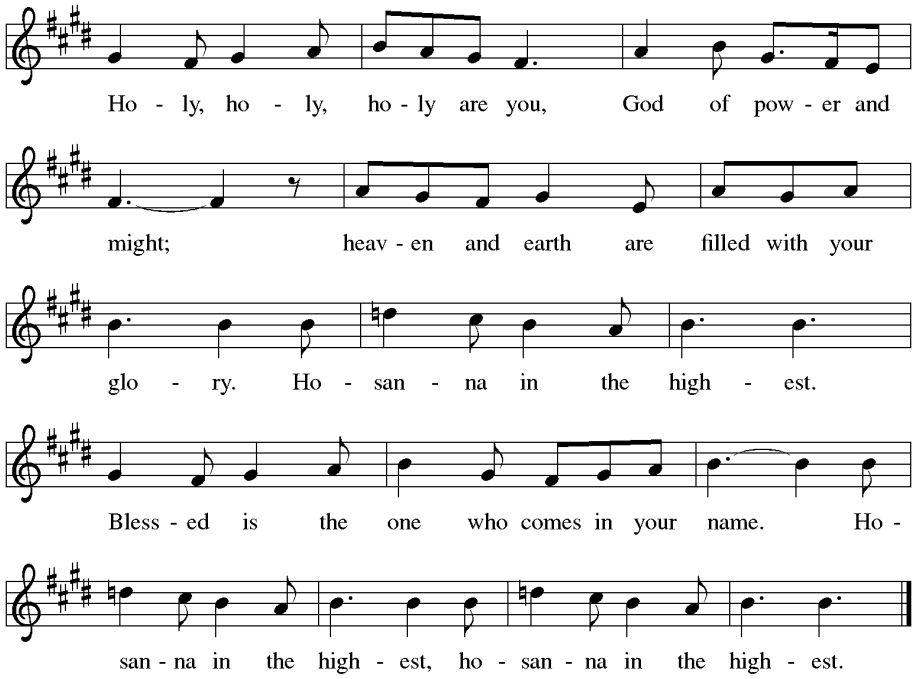
Meal

The assembly stands as they are comfortable.



PREFACE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER…

…… 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 **Now Thank We All Our God** *ELW 840*

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,

in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Litanies of Welcome and Farewell-Interim Ministry Network, Baltimore, Maryland

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

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Dowd
Assisting Minister	Raymond Silhan III
Lector	Sue Tomaszek
Pianist	Nick Tangorra
Guitarist	Christopher Vincent and Pastor Adam Dowd
Greeters	Bruce Danielson
Ushers	Alice Tangorra and Art Kardatzke
Acolyte	Alex Kerfin
Video	Arlene Danielson and Sherry Sejnost

Announcements
11-22-2026

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

Flowers today are provided by **Trish Oldham** in memory of her 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

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. If anyone is interested in helping with the set up and decorating the tables please see Judy Padera or Arlene Danielson. There is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to bring food.

Decorating the Church Come and join us to decorate the church for Advent today **at 11:15 am**. It will be a jolly good time!

South Loop Community Table – Thanksgiving Meal We're preparing a special Thanksgiving meal for our friends at the South Loop Community Table this evening! 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!

Holden Evening Prayer Beginning this Advent season, Holden Evening Prayer will be held at **4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16**.

ELCA World Hunger Advent Calendar Each day in this interactive Advent calendar includes a learning connection, prayer, hymn or Scripture verse for reflection. Many days also include an element to decorate and/or cut out to add to the Christmas village scene. Pick one up in the Sanctuary.

Last Week's Giving – $6705.00
Electronic Donation for the month of October - $829.62

THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

Sunday	11/22	**10:00 AM**	**Worship**
		11:15 AM	**Decorate the Church**
		12:00 PM	Loving Word
Tuesday	11/24	5:15 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
Wednesday	11/25	7:00 PM	One Day at a Time
Thursday	11/26	**Happy Thanksgiving**	
Friday	11/27	**9:30 AM**	**Cards**
Saturday	11/28	9:00 AM	SDA
Sunday	11/29	**10:00 AM**	**Worship**
		12:00 PM	Loving Word

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