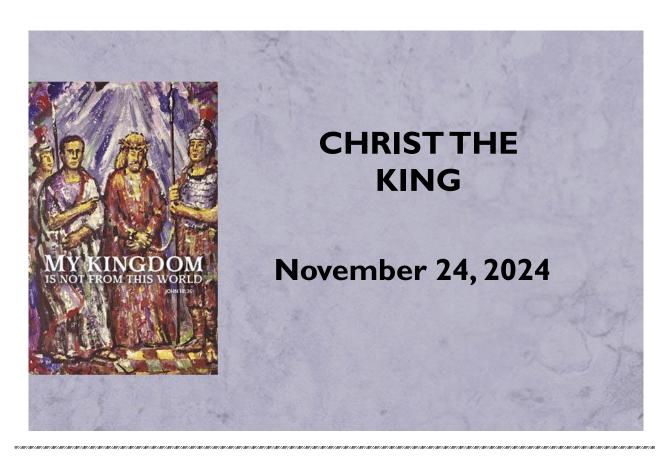
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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -Providing for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

+ CHRIST THE KING +

November 3, 2024

INTRODUCTION

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

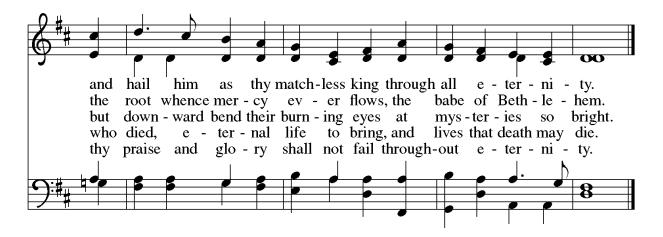
Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are \pm forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

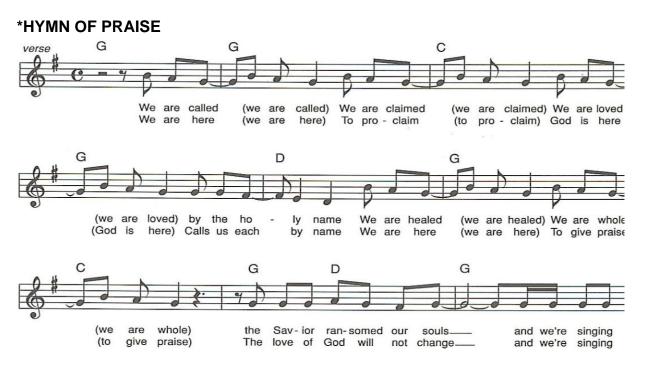




*GREETING

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

C: And also with you.







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

L A reading from Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve

him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

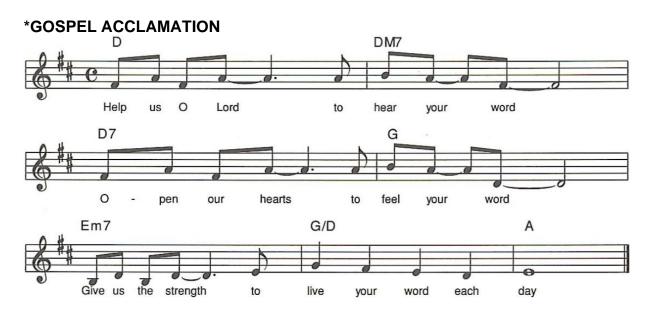
THE PSALM Psalm 93 read responsively

- A ¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- C ² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.
 - ³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
 - ⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
 - ⁵ Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.
- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

- L A reading from Revelation 1:4b-8
 - ^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
 - ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

P The Holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON



*NICENE CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

C 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Gracious gifting God, we are reminded of your gifts in and for all the children of the church. Call on our gifts now, use us, in service of your whole church. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may your Holy Spirit lead us to discern the gifts we seek and see those gifts clearly in the candidates you are sending to us. In our communications, interviews and meetings with them, may we find ourselves once again who we surely are in Christ Jesus, stewards of your many gifts. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"We Thank You for the Sun"
Children's Choir

Alan Mahnke

Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give. If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

C you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

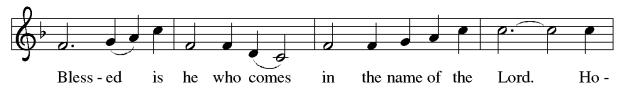
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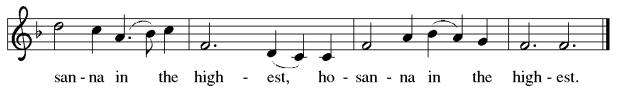
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- 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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

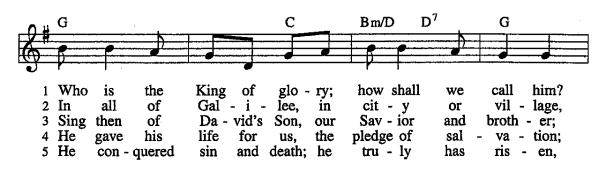
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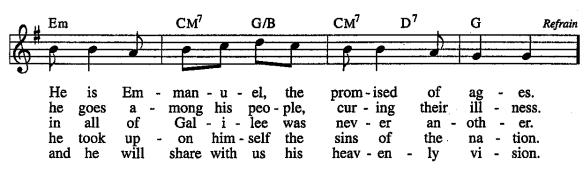
COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Crown Him Lord of All"
Adult and Youth Choirs

arr. Larson







Text: Willard F. Jabusch Music: Israeli traditional

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*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE SENDING

Children and Faith Formation leaders are dismissed to start Sunday School time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks

be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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	November 24	December 1
Assisting Minister	Deb Sowers	Frank Hueske
Acolyte	Matthew Kaltreider	Dilynn Long
Advent Wreath Candle Lighters		Long/Lovelace family
Cantor		Gretchen Walter
Lay Reader	Bill Sowers	Frank Hueske
Communion Distributors	Frank Hueske	Peg Sennett
	Gretchen Walter	Donna Lehman
Ushers	Bob Colehouse	Russ Johnson
	Russ Johnson	Christopher Johnson
Altar	Linda Knapp	Donna Lehman
	Sally Lovelace	Ginny Murray

NOVEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to ELCA World Hunger.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis W. Sheets, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hoff, Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Scheivert, and Robert Sheets by Betty Sheets and family.

ONE OF THE ALTAR VASES is sponsored to the glory of God and honor of the engagement of Isaac W. Silver and Alyssa J. Barton by Laura Silver.

THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the glory of God and memory of Kenneth R. Wolfe by Nadine and family.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God by Jean and Glenn Alwine.

SPYKids and families will meet today following worship! Join us in the Gathering room for a devotion and some fun fellowship with Thanksgiving games. All are welcome!

^{*} Stand if you are able

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are available beside the bulletin baskets, on the counter in the hallway and in the November Evangel. **Poinsettia order are due in the office today, November 24**th.

DECEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

A BIBLE STUDY FOR ADVENT: Come join Linda Zellers for a Bible study, "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups. Pastor Billups takes us on a journey in Advent through the eyes of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Herod, the Magi and the Shepherd. The chapters are What if I Missed It?, Playing the Villain, A Curious People and When God Shows Up. Come and share your Advent story on Tuesdays beginning November 26th to December 17th at 10 AM in the Theatre Room.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! On **Nov. 29 between 6:00 and 8:00pm**, SPY will be offering free child care so parents can shop without the kids...wrap presents...or just enjoy the night out! Yes, we know it's "Black Friday" but this date best suited the schedule...youth will have some planned activities (games, craft, video, etc.) for children ages 0-10 (or older if already an active SPYKids member) to enjoy while you are away. Every family will be able to take home an Advent activity to use to prepare for Christmas!

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. We will be decorating on Sat., November 30th, beginning at 9AM. Please come and be a part of it.

SPY WILL HOST "PARENTS' NIGHT OUT" ON NOV. 29 and then continue with a lock-in here at the church. Plan to meet in Fellowship Hall by **5:30pm on Nov. 29** to set up for the event. Bring a snack and drink to share and anything you need to spend the night! After helping with Grocery Ministry on Saturday, we'll go for lunch with the event ending by 1:00. Friends are welcome, but please check with Deb first (by Thanksgiving).

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sun., Dec. 1st immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service

The business part of the meeting is to do the following:

- approve the proposed budget for 2025 (copies are available beside the bulletin baskets)
- to review the 2024 Annual Reports through August 31st (copies are available beside the bulletin baskets)
 - Election of 2 Council members (To be announced)
 - Approve the proposed sale of the parking lot adjacent to the former Poist Studio parking lot.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - If you are curious about joining this faith community as a member, or are curious about St. Paul's rich history and ministries, then join Pastor Katrina on Sunday, December 1st for an hour of conversation and information (approximate start time 11:15 am). We'll meet in the 2nd floor lounge immediately following the annual Congregation Meeting. Any questions beforehand, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Katrina.

"CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS" We are partnering with New Hope Ministries again this year to provide the basic life-needs for needy families this Christmas season.

There is a table on display outside the pulpit entrance, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift in the box provided, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens and adults. **Please do not wrap gifts.** New Hope needs to see the gifts to make a selection as to which family to give them to. **Please place items in the box by Dec. 1**st. They will be taken to New Hope Ministries. Thank you so much! Faith In Action Committee

ADVENT SEASON'S Blue Christmas/Healing Service on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at 7:00 pm Please join us for this special service.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SERVE! Just a few months ago we celebrated God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. Consider being God's hands in helping distribute food to our neighbors! Meet the Fabulous Friday crew in the gym at 3:00 (til 4:30) to help set up for grocery distribution AND//OR on Saturday at 9:00 (til 11:00) to pack and distribute. NO HEAVY LIFTING required and there are jobs for all ages and abilities. Come check it out and spread some joy!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—Dec. 8, 15 & 22 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
Altar Flowers-Dec. 8 (2 vases at \$20 each); Dec. 1 (1 vase at \$20.00 each)
Communion Bread and Wine- Dec. 1, 8 & 15 (\$12 each date)
Worship Bulletins-Dec. 1 & 8 (\$20 each date)

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present their

Winter Handbell

Concert

Saturday, December 7 at 4pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

SUN., NOV. 24	8:30 am 9:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – Christ the King
	10:30 am	Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room
Immediately following Worship		Followed by Faith Formation at 10:50 am Daily Discipleship class – nursery room (1st floor)
Inimodiatory follow	ing Wording	Youth Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	SPY Kids Family Game Day Private Use – Fellowship Hall and Kitchen
	11.00 am	Trivate Ose – Lellowship Hall and Kitchen
MON., NOV. 25	7:00 pm	Somethings Brewing Bible Study - Lounge
TUES., NOV. 26	10:00 am	Advent Bible Study – Theater Room (2 nd floor)
	10:15 am	LIU 12 Special Education Class – Fellowship Hall
THUR., NOV. 28		HAPPY THANKSGIVING
		Church Office is closed
FRI., NOV. 29		Church Office is closed
	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
	5:30 pm	SPY Parents Night Out/Lock in – Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Parents Night Out - Fellowship Hall
SAT., NOV. 30		SPY Lock-in
<i>5</i> /(1., 1(5))	9:00 am	Decorate for Advent
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service - Lounge
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., DEC. 1	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 1st Sunday of Advent
	10:30 am	Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Followed by Faith Formation at 10:50 am
Immediately following Worship		Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
Immediately following worship		New Members Class - Lounge
	2 3	Daily Discipleship class – nursery room (1st floor)
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MON., DEC. 2	6,20	Church Office is closed
	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor
	7:00 pm	Somethings Brewing Bible Study - Lounge