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The Last Sunday of the Church Pear-November 23rd, 2025

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

About the cover art: Can you see any difference between those on the inside at the wedding feast and those who have been closed out? They all began the same, Baptized, clothed in the wedding garment of the Virgin bride. And even those on the inside struggled to remain awake, it is those to whom the Lord says, "I never knew you" that the title foolish is applied. The others were wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. They kept on hearing the Word, kept on living the Christian life of repentance and receiving God's grace and mercy for Christ Jesus' sake. The others fell away, stopped hearing and ceased to allow the Word of God to lead and direct their lives. Their faith died. The Light of Christ was extinguished within their hearts. They were lost forever. Many are called, few are chosen. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3 Preludes -

Time for silent prayer and preparation for confession **Please rise and face the procession turning to the altar when the celebrant has passed by.**



Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Please Kneel/Stand

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.

- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Please Rise

Service of the Word

Introit (Congregation chants the bold stanzas)



The ransomed of the LORD

Isaiah 51:11

shall return and come to Zion with | singing;* everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,* and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*

Psalm 39:4

let me know how fleeting | I am!

C Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing be-

Psalm 39:5

fore You.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath! And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?* My hope | is in You.

Psalm 39:7

P Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

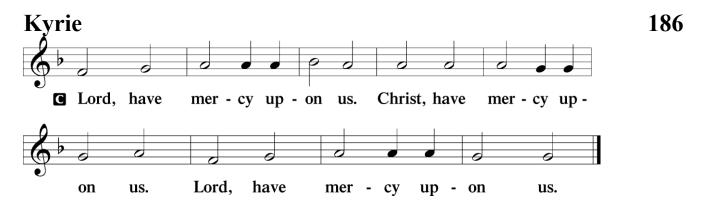
Psalm 39:8

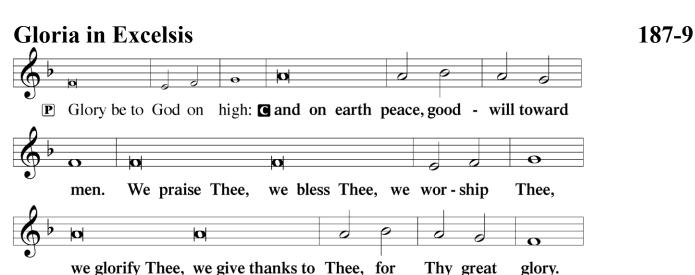
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*

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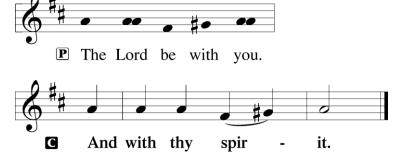
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Collect of the Day – *Prayed by Pastor*

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

The Old Testament:

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

Gradual - Chanted by the cantor

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,* with her virgin companions following be- | hind her. With joy and gladness they are | led along*

as they enter the palace | of the king.

The Epistle:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Psalm 45: 14-15

Isaiah 65:17–25

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of Light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of Salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst. Alleluia



The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 25:1–13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the Bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the Bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the Bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the marriage feast, and

the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But He answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Nicene Creed 191

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.



Sermon **Offering**

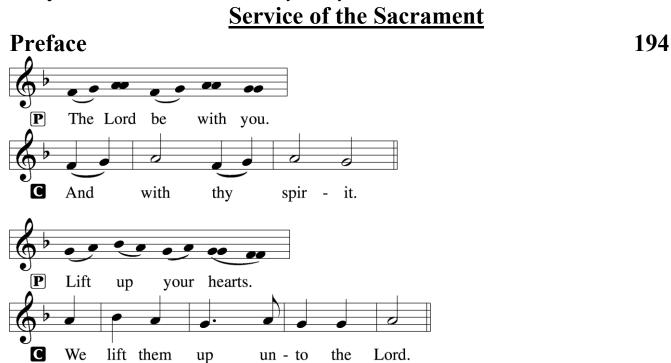
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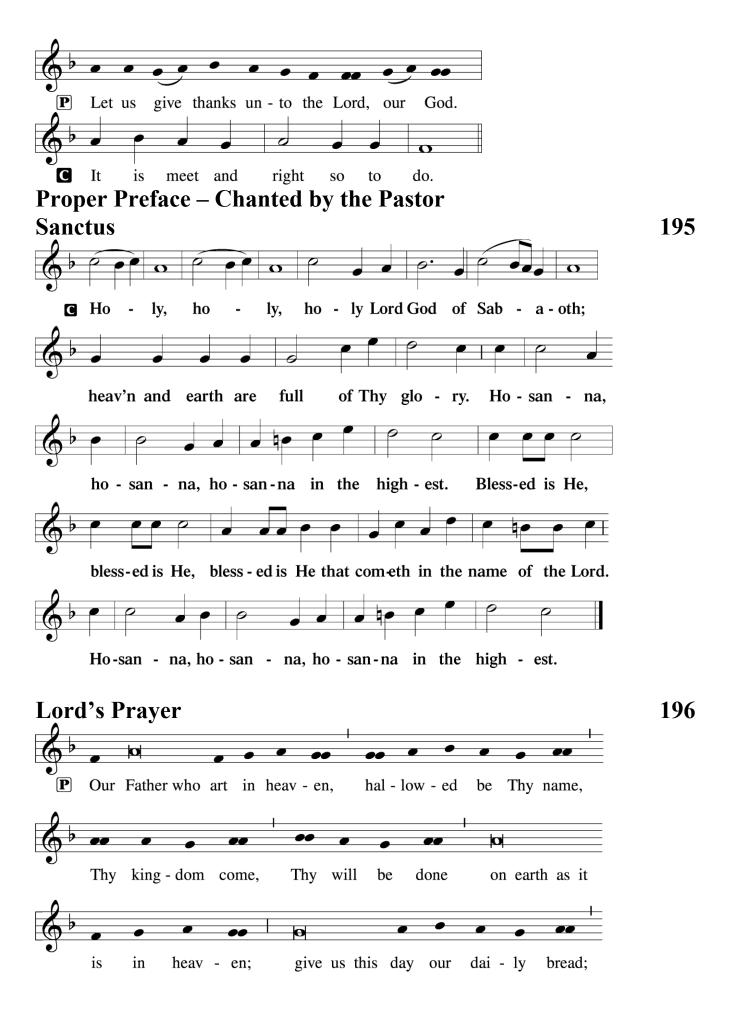
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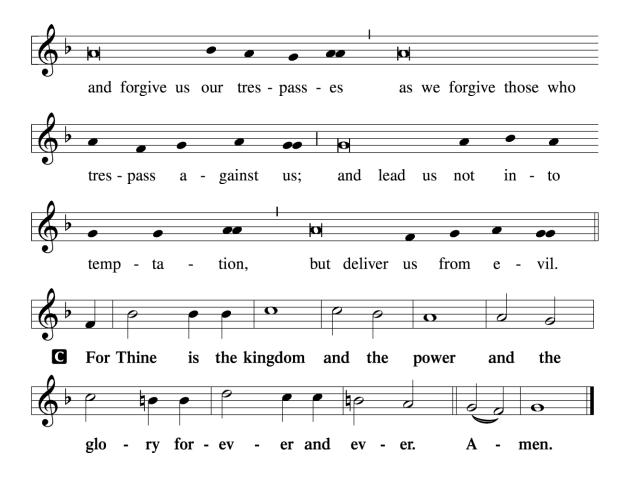
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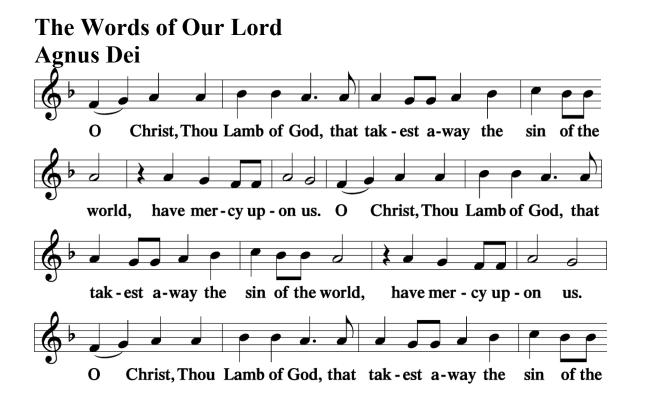


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The Verba - The Words Instituting the Lord's Supper





What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently communicant members in good standing at Prince of Peace. If you have never received Holy Communion at Prince of Peace from Pastor Foy, please see him before you commune. Thank you

Distribution

Communicants are invited to pray the following prayers:

Before receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take up the cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. (Matt.8:8;

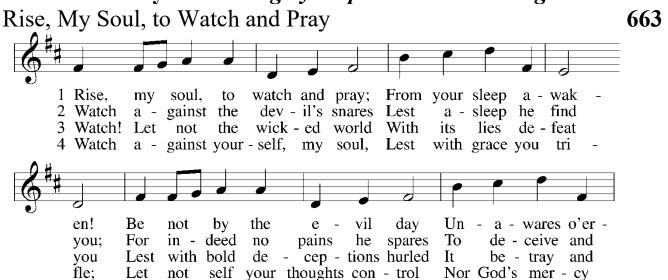
Ps.116:13)

After receiving the Sacrament

What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven and eternal blessing. Amen.

Distribution Hymns – Sung by all prior to communing



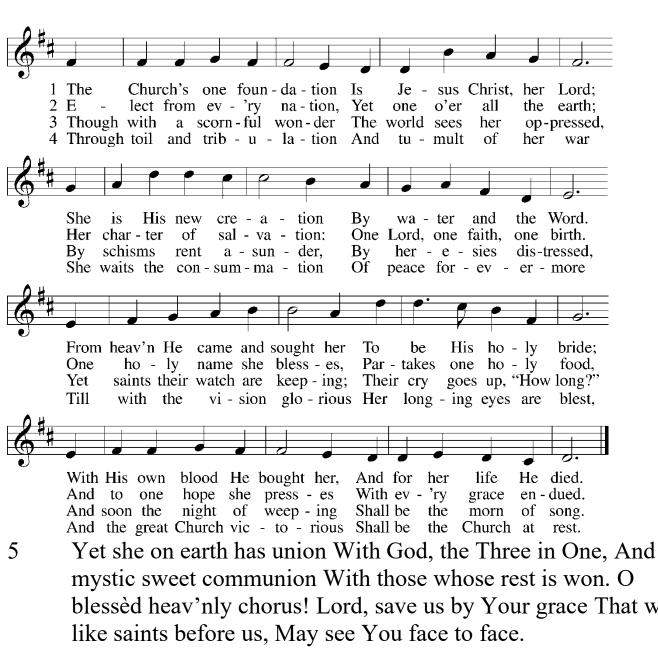


But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing, So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him.



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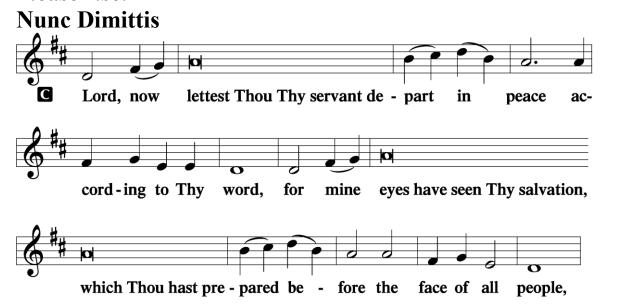


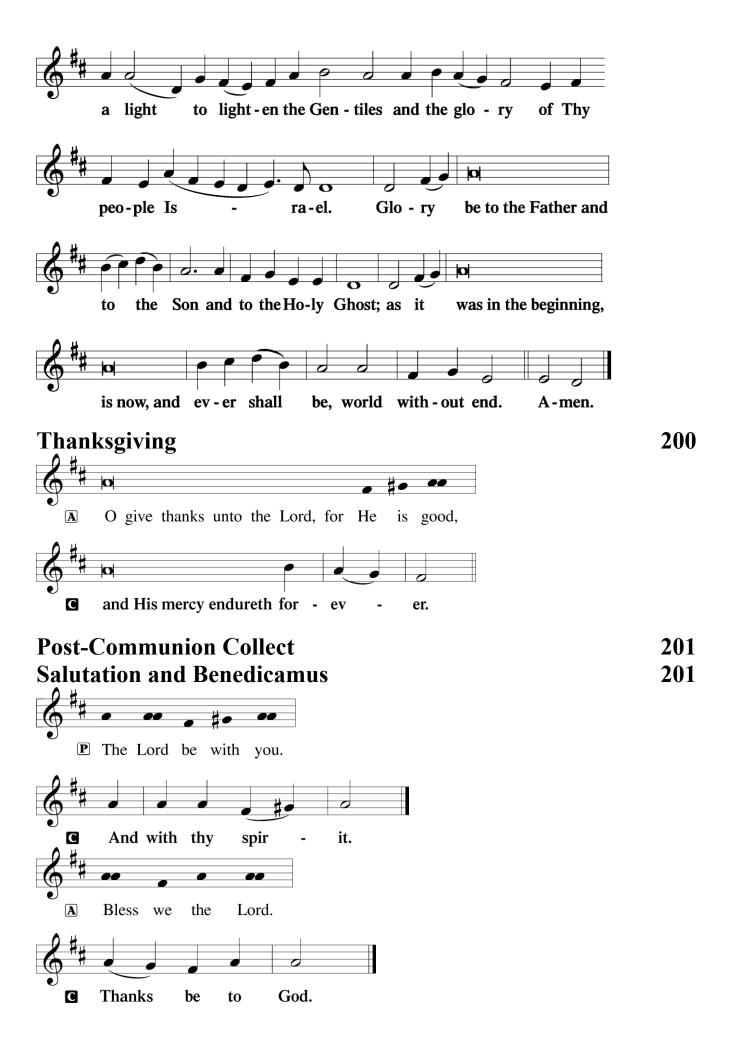


blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we,

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Please rise.





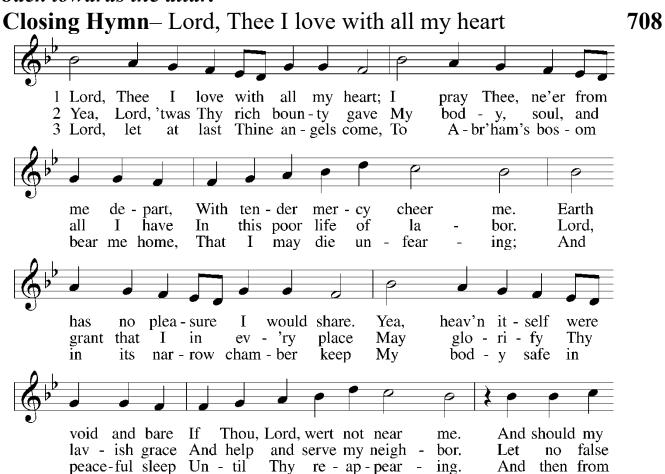
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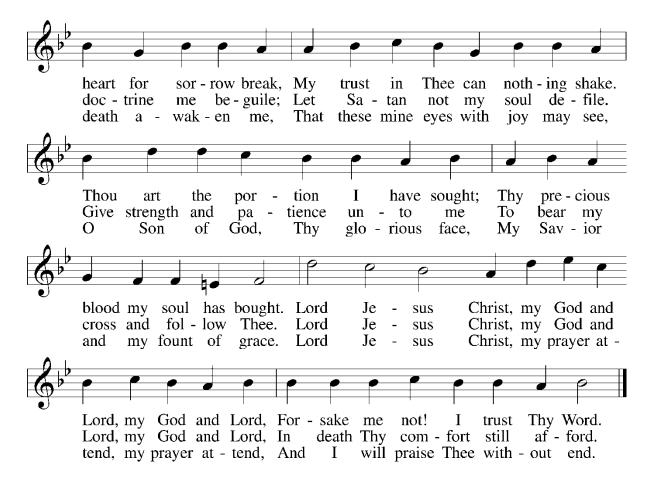


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Please face the procession until the celebrant has passed and then face back towards the altar.





"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:12, 13).

<u>Altar Flowers</u> are given to the glory of God for His grace and mercy which are new to us every morning.

<u>Lutheran Witness Subscriptions:</u> Annual Lutheran Witness subscriptions are now being renewed. This is the informative publication of our Synod. The cost is \$25 per year. Please see Pam Hardesty if you would like to have an annual subscription. Final date to sign up is December 1st. Thank you.

<u>Live Nativity:</u> Our Annual Live Nativity will be on December 14th at 4:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet at the bottom of the stairs for cookies and other goodies that we will share with our guests that evening. Please tell and invite your friends and family. Praying for mild weather is welcome as well. Thank you. Pastor

Flower Chart for 2026: The flower chart for 2026 is on the wall in the Narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn the altar with beautiful flowers. It can be a

special day for you or close to it or just a Sunday that you would like to provide the flowers for the altar. Thank you very much. Your gift is appreciated. Pastor

Stockings for the Willows: Sincere thanks to all for your extremely generous donations of items and monies to purchase items for the Willow Residents. .We will be able to fill this year's stockings in record time. We plan on filling our stockings December 5th after our Divine Service and potluck. Our gifts will be delivered later that week to Nicki, their new Activities Director. Nicki, while new to that position, has been with the Willows for the past ten years.

Mid-Week Advent Services and Soup and Salad: There will be three midweek services during Lent, December 3, 10 & 17. Please plan on joining your fellow worshippers for a light dinner prior to our Mid-week service. Soup will be served at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a sandwich or salad for yourself to enjoy with your soup. Worship is Evening Pray with Holy Communion and it begins at 7:00 p.m.

<u>December Potluck:</u> Please mark your calendars for our monthly potluck December 7th following our Worship Service. PLEASE bring a dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

<u>Lutheran World Relief personal care kits.</u> We will continue to collect items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits throughout the year. A donation box is located in Pastor's former office. Items needed new dark colored bath towels, nail clippers, tooth brushes, bars of bath soap & sturdy combs. Items may be placed in the box located in Pastor's former office off the Narthex.

<u>Seminary Gift Emporium</u> We will also continue to collect money for gift cards for the Seminary Gift Emporium throughout the year. A jar is located by the flower chart in the Narthex. Even an occasional dollar would help purchase gift cards for the Seminary Students.

<u>Valpo Homeless Shelter Meal:</u> The shelter provides 3 meals for 35-40 people in need everyday. Prince of Peace will deliver a meal December 6th. A sign-up sheet of items needed is located in the foyer. Thank you for giving a meal for those in need.

<u>Seminary Clothing Co-op:</u> We are accepting clothing for the Ft Wayne Seminary clothing coop. Please bring clothing bagged and in good condition with <u>no stains or tears</u> for men, women and children. Socks and undergarments must be new and in original package. We will get everything delivered clothing co-op Thank you.

Eggs for sale: There are eggs this week. PLEASE ONLY TAKE 1! They are donated to the ladies guild to sell for LWML. Sorry, they are not free. Please give at least \$2 for a dozen into the box on the kitchen counter. Pastor

Coffee Hour: Please make a small donation for the goodies you eat. Thank you.

SUNDAY - Bible Study: We are studying the 1st Epistle of St. Peter after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We begin at 10:45 Pastor

For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer **Elders:** Josh, Carl, Jeff, Paul

Altar Guild Servers: Cheryl, Deb, Cathy, Helen Morning Divine Service: Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Weekday Bible Study: Wednesday 11:45 a.m.

Bethesda Services: Wednesday 4:00 pm

Veterans: As requested with pastor.

PRAYERS FOR:

All who mourn the loss of loved ones especially those martyred

PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS: Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald, Marilyn Skinner, Jim & Lois Brown, Ruth Koeppen

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Craig McCall, Seneca Newkirk

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Recovery
Jim Brown- Remission
Robert Sprout - Cancer
Greg Mohlke – Kidney Issues
Ellen Strutz – Cancer
Mary Cruz – ALS
Betty Sut - Cancer

Pat Maile – Dr Care
Dave McCall – Dr Care
Mike Arnold - Cancer
Bill Lomas – Lung issues
Jo Thompson – Cancer
Josh Hardesty - Complications
Ginny Fox - Cancer

Marilyn Skinner – Cancer
Lillie Johnston – Alzheimers
Lois Brown – Parkinsons
Pete Sut – Cancer
Jerry Weingarden – Cancer
Paula Rukavina – Cancer

Bob Granzow – Dr Care Mary Jo Stanley – Heart & Lung

Mamie Raschke – Broken Hip Micah McKay – Torn ACL Stephanie DeVries - Dr Care Nancy McIntosh - Cancer

Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor

THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Rado Jukovich 11/27

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Mason Mowbray 11/23 Holly Morrow 11/28 Katie McIntosh 11/28 Marilyn Skinner 11/28 Cheryl Lewis 1129 Darlene MacDonald 11/29 Kyle Kuder 11/29

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

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Mid-week Advent Services

December 3rd, 10th & 17th

Evening Prayer 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

Christmas Eve:

8:30 pm candlelight with Holy Communion

Christmas Day:

Nativity of our Lord – Christmas Day 10:00 am