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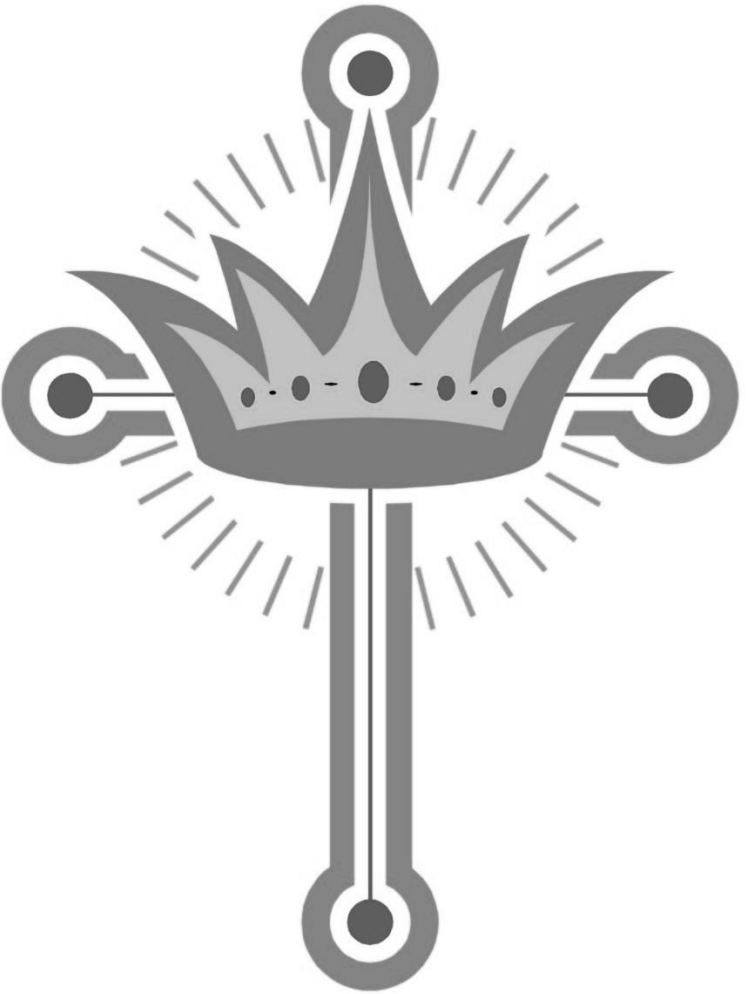


The Feast of Christ the King
November 22, 2026

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 1

All are welcome…and we do mean ALL. No matter who you are, what you look like, where you are from, or who you love. We are all children of God and loved by God. And just as God loves all of us, we are called to love one another as well.

Call to Worship (Chimes)

Welcome & Announcements – Visitors are asked to fill out a Welcome card from the pew racks and give it to the Assisting Minister during the prelude.

Prayers – You may add to the prayers today by filling out an ivory prayer card found in the pew racks. Prayer cards are collected during the prelude.

Prelude **-**

<u>*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE</u>

*The congregation responds by reading the words in **bold** print.*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

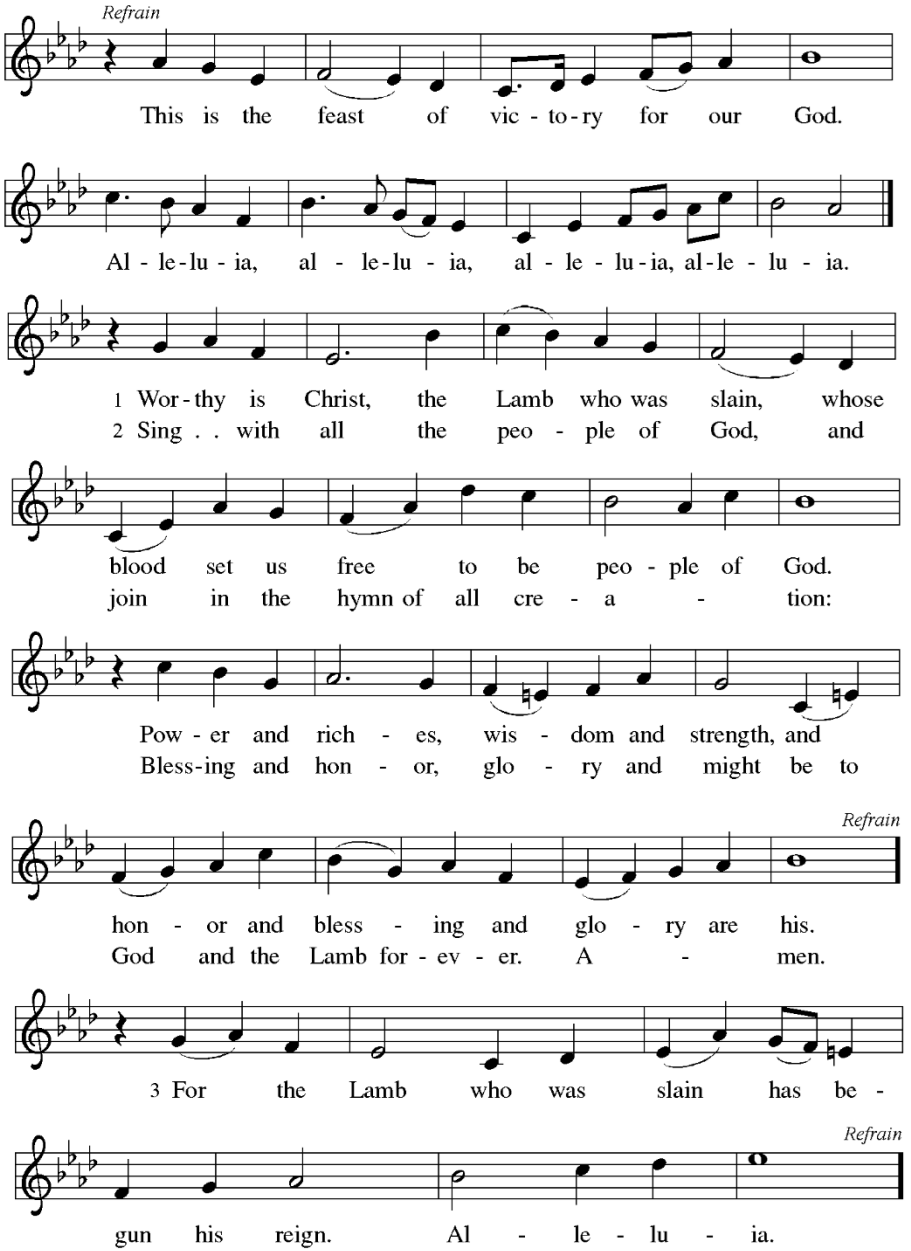
Opening Hymn:** ***Crown Him with Many Crowns **ELW 855**

***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.

***Hymn of Praise**



***Prayer of the Day**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. 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.**

Musical Offering **The Bells of Emmanuel**
We Gather Together **- arr. Kinyon**

First Lesson – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
The First Lesson is from the 34th chapter of Ezekiel.
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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 95:1-7a **Responsive Reading**

[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.

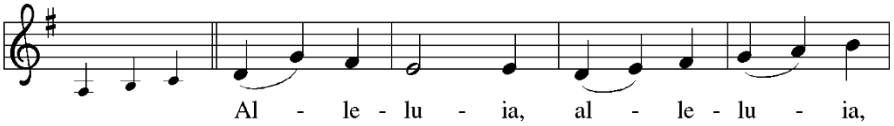
Second Lesson – Ephesians 1:15-23

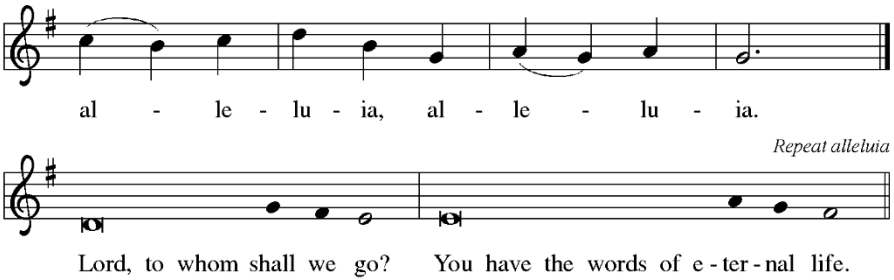
The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

[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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**





***Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46**
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th 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.

Children's Sermon

Sermon **Pastor Rob Eller**

Hymn of the Day:** ***Jesus Shall Reign **ELW 434**

***Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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 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.

Prayers of the People (please sit)

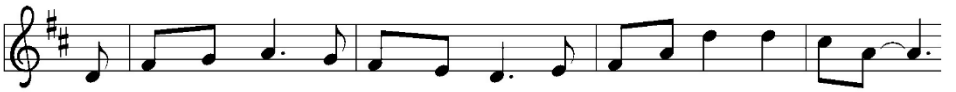
After each prayer, please offer the words:

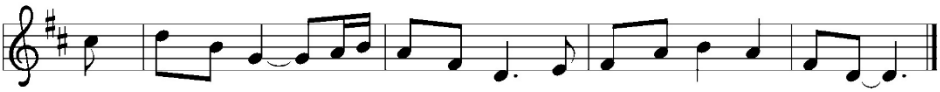
God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.*

Offering Song ***Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*** **ELW 691**





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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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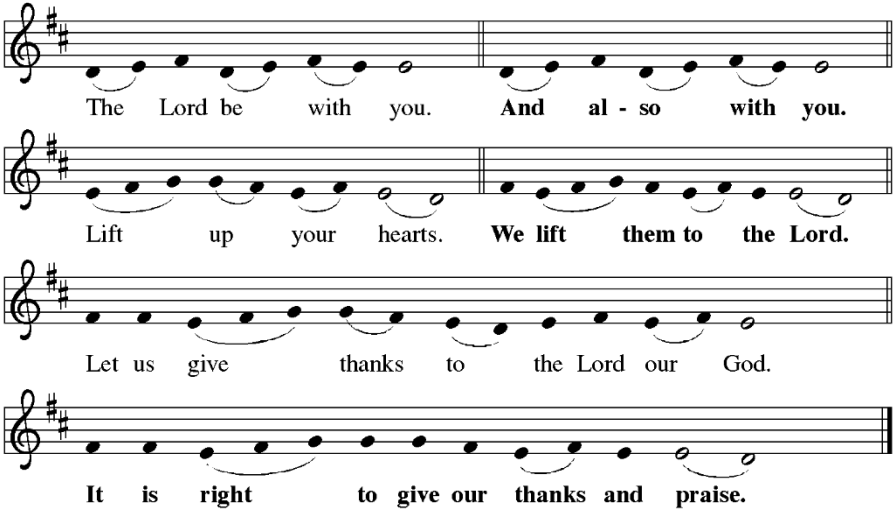
Offertory Prayer (please sit)

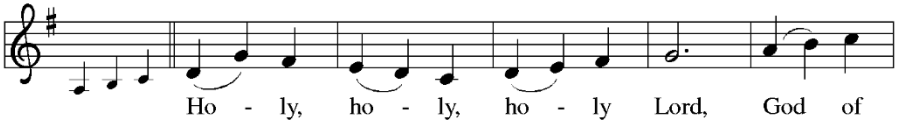
Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

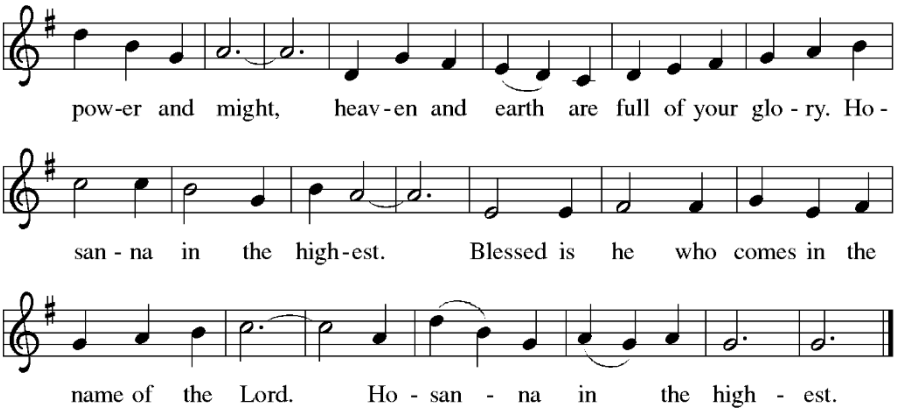
***Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise . . .
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus (Please Stand)**





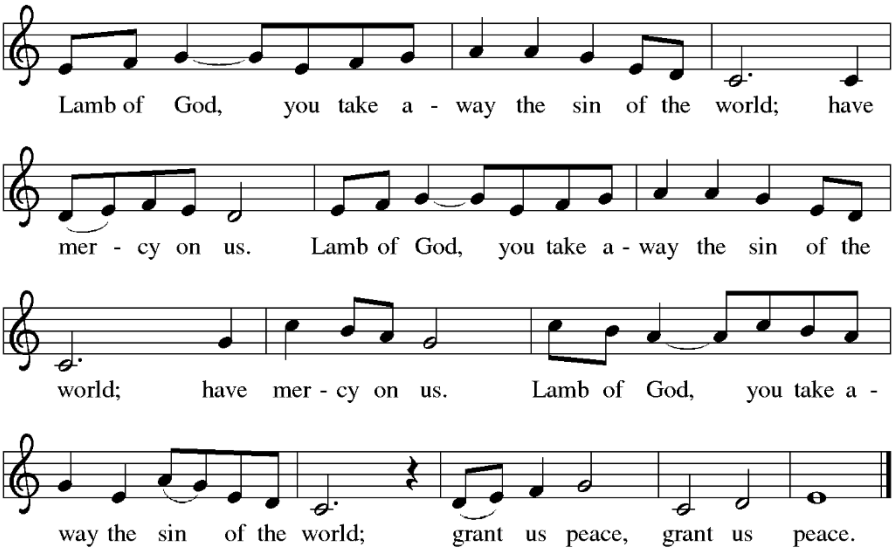
***Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)**
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

***Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)**
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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 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 (Please Stand)**
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
Thanks be to God!

Communion Song



Communion Distribution (*Your choice of **WHITE wine** or **PURPLE grape juice)***
The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

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

***Prayer after Communion**
Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***Benediction**
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✢ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn:** ***Rejoice for Christ is King **ELW 430**

***Dismissal**
While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go out in joy and be led forth in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude **-**

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – November 22, 2026
Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Barb Rupe
Greeter: Rob Sterling | Lector: Marsha Smith
Communion Assistants: Tom Yanders
Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Pianist: Ruth Patrick

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – November 29, 2026
Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Barb Rupe
Greeter: Karen Sterling | Lector: Barb Rupe
Communion Assistants: John and Barb Sandy
Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust

Attendance 11/15: 45

November Benevolence: ELCA World Hunger

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



Weekly Announcements

Communion: Please fill out a communion card and place it in the basket during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Congregational Meeting: Please plan to stay after church on November 29 for the annual congregational meeting to vote on the budget for 2027. The proposed budget will be sent out in the mail this week.

Hanging of the Greens: Join us on Monday November 23 at 4:00pm as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. Signup sheet is in the lobby.

Shanesville Lutheran Church: Everyone is invited to join Shanesville Lutheran Church (1006 W Main St, Sugarcreek, OH) on December 6 at 2:00pm for their Service of Holy Closure. After prayerful discussion, Shanesville Lutheran Church has voted to dissolve their congregation. This will be a time of remembrance and celebration for their legacy in the Sugarcreek community.

Cookie Party: The Foust-York household invites the congregation to their 10th Annual Cookies and Cocoa Open House on Saturday December 12, 2026 from 7:00-11:00pm. 2093 Erwin Road NW – Dover, OH. RSVP to Wayne York at yorkncsecu@yahoo.com.

Blue Christmas Service: Are the holidays a difficult time of year? Join us on Saturday December 19 at 4:00pm for our Blue Christmas Service, an evening prayer service of lament and hope.

Share-A-Christmas: Gift Tags will be on the lobby Christmas tree on **Sunday, Nov. 1**. You can choose a **BOY** or **GIRL** tag with the age range you desire. All gifts **must** be under the tree at Emmanuel by **Sunday, Dec. 6**, so the Service Committee can deliver them the next day.

Operation Christmas Child: We have shoeboxes available in the lobby, but we are NOT collecting filled shoebox gifts this year. There are NOT any Drop-off locations in New Philadelphia this year, but there is one church in Dover, Uhrichsville, and Sugarcreek (go to SamaritansPurse.org/occ for more info.). Collection Week is Nov. 16-23.

The Breakfast Club: Join Pastor Rob on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8:30am for breakfast while we talk about faith, the Bible, and Pastor's sermon from the previous Sunday. Please let Pastor know if you plan on attending. Bring your Bibles! We will not be meeting as scheduled this week.

Sunday School: The Sunday School has kicked off! Sunday School meets at 8:30am every Sunday. Kidz Bible School is open to kids age 3 and up. The St. Timothy adult class is open to everyone. We have started a new series called Pastor's Sermon Roundtable where we look at readings for next Sunday and discuss ideas for Pastor Rob to preach on.

Adult Choir: Calling all singers! The Emmanuel Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday September 20 at 9:00am in the downstairs choir room. We would love to welcome new and former members to sing with us this year. If you have questions about choir, please talk to Ruth Patrick.

Bell Choir: Attention all ringers! The Bells of Emmanuel rehearses on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Never rang bells before? Come try it out! All are welcome to join.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11am - 1pm outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

Pastoral Visits: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.

Calendar for the Week

Monday November 23
* AA Meeting – 12:00pm

Tuesday November 24
* Pastor's Group – 11:00am
* Bell Choir – 6:00pm

Wednesday November 25
* Mid-day Prayer Break – 11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday November 26
* Happy Thanksgiving – Office Closed

Friday November 27

Saturday November 28

Sunday November 29
* Kid's and Adult Sunday School – 8:30am
* Adult Choir – 9:00am
* Sunday worship – 9:30am
* Congregational Budget Meeting – 10:30am



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