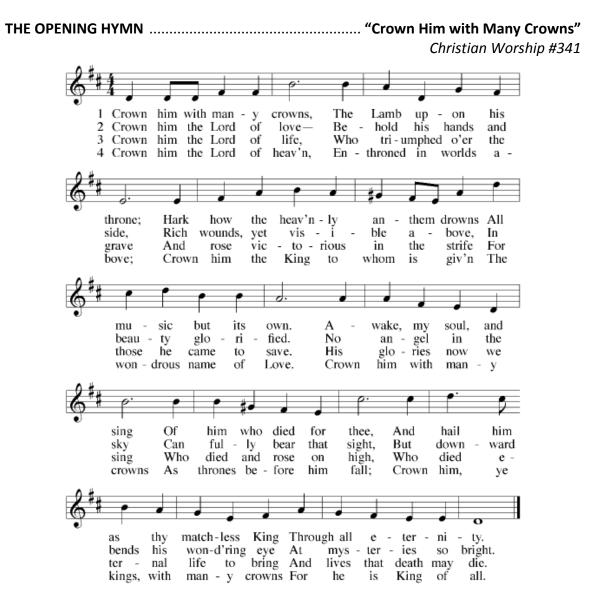
OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- *f* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- * We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- *†* Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- *t* For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY'S THEME: CHRIST IS OUR KING!

Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Jacob Hoff
	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Mrs. Sharon Larsen
Soloists	Dick Miller, John Mertz & Theresa Mess

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THE INVOCATION

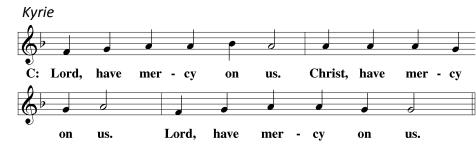
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE...... "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" by Dick Miller, John Mertz & Theresa Mess at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Sung by Congregation at 6:30 PM

Soloist, Verse 1: We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator! In grateful devotion our tribute we bring: We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

(instrumental)

- Congregation, Verse 2: We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you. Through trial and tempest our guide you have been; When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
- Congregation, Verse 3: With voices united our praises we offer; To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us. To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

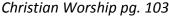
Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

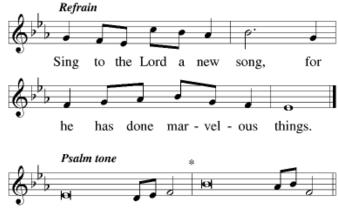


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THE FIRST LESSONJeremiah 23:2-6

² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD. ⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.





Sing to the LORD a new song,* for he has done marvelous things.

- The LORD has made his salvation known* and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;* all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,* burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,* with the harp and the sound of singing. Shout for joy before the <u>LORD</u>, the King.* He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with <u>eq</u>uity.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.





THE SECOND LESSON......Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (*Revelation 22:13*)





THE GOSPEL LESSON...... Luke 23:35-43



³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

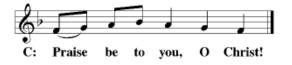
³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."



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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

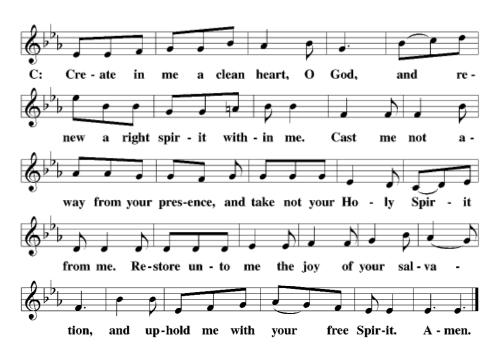
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THE SERMON Luke 23:35-43

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THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PREFACE

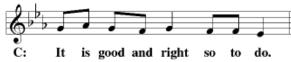
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts

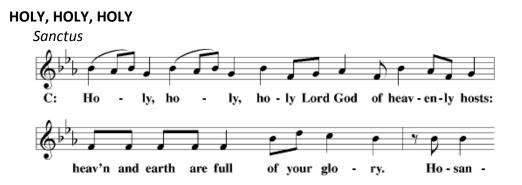


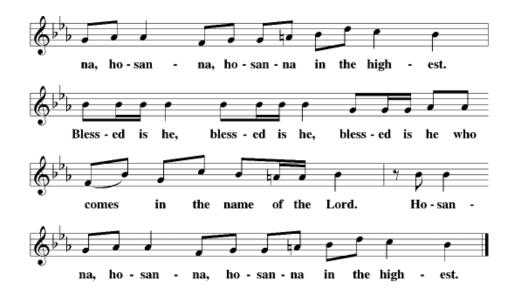
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

THE SACRAMENT





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

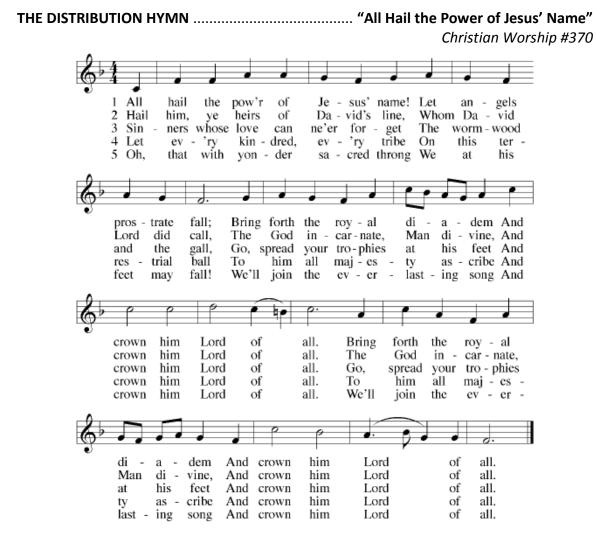
Agnus Dei



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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

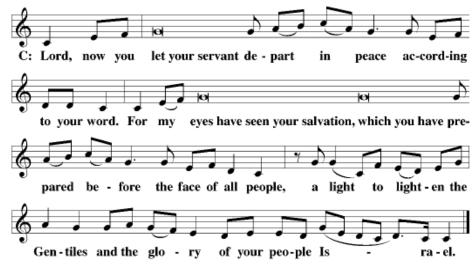
Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.



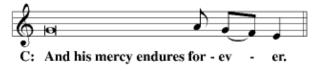
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SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



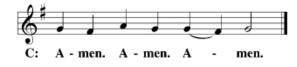
CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

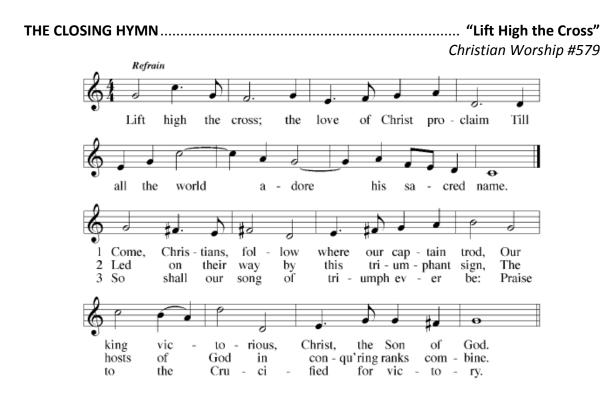


THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BIBLE CLASS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer has been a part of the Christian Church for the past 2,000 years. Christians know it well. Many a Christian have begun their day or ended their day with the words of the Lord's Prayer. It is a part of nearly every worship service at St. Paul's. Yet, do we always focus on the wonderful things that we are asking God in each of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer? Beginning on November 20th, we begin a new Bible Class on The Lord's Prayer on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come and join us!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Our Thanksgiving Worship services are this Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm & Thursday, November 24th at 10 am. Please come and join us as we give thanks to God for all his blessings.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS NEXT SUNDAY: There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on next Sunday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Weekend.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL: On Wednesday, December 7th, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Junior Choir, Adult Choir and Junior Handbells will be a part of this special service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to that service beginning at 5:30pm. In order to assist in our planning for the meal, we ask you to sign-up on the sheets in the back of church if you are desiring to attend the meal. If you would like to help bring some of the food items for that meal, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex. (If you are donating food, please have the items at church by 4:30pm.) Monetary donations are welcome any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.

MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE: A signup sheet is located in the narthex for anyone in the congregation who is interested in making Christmas cookies for the annual Mary & Martha cookie sale. Please consider baking a batch of cookies (100 cookies if possible) for this sale. Please have your cookies labeled "Mary & Martha cookie sale" and dropped off at church by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 10th. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 10th at 9am. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 11th and 12th. The

proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions.

LIVING NATIVITY: Our Living Nativity will be held on December 17th & 18th. There will be performances with live animals celebrating the birth of the Savior at 6:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:00 pm each night. Following each performance, there will be refreshments and crafts. There are various ways that you can help;

- Sign up to help on the easel in the back of church.
- Support the Living Nativity event with a monetary gift. We are also thankful that we have received two Thrivent Action Team grants (totaling \$500) to pay for new outdoor banners and most of the cost of the yard signs. Yet, there are opportunities for anyone to help further with any gifts.
- Invite people to this event through the use of yard signs, invitation cards and personal invitations.
- Come!

For more information, please talk to one of the pastors or Caleb Manske (Chairman of the Board of Outreach) at 262-442-4286 or <u>clmanske@hotmail.com</u>.

CHURCH DECORATING: As has become the tradition in recent years, the Confirmation Classes at St. Paul's and their families are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church decorating will take place Sunday, December 4th beginning after the 2nd service at around 11:30 AM. Take down of the decorations will be on Sunday, January 15th at 11:30 AM.

ADULT CHOIR: The Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Festival choir will begin on November 30. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God with their voice is welcome to join! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Festival Choir is from November 30 - February 19. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and are typically on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 PM. Choir Director: Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES DOOR COLLECTION: We have a door collection this weekend for Southside Ministries. The last five years, St. Paul's has been sponsoring gift bags for the children of St. Peter's Food Pantry recipients. We will build and give out 250 gift bags containing apples, oranges, peanuts, and candy. We also will have a small toy for each child. Words fail me in trying to describe the joy that this activity brings to the children, their parents, and the volunteers.

Past gift bags are very special memory for me. I try to pull aside small toys from the donations and hold them for the gift bags, but 250 is a lot of toys. Three years ago, the Valliers donated a relative's matchbook car collection which more than solved the immediate problem but also gave me a good start for the next year. Last year, I was anxious about having enough toys and asked for help when I talked about the door collection. Within an hour, the Cyganiaks brought me 5 large bins of beanie babies. Problem solved and a reserve for next year. God has my back! If you do have surplus toys, we can always put them to good use, especially small toys this time of year.

Thanksgiving is very appropriate time to reflect back on the blessings of this past year. The generous support of our congregation has allowed us to accomplish so much. The immigrant children have had special times during the year such as swimming, pizza parties, VBS, Trunk or Treat, Christmas caroling, and open playgrounds. The collection barrel at St. Paul's has been overflowing weekly with an endless supply of clothing, food, toys, school supplies, and kitchen utensils. Throughout the year, the calls donating furniture keep coming. Your donations are so helpful and appreciated by the families. I'm especially thankful that I've had Mark Riel, Tony Tripoli, and Tim Orlowski volunteer to help me deliver furniture.

A few weeks ago, the Karen organized a memorial service at St. Peter's for John Vircks, a volunteer who started the Karen outreach and who passed away 2 years ago. About 8 of the Karen asked to speak about coming to America and the appreciation they had for help that John and others had given them. It was very emotional. About half the speakers were overcome with emotions and had to start over to compose themselves. It was very powerful hearing how they felt so alone and scared in a new culture where they didn't understand the language and culture. They said they would never forget the help they received and the joy they had when they learned about Jesus.

This year was a very good year for our outreach effort. We average about 35 students twice a week (Monday and Wednesday 6 PM to 8 PM) for help with their homework throughout the year. We could use more volunteers for whatever time you could give. The only language you need is English. We have grown very close to the students as some have been attending for more than 7 years. We have been successful

with most students getting very good grades, many attending Christian schools, and all of them getting to hear about our Savior on a regular basis. If you have any questions, or would like to help with the tutoring, please call Gary Eickhorst at 870-9215.

May God continue to bless you and your family. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, December 10th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "God's Messengers".

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: We are still in need of a few more members for our Refreshment Committee to help out in both services. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex counter, or you may can contact Tony Tripoli at (414) 232-5817 if you would like to help!

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: December 1st & 15th, January 5th & 19th, February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

LUTHERAN CHORALE OF MILWAUKEE: The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, under the direction of Mary Prange will present "Prelude to Christmas" on Sunday, November 27th at 2:00 and 4:30 PM at Abiding Word Lutheran Church – 9420 W. Capitol Drive in Milwaukee. The organ prelude presented by Lynn Kozlowski will begin twenty minutes prior to the concert. The concert will include music for choir, brass, organ and congregational singing.

WLHS CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT: Start the Christmas season off with WLHS' annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This concert features the WLHS Concert Band, A Cappella Choir, Inspiration, Wisco Kids Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbell Choir, and other instrumental ensembles. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Afterward, enjoy a reception of Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch.

WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert, titled "How Great Our Joy!" will feature the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS,

Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

2ND ANNUAL WLHS YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP: Youth baseball camp is open to boys in grades 2-8 and will be offered on four consecutive Sundays in the WLHS gymnasiums on January 22 & 29 and February 5 & 12. Camp costs \$40 and includes a t-shirt for each camper. For more information and to register, please visit <u>wlhs.org/jrvikings</u>, scroll down to "Baseball" and click on "Youth Baseball Camp." Registration deadline is January 8, 2017.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (November 20 & 21) 8:00 AM – David & Marlene Horn 10:30 AM – Richard & Betty Patin 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

THANKSGIVING GREETERS (November 23 & 24)

6:30 PM – Don & Marge Gebert 10:00 AM – John & Barb Migacz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (November 27 & 28)

8:00 AM – Corrine Mayer
10:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam
6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski
10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Ian Eppen
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

ALTAR GUILD

Nov 16-22 – TEAM #2 –Jane Koplein, Kelly Cannistra, Karen Hille Nov 23-29 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Nov 20:Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Tony TripoliNov 27:Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Jerry Lehtinen, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 20

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible 301/Sunday School	
Worship Service with Communion	
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Monday, November 21

Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM
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Tuesday, November 22

NO Public School Confirmation Class

Wednesday, November 23

School Devotion	8:30 AM
Thanksgiving Eve Worshi	o6:30 PM

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day Worship	10:00 AM
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Friday, November 25

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, November 27

Worship Service	8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Study/Bible 301/Sunday School	
Worship Service	10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 104, 10:30 AM – 150, 6:30 PM – 54 Total Attendance – 308 Sunday Bible Class – 22, Bible 301 Class – 13, Sunday School – 7 Saturday Bible Class – 12