

*Here is the
bridegroom!
Come out
to meet him*

MATTHEW 25:6





Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, November 11, 2023 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 12, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

PRELUDE

"Tear Down the Walls"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

vv. 1 & 2

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

♩ = 86

C F C Am G

Come to- geth - er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec - tion from the liv - ing cen - ter of it all.

Last time Fine F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.
 Bring a friend or en - e - my or one you hold or blame.
 Hear cre - a - tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

F C Am F

But all is read - y will you come? Love in - vites the way.
 With each oth - er we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
 In the roar of vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Right by the Water"

$\text{♩} = 105$ With a gospel feel (swing 8th notes)

Refrain

Chords: C/E, F, G, C, Dm7, G, C, C/E, F, G, C, A7, G/B, A/C#, Dm7, C/E, F, G7, C, F, C/E, Dm7, C

Lyrics:

You are a tree right by the wa-ter with
 roots that came from a small seed. Drink deep from the
 source, sons and daugh-ters. Bear
 fruit, reach for who you can be.

Endings: Last time Fine

G7 Verse Dm7 G C

Come one and all, lost, lone - ly,
Christ stands be - side, calls out your
The riv - er brings a proph - et's

F E Am

poor. name: dream: Blest are you; God's realm is yours.
"I am with you in your pain."
"Let jus - tice flow like a stream."

Am/G F G C

All hun - gry souls you will be
May liv - ing wa - ters make you
Love has come so all you may

A7 Dm7 C/E F G C to Refrain

fed. whole. live. All you who weep will laugh in - stead.
May you find peace for your soul.
In - spir - ed we joy - ful - ly give.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

- ²Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- ³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
- ⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
- ⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Help Us O Lord"

♩ = 90

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O-pen our hearts to

feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

“On That Holy Mountain”

Jubilation

APOSTLES CREED

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each prayer petition will conclude, “Lord, in your mercy,”

The congregation responds, “hear our prayer.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

vv. 1 & 3

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.
Teach us to live your king - dom come here on earth.
of - fer in joy what you first gave to us

Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise.
O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.
Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Re - Help us, oh Lord, to feel the
mind us we're fam - i - ly; we're
Re - ceive them all now, this is our

pain in our sis - ters' eyes.
bound by bap - tis - mal birth.
prayer in Je - sus' name. We

Chords: Am, C, D, Em, B7, C, D, Em, B (last time end on Em)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

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.

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 holy name.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

$\text{♩} = 100$ E^b (D) (guitar: capo 1) $\text{B}^b\text{m}/\text{G}$ (A $\text{m}/\text{F}^\sharp$) A^b (G)

Lamb of God,
Bread of Life,
Prince of Peace,
Lamb of God,

E^b/G (D/ $\text{F}^\sharp$) $\text{A}^b\text{Maj7}$ (G Maj7) Gm7 (F $\sharp\text{m7}$)

you take a way the sin of the

1, 2, 3 C7 (B7) E^b (D) F (E) F7 (E7) B^b7 (A7)

world: have mer - cy on us.

4 C7 (B7) E^b (D) F (E) F7 (E7) B^b7 (A7) E^b (D)

world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. The ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward to receive a blessing. There are baskets at the end of the front pews where you can deposit your cups as your return to your seat. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

Jubilation

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

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Send Down the Fire"

vv. 1-3

REFRAIN

Capo 1: D F#m7 G A D F#m7 G A
 Eb Gm7 Ab Bb Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

S.A. Send down the fire of your jus - tice, _____
 Send down the fire of your

T.B. Send down the fire of your jus - tice, _____
 Send down the fire of your

D F#m7 G C G/B A
 Eb Gm7 Ab Db A7/C Bb

Send down the rains of your love; _____ Come,
 jus - tice, _____ Send down your love; Come,

Send down the rains of your love; _____ Come,
 jus - tice, _____ Send down your love; Come,

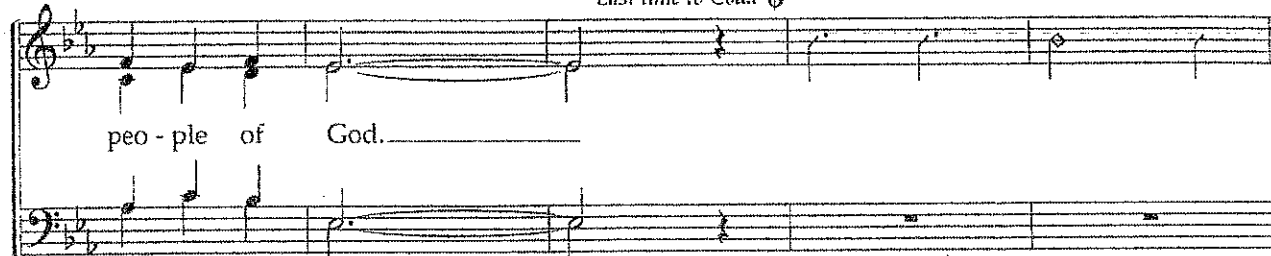
D F#m7 G A D F#7/C# Bm Em D/F#
 Eb Gm7 Ab Bb Eb G7/D Cm Fm Eb/G

send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and we shall be

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G A D A G A D A G A
 Ab Bb Eb Bb Ab Bb Eb Bb Ab Bb

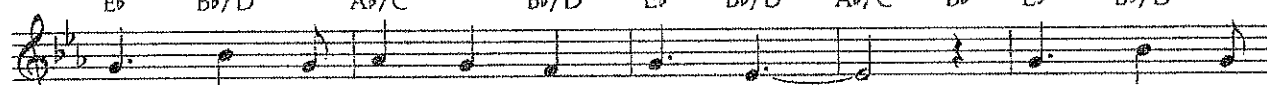
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peo - ple of God. _____

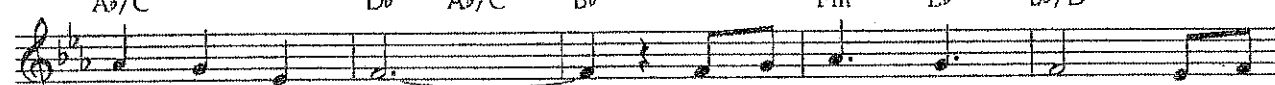
VERSES

D A/C# G/B A/C# D A/C# G/B A D A/C#
 Eb Bb/D Ab/C Bb/D Eb Bb/D Ab/C Bb Eb Bb/D Bb/D



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion, _____ Teach us the
 2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy, _____ Teach us the
 3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion, _____ Teach us the
 4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom, _____ Give us the

G/B C G/B A Em D A/C#
 Ab/C Db Ab/C Bb Fm Eb Bb/D



1. song of your love; _____ Give us hearts that sing, Give us
 2. way of your peace; _____ Give us hearts that feel, Give us
 3. fire of your truth; _____ Give us right - eous souls, 'Til your
 4. pres - ence of Christ; _____ May your ho - ly light Keep us

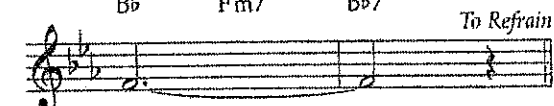
D F#7/C# Bm Em D/F# G E/G#
 Eb G7/D Cm Fm Eb/G Ab F/A



1. deeds that ring, Make us ring with the song of your
 2. hands that heal, Make us walk in the way of your
 3. jus - tice rolls, Make us burn with the fire of your
 4. shin - ing bright, Ev - er shine with the pres - ence of

A Em7 A7
 Bb Fm7 Bb7

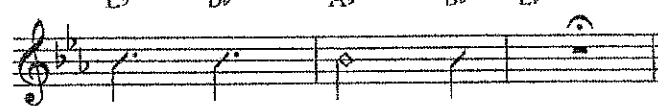
To Refrain



1. love. _____
 2. peace. _____
 3. truth. _____
 4. Christ. _____

 CODA

D A G A D
 Eb Bb Ab Bb Eb



DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Doug & Michele Olson
Reader	Ida Weibel
Communion Assistant	Michele Olson
Counters	Myron and Cindy Zabel

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Ken & Sue Oetzmann
Reader	Ida Weibel
Communion Assistant	Mary Moore
Counters	Carol Marten & Chelsey Dingbaum

Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowsi and Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker

Enough and Never Enough

Both the harsh words of the prophet Amos and the parable of the bridesmaids are scenes of anger—not pointless, misdirected frustration, but a prophetic call for change, a passionate plea that we redirect our focus. Sometimes, Amos says, anger is a result of not being heard. And sometimes, Jesus says, anger comes from fear of not being enough, not having enough, not doing enough. But being a child of God comes as a gift from God, who has poured out God's justice and righteousness on us in abundance so that we may care about those who are lacking.

What good is worship, Amos asks, if it doesn't change your lives—or that of your neighbors? What good is worship if it does not spur us to make justice happen for our siblings? The anger we encounter in Amos is of the righteous kind, the kind intended to call us to action.

In contrast, the anger expressed in the parable of the bridesmaids is that born of fear. Who ever said that the bridegroom would not admit maidens who ran out of oil? Both the bridesmaids described as wise and those described as foolish are angry because of fear of missing out. Jesus is the light of the world, and so are you, he says (John 8:12; Matthew 5:14). But when your light grows dim and tired, exhausted and weary, and you cannot see the road ahead, his light will guide the way.

How different this parable might be if the bridesmaids with oil had shared their oil. *If you are not ready*, they might have said, *let us show you how to be prepared*. What good is the kingdom of heaven if we have not lived our lives in such a way as to light the pathway for others? What good is worship if we leave the building unmoved by the cries for justice all around us?

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED

CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11 & 12, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the altar are given by Myron & Cindy Zabel in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheranelldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Henry Storjohann	Kim Pierce	Kelly
Sally Puls	Dan Anderson	Jeanette Myers	Vaughn
Jensen Spencer	Pam White	Bill Lind	Mary Lou
Ann Kuehl	Leona Farley	James Deeds	Shawn
Madison Russo	Ed Stoltz	Pam Lueder	Don
Janet Bowman	Judy Knoer	Barb Conklen	
Kathy Stoltz	Melissa Alden	Jacki Caugherty	
Steve Mixdorf	Sue Vogel	Jim Peters	
Duane Miller	Andrew Arp	Glen	

2024 Offering Envelopes



The 2024 Offering Envelopes are now available. They are arranged alphabetically on the Welcome Center counter for you to pick up. Please contact Rhonda Webber if you have not had envelopes before, but would like some for the new year.



CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST
November 12 - 10:15 am

Join us on Sunday, November 12, for our monthly congregational breakfast following the 9:00 am worship service. At each breakfast, the Bible story for the day will be explored through questions that guide your table conversation. It is our hope that these intergenerational congregational breakfasts will be an opportunity for us to grow in faith and in relationship with one another.

Lunch and a Movie



for
High School
Youth

Our next High School Youth Group activity will be lunch and a movie on Sunday, November 19. We will meet at church at 11:15 am, decide on a place for lunch, and then go to a movie. We will make a final decision on which movie during a Wednesday Youth Group Gathering a little closer to the event. The cost for the event will be \$20.

Invite friends and join us for the fun. Please let Pastor Carrie know if you are going by Wednesday, November 15, so that we can be sure to have enough drivers. If you are a parent who is willing to join us and to drive, please let me know that by Wednesday, November 15, as well. We look forward to a fun day together.



Please join us during the month of November to show appreciation for our pastors and our staff: Pastor Carrie, Pastor Heather, Dennis Kelly (Custodian), Beth Ann Anderson (Office Manager), Sue Becker (Music Director/Organist), and Teri Wittkowski (Organist).

We have a table with thank you cards and envelopes in the narthex. We appreciate all of the ways each one of them help make Faith a caring and vibrant community where our discipleship can grow.

Let's join together to let them know how much they are loved!

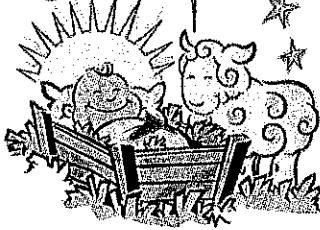


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Our Thanksgiving Offering will be evenly divided between Humility Homes and Services for their emergency shelters in Davenport and with Lutheran Disaster Response with designation for the Middle East Crisis. Please place your Thanksgiving offering in your designated Thanksgiving envelope or put it in a pew envelope with "Thanksgiving" marked on the envelope.

Sunday School Program

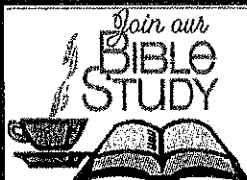


The Sunday School Christmas program will be on **Sunday, December 17th, at 9:00 am**. We will practice during Sunday School in November and December, with the exception of November 26th, as we will not have Sunday School that day due to the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

Sunday School will be on Christmas break December 24th and 31st. We will resume on Sunday, January 7th, with our Winter Rally Day and Congregational Breakfast!



Everyone loves a treat after church! We need people to provide treats for fellowship time on Sunday mornings. Not a baker? No problem! Store bought items and homemade are all enjoyed! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Please join us for a weekly study of the scripture together on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!



THIS WEEK'S GLANCE

Saturday, November 11	5:00 pm	Jubilation Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, November 12	9:00 am	Jubilation Worship In Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Congregational Breakfast
	11:15 am	Mutual Ministry Team Meeting
Monday, November 13	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:00 pm	Lion's Club Exec Mtg.
Tuesday, November 14	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Jubilation
Wednesday, November 15	10:00 am	Grand Haven Worship
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:00 pm	Cantata Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	People of Praise
	7:00 pm	High School Youth Group
	7:10 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, November 16	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday, November 17	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, November 18	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, November 19	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am	High School Movie Day



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm** at **(563) 285-4501**. **For after-hour emergencies**, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **(641) 275-1326** or **Pastor Heather** at **(563) 639-9606**.