



**November 12, 2023**  
***Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***  
**[Online Guest Form](#)**



*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.*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Praeludium et Fuga" (Jos. Surzynski)

Steven Schneider,  
Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*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.**

\*HYMN: "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

LBW 242



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with his word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

\*THE 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.



\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ④ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*THE SALUTATION

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as 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. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even 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. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

THE PSALM: Psalm 70

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me  
turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

<sup>5</sup>But 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

<sup>13</sup>We 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. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For 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. <sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>Then 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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 25:1-13

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder



1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass - ing won - der  
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.  
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,  
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;  
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;  
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
 hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."  
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion,  
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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### \*THE 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



**\*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**THE OFFERING**

Organ Solo: "Offertoire Pastoral" (Marcel Rouher)

**\*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

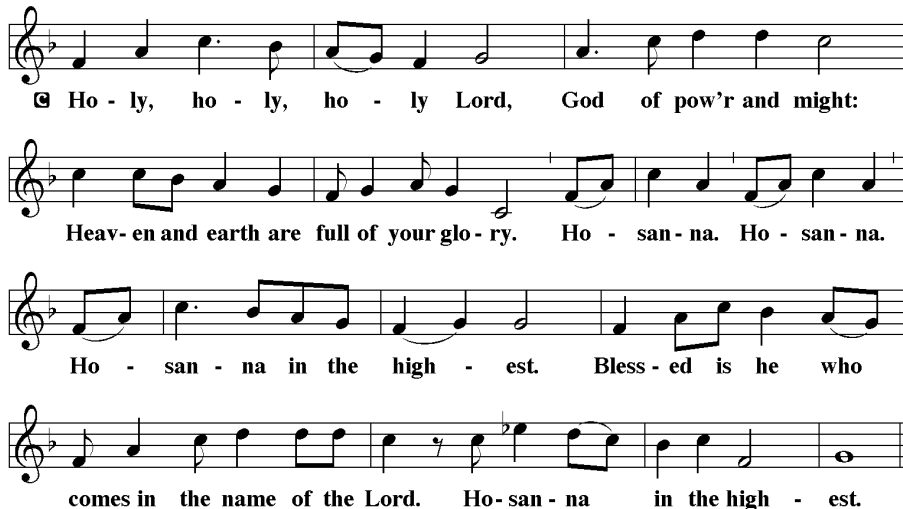
**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

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 him thanks and praise.**

## \*THE SANCTUS



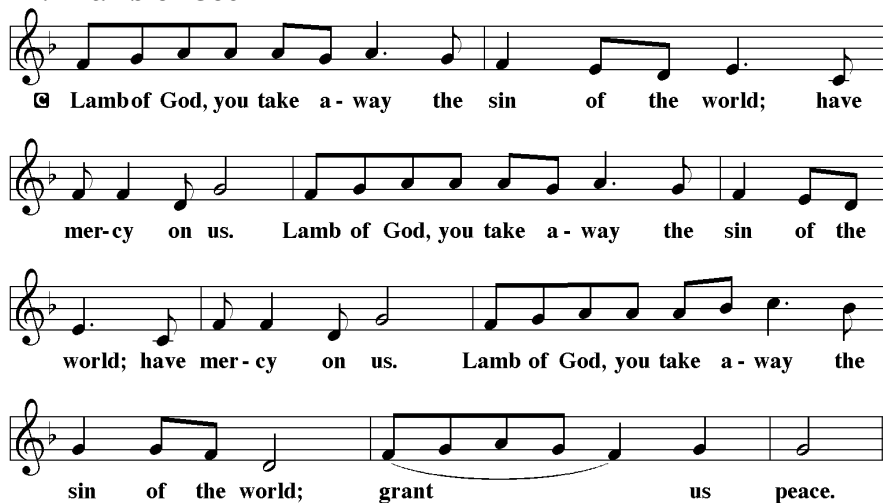
☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*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

## THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## HYMN: "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

ELW 492/WOV 706

*Refrain*

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

*Refrain*

in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
 God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
 Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
 Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34

Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young

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## HYMN: "Come, Let Us Eat"

LBW 214 (not printed)


\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*THE BLESSING



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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\*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Sortita in B Flat" (G.F. Handel)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Carol Garst  
Linda Peirce  
Bill Peirce  
Peggy Mabry  
Jacquie Fry

Matthew Attebury  
Pat Seitz  
Jim Hannegan  
Chloe Cunningham  
Amber Alt

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Matthew DeMarsh in celebration of Jutta's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, and by Janet Smith in celebration of Lee's and Janell's birthdays tomorrow.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome. New! The nursery is now equipped with a flatscreen TV showing the service in progress.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in being a paid substitute for a Sunday in the nursery, please contact Laurie Campbell at [personnel.committee@mlutheran.org](mailto:personnel.committee@mlutheran.org) for details.

CALL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS can be sent to: Rachel Finch ([rachel.tatum.finch@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.tatum.finch@gmail.com)) or Neda Ballard ([neda.ballard@hotmail.com](mailto:neda.ballard@hotmail.com)) Nominations are being accepted until November 13<sup>th</sup>.

THE ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION runs through Wed., Nov 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Funds raised help MLC's Comforter group purchase notions, batting, and other supplies to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Mission Quilt program. Place your bid on the corresponding quilt's bidding form. Highest bid wins. *Please note minimum bids and bid increments for items over \$100.*

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS surviving grief when everyone else is celebrating, First Baptist Church, Madison Tuesday, November 14 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Free to attend, reservations: 256-772-9712 See Wednesday's E News.

THE SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE AGING AND THEIR FAMILIES Presented by the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care's School of Applied Ministry Tuesday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Presenters: The Rev. Traci Loveman and Julie Smith of Caring Strategies. CEU's available for nurses and social workers. Cost: FREE for Messiah members. To register: [malmcarl@hotmail.com](mailto:malmcarl@hotmail.com) or 256 883-6539.

MOES (Messiah Older Elementary Students) MOES will meet at NOON on November 19 to make Christmas Ornaments.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap FOOD PANTRY Honey Buns/ Snack Cakes

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Greyson Pitchko (8:30)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Ryan Fedrick (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Pitchko Family (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Tim Pitchko (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Andrew King (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Glen Long, Joe Huwaldt (8:30)
			Bill Holbrook, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
<u>Pastor Kris Schroeder</u>		<u>Cantor</u>	Holly Martin
Email: <a href="mailto:pastor.kris@mlutheran.org">pastor.kris@mlutheran.org</a>		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Lee Linda Baggett (8:30)
Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519			Pat Esteppe (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Claire Davis, Bob Davis (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jean Stuart

# **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

## **Sunday, November 12**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages

5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

## **Tuesday, November 14**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

11:30 a.m. - Hope for the Holidays

5:30 p.m. - Youth Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. - Spiritual Care of the Aging and their Families Zoom

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation Task Force Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 15**

5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Dorothy Seitz - Baked Potato Bar

6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)

6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)

6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

## **Thursday, November 16/** Deadline for December Messiah Messenger Submissions

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

## **Saturday, November 18**

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Team Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. - Madison City Interfaith Day of Prayer/City Hall

## **Sunday, November 19**

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. - Worship: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - No Sunday School - Craft Project

11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *Band Led* with the Lord's Supper

12:00 p.m. - MOES Ornament Project

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

November 19 - Organist Melanie Payne's First Sunday

November 23 & 24 - (Church Office Closed) Thanksgiving

December 3 - Advent Begins

December 6 - Midweek Advent Services begin

December 10 - Annual Ring & Sing Concert

December 17 - Children's Program

## **Attendance:**

October 29 Online: - 136      November 5 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 106, 11:00 a.m. - 67

## **Offerings Counted Week of November 5, 2023**

Church Ministries	\$5,477.00	Handmade Market	\$983.11
Current Mortgages	130.00	Messiah Mugs	\$37.50
Music Ministries	\$185.00	Wednesday Night Dinner	\$95.00
Facility Usage	\$478.00	German Food Festival	\$2675.84

Give Online!



## **Volunteer Sign Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/33773DB0EA3CFEE>

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