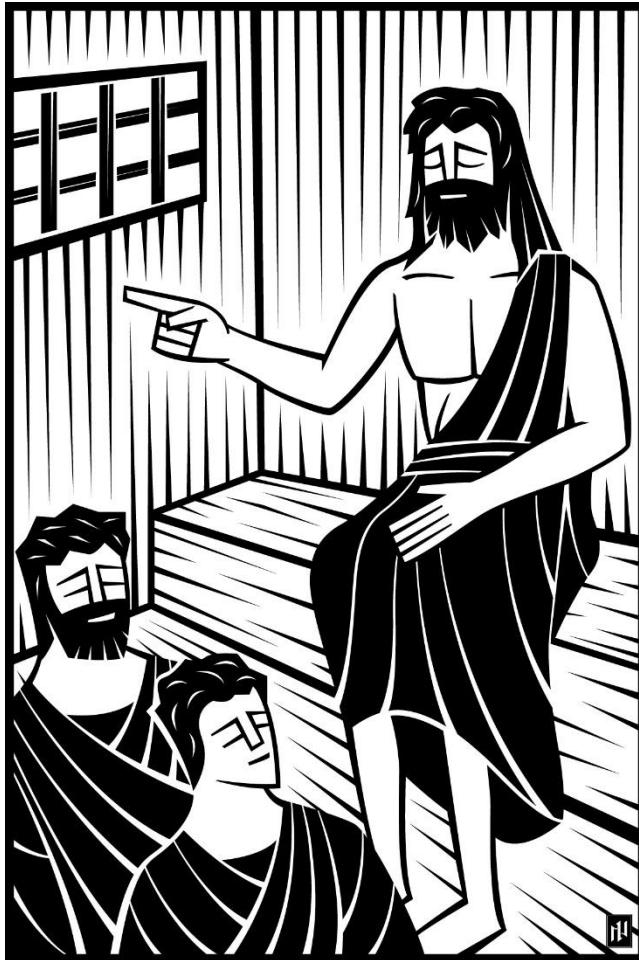




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Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Advent



Christ is Coming! Believe!



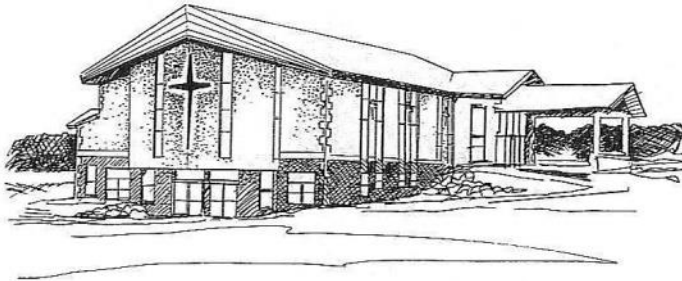
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

December 11, 2022

DIVINE SERVICE II

HYMN (CW 15)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
2 Lo, the Lamb, so long - ex - pect - ed, Comes with
3 That, when next he comes with glo - ry And the
4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day."
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n,
with his mer - cy, And with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 6th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.

Tune: MERTON (87 87) William H. Monk, 1823-89.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

M: We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.

C: **We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**

M: We hear his call to see the light.

C: **We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

Three Advent candles are lit.



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-7

The wilderness and the desert will be glad.

The wasteland of the Arabah will rejoice and blossom like a crocus.

² It will bloom lavishly,

and there will be great joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it.

It will be excellent like Carmel and Sharon.

They will see the glory of the LORD,

the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,

and make the shaky knees steady.

⁴ Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

*⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.*

*⁶ The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.*

*Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.*

*⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.
There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts
of jackals once lay.*

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Star, A Song, A Sign

SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-11

⁷ Therefore, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the valuable harvest from the ground, patiently waiting for it, until it receives the early and late rain. ⁸ You be patient too. Strengthen your hearts because the coming of the Lord is near.

⁹ Do not complain about one another, brothers, so that you will not be judged. Look! The Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ Brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering with patient endurance. ¹¹ See, we consider those who endured to be blessed. You have heard of the patient endurance of Job and have seen what the Lord did in the end, because the Lord is especially compassionate and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

STAND

² While John was in prison, he heard about the things Christ was doing. He sent two of his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the Coming One or should we wait for someone else?”

⁴ Jesus answered them, “Go, report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is preached to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is the one who does not take offense at me.”

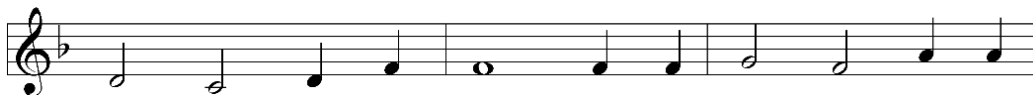
⁷ As these two were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the crowds about John. “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? No, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹ So what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you! And he is much more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ ¹¹ Amen I tell you: Among those born of women there has not appeared anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

BE SEATED





1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the
 strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out
 suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
 Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
 des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing
 what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
 wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800-79.

Messiah Brings Blessings...Far as the Curse is Found

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERINGS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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 comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

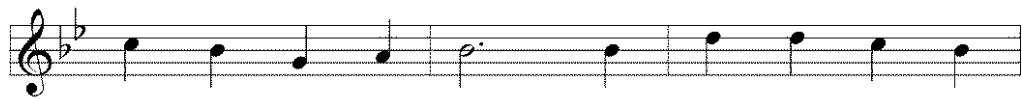
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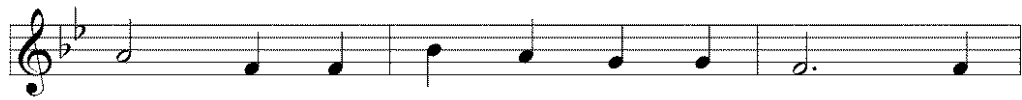
1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



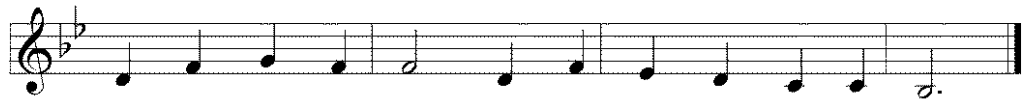
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28

1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: 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."

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

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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 your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 11)

Comfort, Comfort All My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace,"
 2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out
 3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing In the des -
 4 Straight - en out the crook - ed high - way; Make the rough -



so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger
 ert far and near, Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance
 er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all
 He no more will see or heed. They have suf -
 For the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn -
 Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo -



Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 fered man - ya day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.
 ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken



That their war - fare now is o - ver."
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 And the hills bow down to greet him.
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 26)

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant When the heav'ns shall



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
 pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;



Low - ly came on earth to die, Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 ev - er sing - ing Till the dawn of end - less day.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, abr., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHREKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

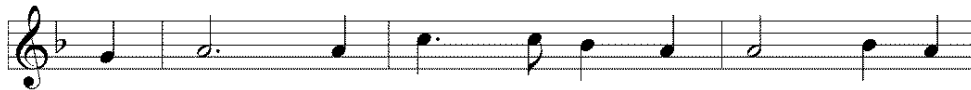
Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: 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.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 4 v. 4-5)

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to you; here, Lord, abide!
Oh, enter with your saving grace;
Show me your kind and friendly face.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to your name.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

To God Be the Glory (CW 399:1 &3)

To close our 8:00 a.m. service this morning, the choir will sing To God be the Glory in recognition of the 60 years of faithful service Sharon Freund has rendered to God's Church on earth as organist.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Personal Prayer Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

Personal Prayer After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Reception: Following the 8:00 service today, the congregation is invited to a reception for Sharon Freund as we recognize her 60 years of service playing organ for worship. Join us in our new fellowship space.

Divine Call: Pastor Jenswold continues to hold the divine Call to serve as pastor of Green Valley Ev. Lutheran Church in Henderson, NV. Please keep him and Sue in your prayers at this time.

Upcoming special services:

Children's Christmas Service - *Christmas Light*

Wednesday December 21: 6:30 pm

Children arrive at 6:00 pm and go downstairs

Christmas Eve Worship: 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Worship

One service at 9:00 am with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Worship: 4:00 pm

New Year's Day Worship

8:00 and 10:30 am with Holy Communion



Ladies Christmas Outing: The Ladies Friendship Circle would like to invite all ladies in the congregation to attend their annual Christmas gathering. It is Thursday Dec. 15 at 6:00 pm at the Rodeside Grill (6317 Rostad Drive, Windsor). Sign-up at the back of church so they can plan for how many are coming. There is also an optional ornament exchange. To participate, bring a wrapped ornament with you that evening. (\$5 or less).

Cross Stitch Crafts: If you are looking for some gift ideas or stocking stuffers this season, be sure to see the displayed items in our fellowship hall. There are many Christmas items as well as year-round crafts. There are no assigned prices but a free will offering is available. Any donations for the crafts will go towards our wish list items here at church. (Carpet Installation and purchasing new projectors in the sanctuary.) Donations can be placed in the wooden alms box.

Sunday December 11: Third Sunday in Advent
Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:00 am: Reception for Sharon Freund

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Aaron Oughton (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Roger LaGrange
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer/Donna Cotter • A/V & Recording: Jon Eckelberg

Sunday December 18: Fourth Sunday in Advent
Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Joe Hornbeck (8:00) and Andy Holzman (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer/Donna Cotter • A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Kathy Brown (12/13), Cindy Nelson (12/13), Isla Saidler (12/15), Barb Schade (12/15), Sara Benzel (12/16) and Ben Marquardt (12/16) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings Mark & Nettie Beyer (12/12) who celebrate their wedding anniversary on Monday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Offerings November 13 - 19:

- General Fund: \$8,354
- Building Expansion Fund: \$380
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10



Offerings November 20 - 26:

- General Fund: \$5,356
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10

Offerings November 27 – 30 (Partial week):

- General Fund: \$6,776
- Building Expansion Fund: \$380
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997

Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to the church electronically through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(November 13 – 30, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$6,741 was given through Vanco to the general fund.)

