

# Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12/13, 2023



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Prelude

Men's Choir Anthem    *How Great Is Our God*

Handbell Anthem            *Here I Am Lord*

Announcements

Entrance Hymn    *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*                      *LSB 663*

Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

**P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**P** How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

**C Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!**

**P** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**C For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.**

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

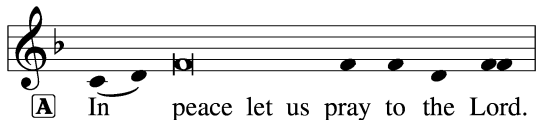
**P** O LORD of hosts,  
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

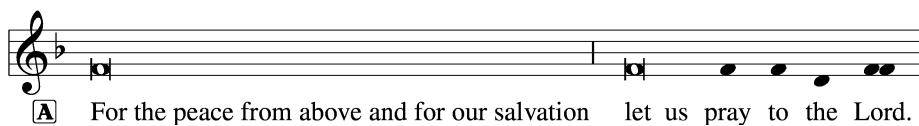
**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

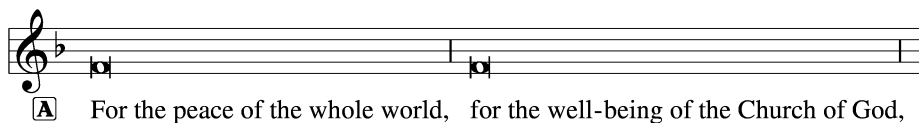




**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



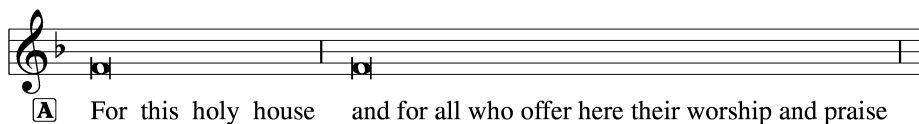
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



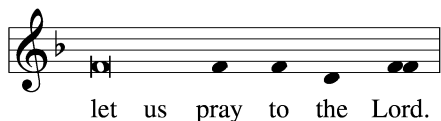
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



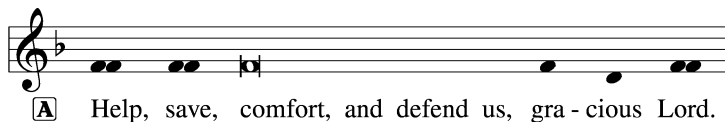
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



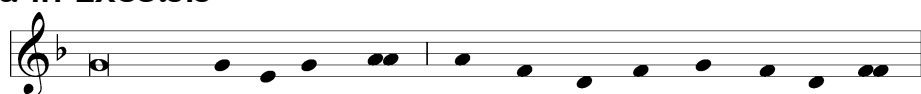
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

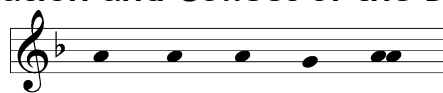


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 5:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why would you have the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, and not light,  
<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.  
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
<sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts,  
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 peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.  
<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Proper

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the

Lamb.

**C** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, 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 fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** 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.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish,

and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures



and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

*LSB 516*

Sermon

*Stand*

Prayer of the Church

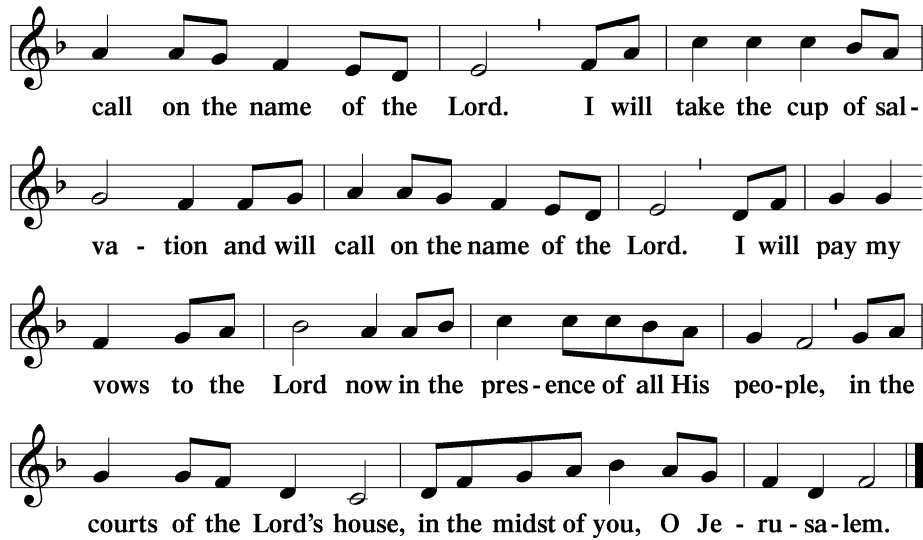
**A** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of  
the sanctuary.

Offertory

*LSB 159*

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will




call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*



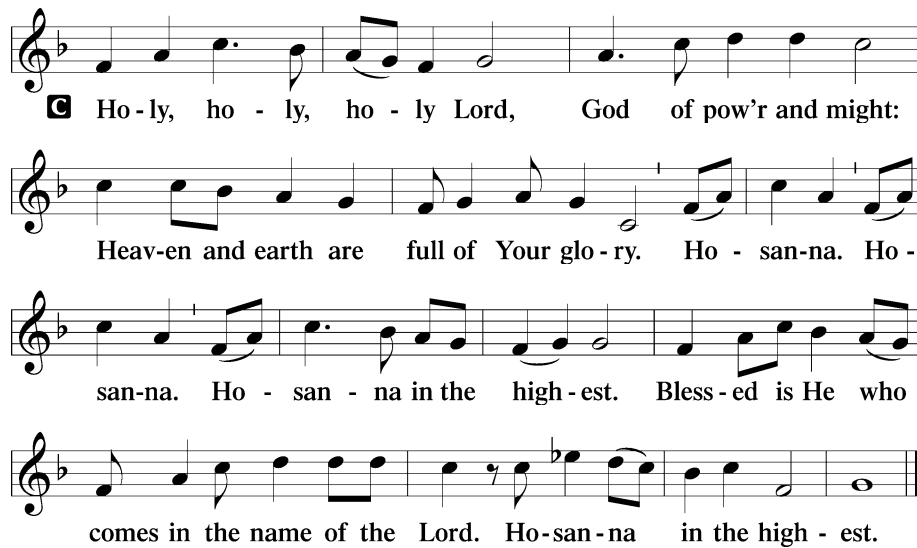
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

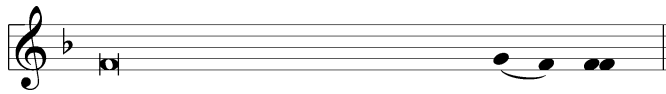
**C** Our Father who art in heaven...

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

## Pax Domini

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** 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.

*Sit*

*For the Communion Beliefs and Practices of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please see the announcements at the back of the bulletin.*

## Distribution of the Sacrament

- The ushers will dismiss you to go forward.
- Go to the communion rail on your side.
- If you are able, you may kneel when pastor welcomes you.
- The host will be distributed, followed by the individual cups.
- If you receive the sacrament with an individual cup, please continue to hold the empty cup as pastor comes by with the chalice (common cup).
- The chalice will follow for those wishing to receive the sacrament in this way.
- If you take the common cup, please grasp the base or stem of the chalice and help the pastor tip the cup.

## Distribution Hymns

<i>The Day Is Surely Drawing Near</i>	<i>LSB 508</i>
<i>Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed</i>	<i>LSB 560</i>
<i>O Blessed Spring</i>	<i>LSB 595</i>

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*

**G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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 Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Hymn to Depart      *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

*LSB 515*

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**Worship Times:** Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

### **Welcome**

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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## **Serving our Lord in Worship:**

Preacher/Liturgist

Rev. Joel Brassfield

Organist

Sunday: Vicki Lenearts

Monday: Ann Rhode

Ushers:

Sunday: Kyle Olson & Mike Kaczkowski

Monday: Tim Zinkel & Mike Canty

Communion Assistant

Sunday: Michael Gregurich

Altar Guild

Bonnie Wagner & JoAnn Noffke

CD Recording

Joanne Thompson

Altar Flowers

Prayers





### **This Week at Redeemer**

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

8:15 am Finance

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Catechism

6:30 pm Game Night

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

**Last Week Attendance: 119**

**Last Week Offering: \$3,790**

## **Statement on Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

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## **Second Time Singles**

Second Time Singles December outing will be on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We will attend the Clipper City Chordsmen Christmas presentation "A Lot For Christmas." The tickets are \$20 and the deadline for purchasing is Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The performance is held at the Endries Hall at the Franciscan Center. We will have tickets available Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> or at the door. Questions to JoAnn Noffke (920-717-0201) or Joanne Thompson (920-684-7152).

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## **Scripture readings for Bible study on 11/14:**

Old Testament: Zephaniah 1:7-16

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

## **Call Committee Update**

Several weeks ago, the call committee requested a completely new list of candidates from the District for the Senior Pastor position at Redeemer - and at this stage, we are still waiting for that updated list to arrive. As we are starting this process over, the congregation is also asked to submit any names for the position via the form which was included in last week's bulletin and is available at the Welcome Center or office. Please fill out the form completely and be sure to sign it, and return the form to Michael Gregurich, Mike Kaczkowski, or directly to the church office. The forms need to be completed and handed in by Sunday, November 12th. We also wanted to advise the congregation that Pastor Brassfield has written to the call committee and after prayerful consideration, has advised us that he has withdrawn his name from consideration as a candidate to fill The Office of the Holy Ministry at Redeemer. We thank you for keeping Pastor Brassfield, the call committee and Redeemer in your prayers as we continue with the process, and we will keep everyone updated as things move forward.

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## **Snow Shoveling Needed – Paid Position**

Redeemer is looking for someone to shovel and/or snow blow whenever it is needed, including before preschool and church services. Shovels and a fairly new Ariens snow thrower are provided for the job – which is a paid opportunity. We have people contracted to plow the lot and salt, but they do not do the public sidewalks and walkways into church. If you are interested, please reach out to Kyle Weidmayer or Pat Korte for more information.

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## **Youth Game Nights**

**November Youth Game Nights will be on**

**Wednesday nights, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:20pm.**

**The puzzle for November is a Haiku based on Malachi 3:7**

**You turned from my laws;**

**You have not kept them. Return**

**I will turn to \_\_\_\_\_.**

### ***Thanksgiving Vespers and Pie***

*We will gather for worship and to thank God for all of our many blessing on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st at 6:00 P.M.** Per usual we will be giving away our offering from our Thanksgiving worship. This year the entire offering will be given to the Weekend Meals for Kids Program. Following worship, we will have a special time of fellowship. Feel free to make an extra pie this Thanksgiving and bring it to worship that night as we share in the blessings that God has given to all of us.*

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### ***Save The Date!***

**The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held at Redeemer on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following Worship.**

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### **Poinsettias**

We will once again be decorating Church to celebrate the birth of our Savior! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Church, please sign up on the clipboards at the Welcome Center by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please fill out your name on the clipboard, put money in the envelopes (PLEASE put your name and envelope number on the envelope), and leave the envelopes in the brown box. Thank you! The plant sizes and prices are listed below:

- 4" White Poinsettia: \$6
- 6 ½" Red Poinsettia: \$11
- 8" Planter with foliage/plants/poinsettia: \$16
- Swag with cones, berries, and bow: \$14

### **St. Nicholas on December 6**

St. Nicholas will be at Redeemer Lutheran's Advent Service on December 6! Invite children to bring any extra pair of shoes that night to be left below the TV at the entrance to church.

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### **Help Decorate Church**

Beth Utecht, Alysha Olson and Madri Gregurich are looking for some additional volunteers to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season. If you are available, please meet on **Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am and/or from 4-5:30pm.**

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### **Christmas Tree Decorating**

All children are invited to help decorate the Christmas trees on December 6 at the Advent Service.

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### **Children's Christmas Program**

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure any child that wants to be in the program is attending Sunday School!

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### **Lutheran Church Extension Fund**

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund is looking for new investors. The LCEF supports The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and its ministries by making loans to churches and schools for building projects as well as helping pastors and seminary students. LCEF is presently offering a limited time 2 ½ year Fixed-Rate Note at 6.25% interest. You can find more information and an application form at [LCEF.org](http://LCEF.org) or call 800-843-5233.

## **Redeemer Directory Albums**

It is a work in progress. The 2015 Redeemer Directory is constantly being updated in notebook album form with pictures of special groups, new members, some families have added children or children have grown considerably since the last picture. Other things added are stories of shut-ins, new or present members. Sadly, more members have left us but joined our Lord in Heaven and the published obituaries and added pictures are included in the albums. There are two three-ring binder albums so take a look when you have a chance. They will be on one of the round tables or cabinet by the card purchase stand. If you have anything to add, talk to Rosemary Kautzer.