

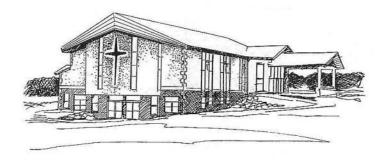
# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Using, not Burying, our Talents



# "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

November 19, 2023

## **DIVINE SERVICE II**

#### **OPENING HYMN** (CW 555)

For All Your Saints, O Lord



Tune: ENERGY (SM) William H. Monk, 1823-89.

#### 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 Kyrie

**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.

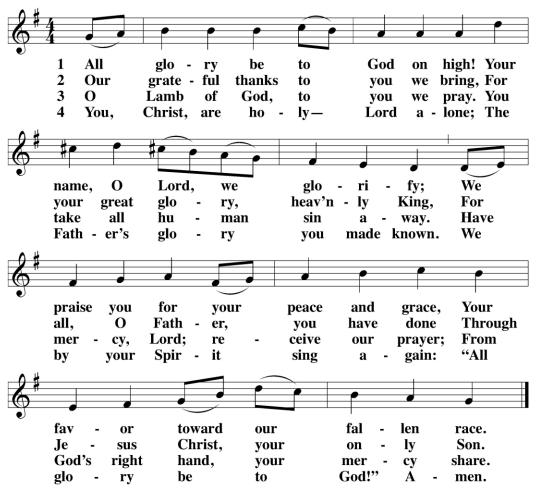
#### C: Lord, have mercy.

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

**GLORY BE TO GOD** 

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: MORNING HYMN



#### THE WORD

## SALUTATION

- **M:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

BE SEATED

#### FIRST LESSON

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

- <sup>11</sup> What do your many sacrifices mean to me? says the LORD.
  I have more than enough rams as burnt offerings and enough fat from well-fed animals.
  I am not pleased with the blood of bulls or the blood of lambs and male goats.
- <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has asked for this from your hands: this trampling on my courts?
- <sup>13</sup> Stop bringing worthless offerings! Your incense is an abomination to me. I cannot stand your sinful assemblies on the new moons, Sabbaths, and holy days.
- <sup>14</sup> Deep in my soul I hate your new moons and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden to me. I am tired of putting up with them.
- <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Indeed, even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.
- <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves. Purify yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from my sight. Stop doing evil. <sup>17</sup> Learn to do good. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Seek justice for the fatherless. Plead for the widow.
- <sup>18</sup> Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow. Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.



Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our <u>dwelling place</u>\* throughout all generations.

- Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth <u>and</u> the world,\* from everlasting to everlasting <u>you</u> are God.
- For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,\* or like a watch <u>in</u> the night. *Refrain*

You have set our iniquities be<u>fore</u> you,\* our secret sins in the light of your <u>pres</u>ence.

You turn mortals <u>back</u> to dust.\* You sweep them away in the <u>sleep</u> of death.

The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we <u>have</u> the strength;\* yet their span is but trouble and <u>sor</u>row.

Teach us to number our <u>days</u> aright,\* that we may gain a heart of <u>wis</u>dom. *Refrain* 

Satisfy us in the morning with your un<u>failing</u> love,\* that we may sing for joy and be glad <u>all</u> our days.

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

#### SECOND LESSON

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. <sup>2</sup> Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. <sup>7</sup> If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. <sup>8</sup> If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.



#### HYMN OF THE DAY (CW 214)



Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.

#### **SERMON**

<sup>14</sup> "You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He said, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.'
<sup>21</sup> "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>22</sup> "The servant who received the two talents came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.' <sup>23</sup> "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>24</sup> "Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed. <sup>25</sup> Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

<sup>26</sup> "His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest. <sup>28</sup> Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>30</sup> Throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

#### **Eagerly Watching AND Faithfully Working**

#### STAND

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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#### **OFFERING**

During the gathering of the thank-offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you!

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For those haunted by guilt and shame, that God would not enter into judgment with his servants, but faithfully convince them of his grace and holiness for them in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For pastors, that God would strengthen them to meditate on all he has done and proclaim his Word in its truth and purity; and that God would raise up the next generation of prophets who will faithfully go and proclaim the wonders of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For our families, that as children of the day, we may be blessed to learn the Father's ways and stand vested in the armor of his faith, love and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For national repentance, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the afflicted, *[including \_\_\_\_\_\_,]* that for his name's sake, God would preserve their lives and bring their souls out of trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have mercy.** 

For a right reception of Christ's body and blood, that since he has destined us not for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ, God would give us penitent hearts that welcome his grace and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For God's kindness to those who died in the faith, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that he would comfort all who mourn with the assurance that, whether we are awake or asleep, Christ has died that we might live with him, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider you a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that you give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in your household; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## 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.

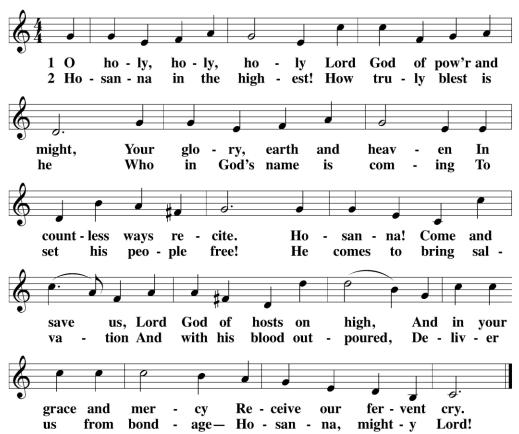
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age.

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

Tune: LANCASHIRE



### 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

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

Matthew 6.9-13

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.

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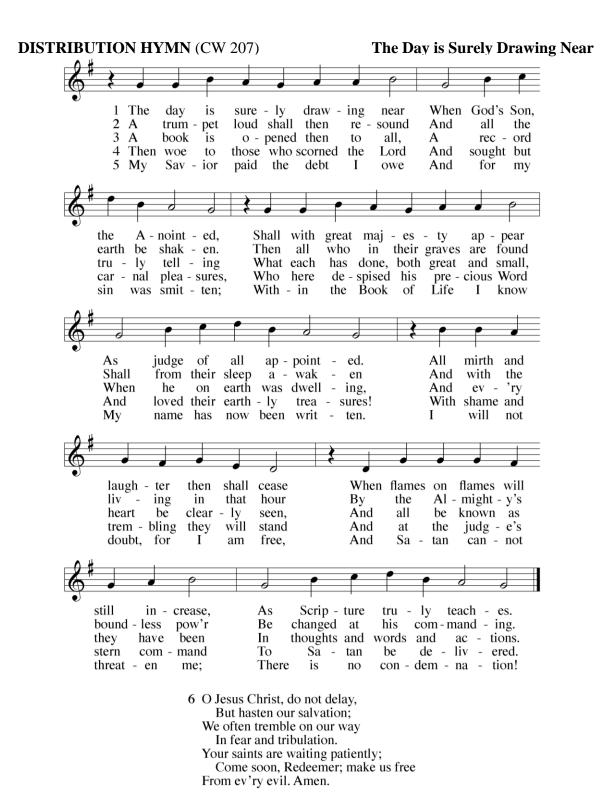
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#### DISTRIBUTION

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 our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future. **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 211)



Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt. Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.



#### SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY **Nunc Dimittis** De - part 10 Lord. now let ant in peace. vour serv -2 All glo the All glo -... ry to Fa - ther, ry to For I as sured: have seen your prom ised In -All the Spir For the Son. glo ry to it. Wordsav ing Light that will car - nate. A en three in For the ev er one: as in be where Gen - tiles All gloom dwell: The bril - liant, light - en God's tri - une gin - ning. Is shall ev - er now. be. crown - ing glo ry Of those in Is ra el! Through all name re - sound ing e-ter - ni - tv.

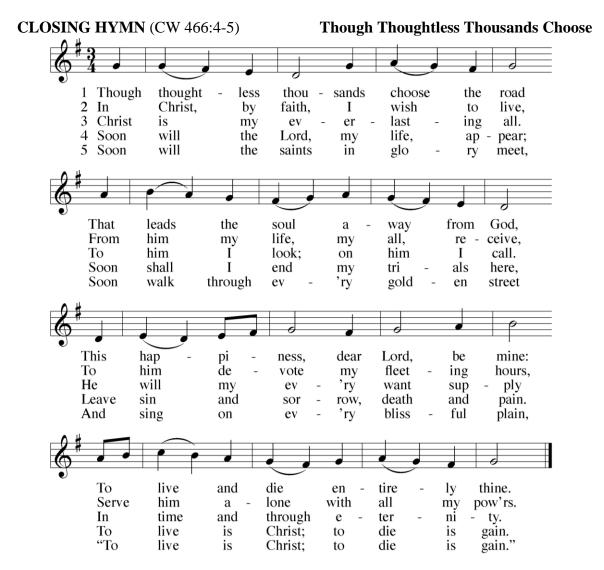
- M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you 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

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.

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## **Personal Prayers for Worship**

#### **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.

## 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.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

## **Bible Studies this week:**

## Sunday 9:15 am: "Angels are Making Their Rounds", sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday evening Bible study resumes in January.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)



Thanksgiving Worship Wed. Nov. 22 at 6:30 pm or Thurs. Nov. 23 at 9:00 am

**Giving Tree:** Our annual Giving Tree is up at Lord of Love. We are providing Christmas gifts to 8 youth in our community -3 gifts each. If you would like to participate, select an ornament from the tree and purchase the item. **Items are due back to church by Wednesday December 6.** Please note:

- Please attach the ornament tag to the gift
- Gifts should be **unwrapped**
- Limit cost of gift to no more than \$30
- You may want to include a gift receipt if possible.



## Christmas Tree Set Up & Decorating - Saturday Nov. 25, 9:00 am.

Come help us as we get ready for Christmas. All ages welcome. Treats provided.

## Advent by Candlelight – Zion Lutheran Leeds. Dec. 3 at 3:00 pm.

All ladies are invited to attend the Advent by Candlelight service at our sister congregation up the road. The theme is *Follow the Star*. To attend, sign up at church so we can let them know how many to expect. Zion is at W6906 Co. Rd. K, Arlington, WI.

**Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show:** There is 1 spot still available for the December 12 show. Cost is \$61 per person. If you have already signed up, payment is due November 23. Checks should be made out to Lord of Love Lutheran and placed in the manila envelope in the office.

#### Sunday November 19: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school Drumstick food donations are due to church by 11:30 am.

Pastor Joel Jenswold

- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00 Ryan Jaeger, 10:30 Jim Miller
- Ushers 8:00: Aaron Oughton and volunteer needed
- Ushers 10:30: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Sandy Heath and Sally Kaalberg
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Weinheimer Family

#### 11:30 – 12:00 pm: Assemble food items, upstairs addition.

12:00 – 1:30 pm: Families pick up Thanksgiving meals, upstairs addition.

#### Wednesday November 22: Thanksgiving Worship 6:30 pm

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

#### Thursday November 23: Thanksgiving Worship 9:00 am

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Ushers: Gene Freund and volunteer

#### Sunday November 26: Christ the King Sunday Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Volunteer needed
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Sandy Heath and Sally Kaalberg
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Gene & Sharon Freund

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Laura Pond (11/19), Braylon Garrett (11/20), Siri Olson (11/20), Brett Switzky (11/21), Sherry Hill (11/22), Aiden Woolsey (11/22), Alex Nelson (11/23) and Elena Turnbull (11/25) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Jean & Rachelle Dragon (11/19) and John & Nancy Barden (11/22) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison 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 and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

#### **Offerings October 22 - 28:**

- General Fund: \$4,401
- Mortgage Reduction: \$510

#### **Offerings October 29 - 31:**

• General Fund: \$7,303

#### **Offerings November 1 - 11:**

- General Fund: \$16,525
- Mortgage Reduction: \$160
- AV Improvements (Wish List): \$120

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,200

**Electronic Giving:** You can give contributions to church 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.

(October 22 – November 11: In the totals listed above, \$7,390 was given to the general fund and \$120 to the AV projector wish list through Vanco electronic giving.)

## Looking ahead:

- November 5: Winter clothing collection begins.
- November 19: Drumstick items due to church. Organize food items 11:40 am Upstairs addition. Families pickup meals 12:00 1:30 pm.
- November 19: Giving Tree collection begins.
- November 22: Thanksgiving Worship, 6:30 pm
- November 23: Thanksgiving Worship, 9:00 am
- November 23: Deadline to sign up/pay for the Christmas in the Dells Dinner show.
- Nov. 25: Christmas tree set up and decorating, 9:00 am. Treats provided.
- Nov. 26: Winter clothing collection ends.
- Dec. 2, 9, & 16: Children's Christmas service practice, 9:00 10:00 am
- Dec. 3: Advent by Candlelight at Zion Lutheran, Leeds. 3:00 4:30 pm. *All ladies are invited.*
- **December 6:** Giving Tree gifts are due to church.
- December 11: Ladies Christmas Dinner Outing, 6:00 pm Rodeside Grill, Windsor
- **Tuesday December 12:** Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show, 2:00 pm. Lunch 1:15 pm. Leave church parking lot at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$61 per person.
- December 20: Children's Christmas Service, 6:30 pm
- December 24: Regular Sunday morning worship times, 8:00 & 10:30 am
- December 24: Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30 pm
- December 25: Christmas Day Worship, 9:00 am
- December 31: Sunday worship 8:00 & 10:30 am. No evening worship service.
- January 11, 2024: Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, 12:00 5:00 pm
- January 27: Euchre Card night