

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Live a Life of Startling Generosity

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as "a joyful dialogue with God." God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this "joyful dialogue" today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent's Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: Perhaps you have heard the axiom, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." In other words, while you still can, use what you have in order to enjoy life to the fullest. If this life is all there is, St. Paul agrees that would be a good philosophy. Paul wrote, "If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'" (1 Corinthians 15:32). However, note the "if." Paul was saying that the epicurean approach to life makes sense only if this life is all we have. But it isn't. Jesus will raise us from the dead and take us to live in his home, a place of perfect comfort and beauty. Knowing that, we are set free from the need to live a self-indulgent life now. Instead, we can be generous people, using the wealth that God has given us to serve both him and others. We can live a life of startling generosity.

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November 10, 2024

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 480)

Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth



Text: Edward A. Dayman, 1807-90, alt.

Tune: O HEILIGE DREIFALTIGKEIT (LM) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561, alt.

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

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.

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THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ "Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you." ¹⁰ So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink." ¹¹ When she went to get it, he called to her, "Please bring me a piece of bread." 12 She said, "As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground." ¹⁵ So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

CHOIR ANTHEM Speak, O Lord

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: ² In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. ³ I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, ⁴ pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God's will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. ⁶ As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. ⁷ But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift. ⁸ I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

HYMN OF THE DAY (CW 485)

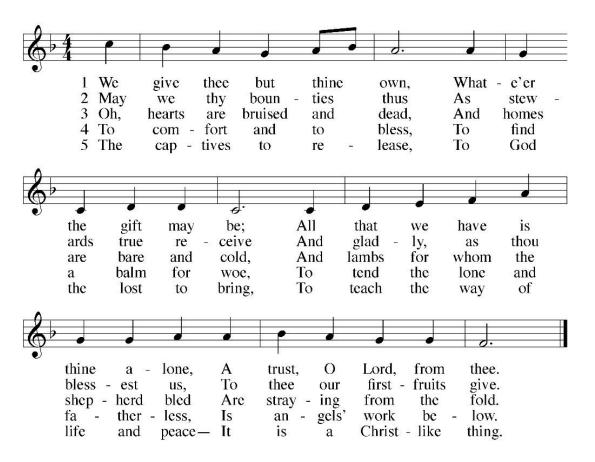
We Give Thee but Thine Own

(on page 9)

SERMON Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ He also said to them in his teaching, "Beware of the experts in the law who like to walk around in long robes and receive greetings in the marketplaces. ³⁹ They love the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and offer long prayers to look good. These men will receive greater condemnation." ⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the offering box and was watching how the crowd put money into it. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴² One poor widow came and put in two small bronze coins, worth less than a penny. ⁴³ He called his disciples together and said to them, "Amen I tell you: This poor widow put more into the offering box than all the others. ⁴⁴ For they all gave out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all that she had to live on."

The Widow...Prey and Praised



6 And we believe thy Word Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97.

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

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 truly 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.

BE SEATED

GATHERING OF THANK-OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register during the collection of the offering.

Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful Lord, you send the Holy Spirit to call your people to faith. Graciously keep us in the divine Word, and send out faithful laborers into your harvest. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, grant us faith like that of the widow, who gave her last two coins, trusting that you would care for her every need. Deliver us from all hypocrisy, and give us genuine faith, joyful piety and cheerful giving. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, you call us to honor the authorities set over us. Look with favor upon those who this week were elected to hold office in this land, especially our president, vice president and our national and state legislators. Preserve them from evil, and bless them in body and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, your Son came not to be served but to serve, especially to serve those who are ignored and despised. Comfort the afflicted and troubled, the sick, all widows, and women with child, all young children, all who mourn, and all who are in need. Keep them steadfast in the faith, and bring their suffering to an end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, grant repentance and faith to all who receive our Lord's body and blood today, that in the unity of a true confession, they may receive it for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M:

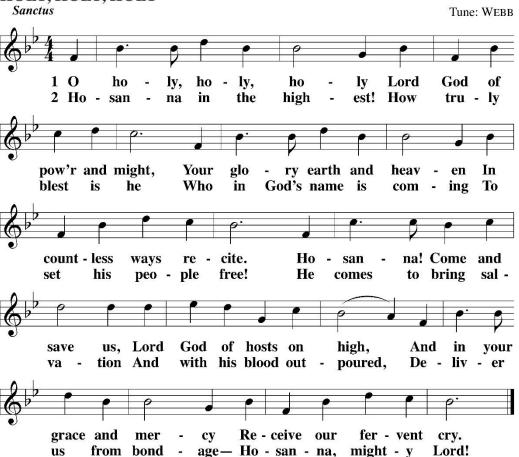
C:

The Lord be with you.

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



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."

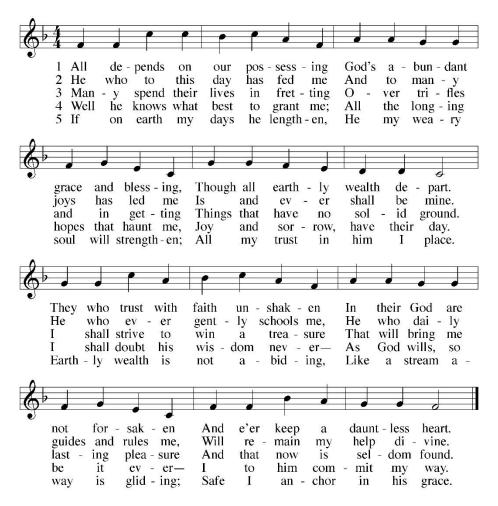
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



BE SEATED



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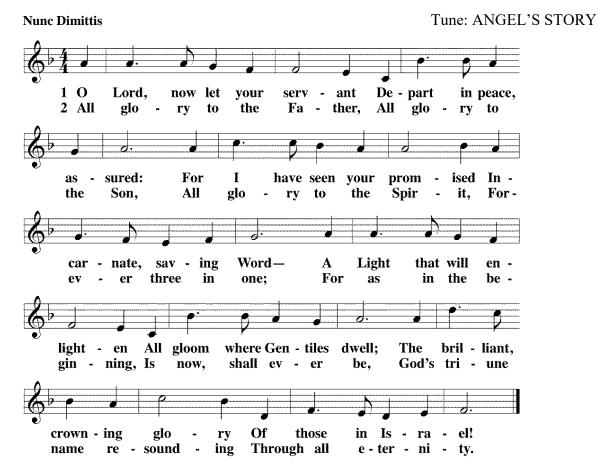


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Tune: SURSUM CORDA (10 10 10 10) Alfred M. Smith, 1879–1971. © 1990 Historic Church of the Ascension, Atlantic City, NJ. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



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.

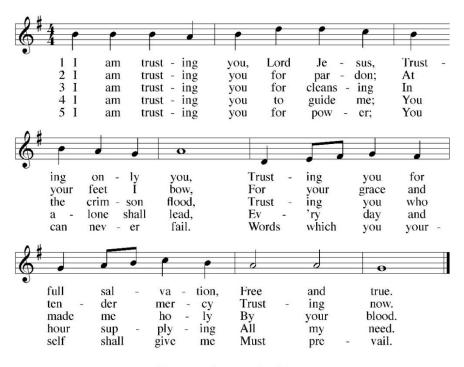
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 446:1, 4-6)

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting you forever
 And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.

Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821-77.

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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

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, lower level

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, lower level

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Esther

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

Sunday November 10: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: 8:00: Dave Olson and Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan, Kourtney and Kayden Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday November 17: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: 8:00: Phil Boll and Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan and TBD
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: SRoger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: TBD

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Alexa Crary (11/11), Gene Freund (11/12) Kira Rehberg (11/13, Noah Rehberg (11/13), Corie Bradley (11/15) Autumn Eisenhardt (11/15) and Ben Olson (11/16) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Anniversary</u> We wish God's blessings to Roger and Dar Raether (11/13) as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, 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 Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

November 10: Youth Devotion, Games & Christmas Carol Song Prep – Lower Level

November 14: Sunday School Teacher's Meeting – Lower Level

November 18: Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

November 16: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast – M-N-M's Waunakee

November 24: Drumstick Drive Donations Due | Box Assembly & Pick Up

November 27: Thanksgiving Eve Worship | 6:30 p.m.

November 30: Christmas Tree Set-Up & Decorating | 9:00 am

<u>December 5:</u> Ladies Friendship Holiday Dinner Outing – Rodside Grill

Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show | Cancelled

Due to decreased interest, we have decided to cancel this event

Youth Group Devotion, Game & Christmas Caroling Prep | TONIGHT, 6:00 - 7:00

We are inviting all of our Youth to come for another fun-filled evening of Christian Fellowship, to share in a Devotion time then a game of Jeopardy, followed with preparation of the songs for Christmas Caroling.

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting | November 14, 6:30-7:30

There will be a Sunday School Teacher's Meeting to finalize the Children's Christmas Service details. Meeting in the lower level.

Christmas Tree Set Up and Decorating | November 30, 9:00 am

We would like to welcome anyone who would like to join us to meet at the church at 9:00 am to help set up and decorate our two Christmas trees and beautify our sanctuary for the Holiday Season celebrating Jesus' birth. All ages are invited, treats provided.

Membership Directory - Pictorial Photos | Continued Nov 10, 17, & 24

Throughout the month of November we will have opportunities between services and after late service until 12:30 pm to for individual or family photos to be taken in efforts to update our member directory. These are 5-10 minute secessions to get updated photos only. There are No costs and No sales, simply photos. If you have a recent photo that you would prefer to use, please submit to lolchurchoffice@gmail.com. We are looking to update those that are outdated or for members who would like a refreshed photo, so we are encouraging everyone to participate, however there is no obligation. There is a sign up for each week for either between services or after late. Adeline Hartje and Kristen Jasperson are set up in the Library for the photos.

Winter Clothing Collection for the Dane County Jail

Throughout the month of November we will be collecting gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, or boots to donate to the Dane County Jail Ministry for those being released from the Dane County Jail and are in immediate need for a winter jacket and winter clothing: Winter Coats: Men's, Women's and unisex size L, XL, XXL, 3X, 4X. Men's and women's: pants and sweatshirts size medium to 2XL. Donation will be accepted until December 2nd. There is a bin in the fellowship hall coat room.

Drumstick Drive Update

Our Turkey has been Plucked! Thank you for your generosity! All donations need to be delivered to church on November 24^{th} . (The Frozen Turkeys can ONLY be delivered on November 24 due to storage) Meals will be assembled from 11:30 – noon, for the receiving families to pick up from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. Please sign up if you would like to assist with assembling the boxes and distribution during the pick-up time. Anyone is welcome to help.

<u>Ladies Friendship Holiday Dinner Outing | December 5, 6:00 pm | Rodside Grill</u>

What a fun evening this will be for the ladies of our congregation to enjoy a dinner out, followed by a joyful time of Holiday games & fellowship. There will also be an ornament exchange for those who are interested. Simply bring an ornament of a value of \$5 or less to participate in the exchange. You do not have to participate to attend. This Holiday Dinner Outing is open to all the ladies our congregation.

Holiday Cut Out Cookies | Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteer(s) to bake and donate unfrosted Holiday Cut-Out Cookies for our Sunday School Students to decorate on December 15 for our Youth Group to hand out while caroling at nearby facilities. Please see Sue Jenswold with questions.



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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.