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FRIENDS OF CHRIST ~ ALL OF OUR PEOPLE

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***We celebrate the promise that all people are loved
and enough in Jesus Christ as we worship, learn,
and serve together.***

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

*In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, so we do it together! You are invited to respond in community with the **bold print** and stand in body or spirit when indicated by the asterisks (*).*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

~time of silent confession~

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: *As Saints of Old (ELW 695)*

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE (*see insert or hymnal page 184*)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*in unison*)

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: *1 Kings 17:8-16* (page 253)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 146*

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

who keeps promises forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: *Hebrews 9:24-28* (page 174)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?*

(see insert or hymnal page 188)



*GOSPEL LESSON: *Mark 12:38-44 (page 38)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

~Gospel is read~

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW 686)*

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate on the small table as you walk in the sanctuary.



***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***SANCTUS** (*see insert or hymnal page 190*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

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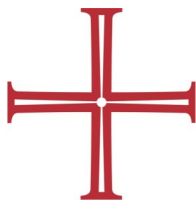
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** *Day by Day* (ELW 790)

***SENDING**

***POSTLUDE**



FLOWERS

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, by Cathy Heaps in memory of Terry Fabian.

SERVER SCHEDULE

	Greeter	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
11/10	Nick Carter	Paul Markkula	Gretchen Brown	Alex Pelino
11/17	Carol Ann Connors	Mitchell Brown	Bill Matthews	Chris Brown

If you would like to help serve on a Sunday morning, let Pastor Zach know (pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com).

SERVICE NOTES

A **special and warm welcome** to everyone here this morning – seekers, members, and guests. We are glad you are here to join our church family for worship!

For worship, you'll need the bulletin and the cranberry-colored hymnal in the pew back in front of you. The liturgy is indicated by page number and can be found in the front half of the hymnal. The hymns are indicated by hymn number and found in the back half of the hymnal.

If you find yourself needing to leave the worship space for any reason (cough, noisy child, overstimulated, etc.), the service is being livestreamed to the television in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to worship in there and come back into the sanctuary when you're ready.

Please return the green inserts to the back table, so we can use them throughout this growing (green) season.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

The communion table is God's table. Jesus invites all who desire to partake of His body and blood to come forward and receive God's amazing grace in the promises of forgiveness and eternal life. At **communion distribution**, please come forward to the altar rail, filling in the space from right-to-left. Pastor Zach will hand you a wafer to eat. You may then take wine from the tray (center ring is grape juice), drink it, and dispose of your cup in the basket as you return to your seat. If you want a blessing instead, please indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.

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We are collecting 2025 Giving Pledges. If you haven't filled one out yet, you can place it in the offering plate. Thank you for thoughtfully considering your offering for the next year.

Youtherans are collecting items for **Thanksgiving Baskets** for Hilltop Lutheran Community in Wilmington. There is a sign-up sheet in the back to bring cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes/yams, green beans, and corn.

The next Sewing Class is on Saturday, November 23rd from 2-4pm. If you are interested, sign-up on the sheet in the back.

Bethel will host a **Thanksgiving Breakfast** for our neighbors on **Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28 from 9-10.** We'll gather around 8/8:30 to set-up. If you can help serve, talk to Heather or Mike Logan.

SAVE THE DATE! We'll gather for our **Community Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 1st at 5pm.** We'll sing Christmas carols, drink hot chocolate, and enjoy fellowship together.

It's already that time of year again to order poinsettias for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12.50 each. You can choose white or red. **Deadline to order is December 9.** Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

October 27	Worship—49	Offering—\$2,080
November 3	Worship—59	Offering—\$2,754

Please fill the wood food basket in the back for the St. Mary Anne's food pantry. Specific needs: **minute rice, add-water-only pancake mix, fruit juice (half gallon size), canned meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages), mashed potatoes (water only), peanut butter & jelly, and cereal** *Make sure to check those expiration dates.



If you would like to give online, you can use the QR, which will redirect you to our giving platform.

Thank you for you for your faithfulness and generosity.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Beiter	Ray Weygand	Terry Fuss	Rayanne Lavery
Steve Bird	Kelly Campana	Stacy Igo	Abby Brown
Pastor Zach			

If you have a question, concern, or a new idea,
make sure to tell someone!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Blue print indicates a church event.

Regular print indicates an outside community event.

Sunday, November 10th—25th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study

Monday, November 11th

- 6:30pm Pastor Tom Bible Study
- 7:00pm Sisters of Serenity NA Group

Tuesday, November 12th

- 6:30pm North East AA Group

Wednesday, November 13th

- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study

Thursday, November 14th

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study
- 12:00pm Children's Sermon (via Facebook, YouTube, and Beacon)
- 4:00pm Nicanor
- 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15pm Nicanor Meeting
- 6:30pm Church Council
- 6:30pm Women's AA Group

Friday, November 15th

- 5:30pm AA Women's Cecil Social

Saturday, November 16th

- 9:00am Quilt Assembly

Sunday, November 17th—26th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00pm Korean Church Bible Study