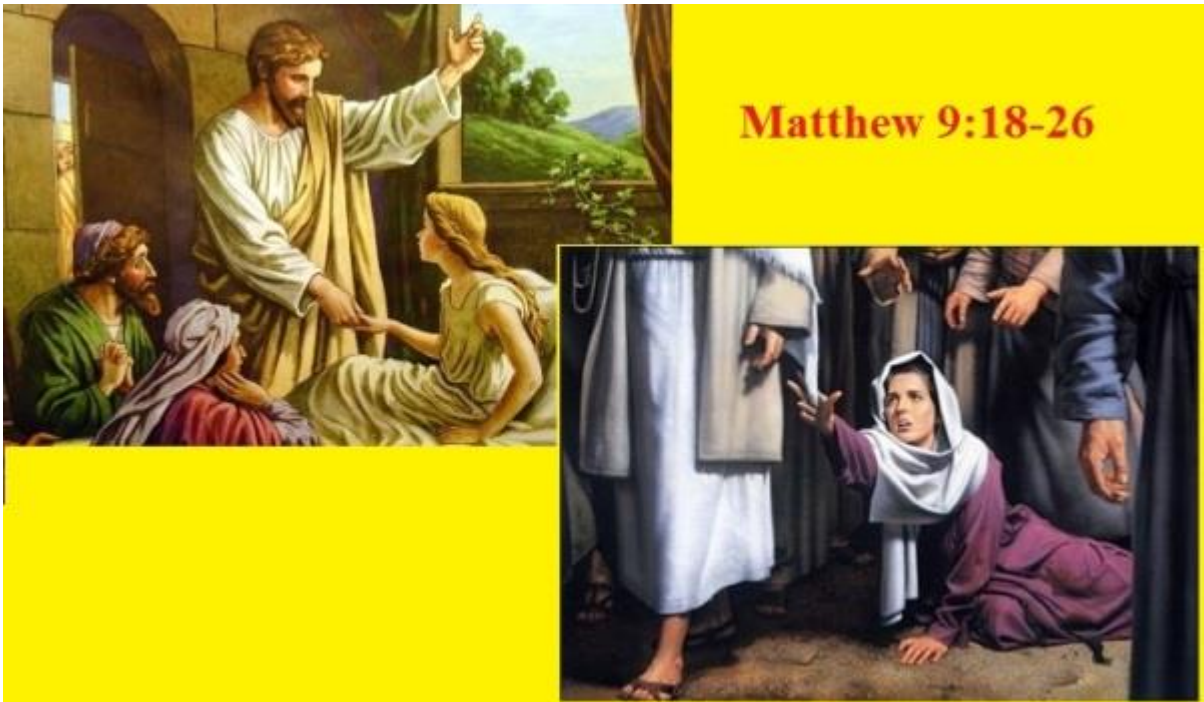


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## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10 November A $\text{D}$  2024

*Divine Service, Setting III*

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider the great power of the Lord to save. On our own, we are lost, subject to sin and death, hopeless in our condemnation. However, while we are powerless, God is almighty. He sent Jesus to suffer and die in our place and now, having raised Christ from the dead, He powerfully works through His Word and Spirit to raise us with Christ and to save us from every evil.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

# 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Stand

## Hymn of Invocation: 819 Sing Praise to God the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
keep - ing, By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
of His might All things are just and good and right:  
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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# Service of the Word

## Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 95:1–4; antiphon: vv. 6–7a*

- P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- C** For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
- P** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- C** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- P** For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- C** In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

**All:** 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** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- C** For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## Gloria Patri



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



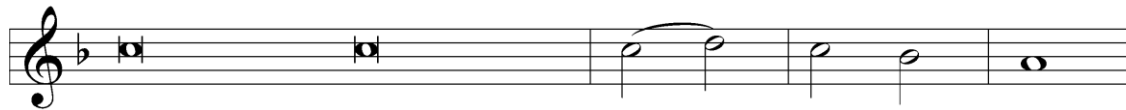
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



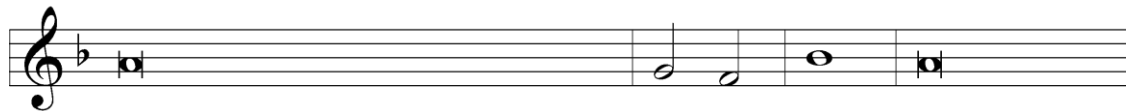
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



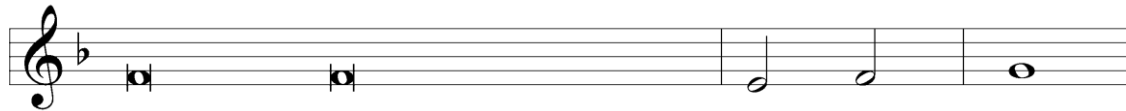
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:9–16*

<sup>9</sup>Awake, awake, put on strength,  
O arm of the LORD;  
awake, as in days of old,  
the generations of long ago.  
Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,  
that pierced the dragon?  
<sup>10</sup>Was it not you who dried up the sea,  
the waters of the great deep,  
who made the depths of the sea a way  
for the redeemed to pass over?  
<sup>11</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
<sup>12</sup>“I, I am he who comforts you;  
who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,  
of the son of man who is made like grass,  
<sup>13</sup>and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker,  
who stretched out the heavens

and laid the foundations of the earth,  
and you fear continually all the day  
because of the wrath of the oppressor,  
when he sets himself to destroy?

And where is the wrath of the oppressor?

<sup>14</sup>He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;  
he shall not die and go down to the pit,  
neither shall his bread be lacking.

<sup>15</sup>I am the LORD your God,  
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—  
the LORD of hosts is his name.

<sup>16</sup>And I have put my words in your mouth  
and covered you in the shadow of my hand,  
establishing the heavens  
and laying the foundations of the earth,  
and saying to Zion, ‘You are my people.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 116:8, 1*

**P** You have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**C** I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

### Epistle

*Colossians 1:9–14*

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## Alleluia

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**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:18–26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>18</sup>While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this went through all that district.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

## Hymn of the Day: 818 In Thee Is Gladness



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For faithful pastors who preach the whole counsel of God's Word; for Matthew, our Synod president; *Pastor Davis*, our district president; *Pastor Moyer*, our circuit visitor; and all who serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that they may proclaim the saving Gospel with boldness and joy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For strength in the Holy Spirit to resist temptation and walk in the good works He has prepared for us beforehand, that believing His Holy Word, we may lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who have been placed in authority over us, including those who were recently elected, that they would serve with the general welfare of all in view, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who cry out to God in affliction, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would rejoice in the faithfulness of our heavenly Father and await deliverance from their suffering with patience, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. 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.

**C** Amen.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

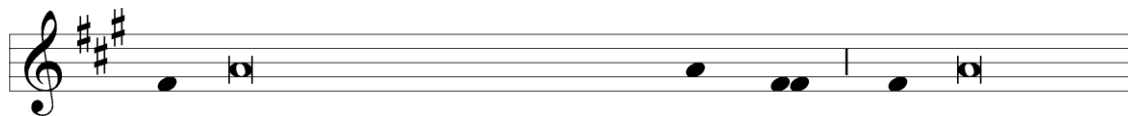
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**P** *Let us Pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear the, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

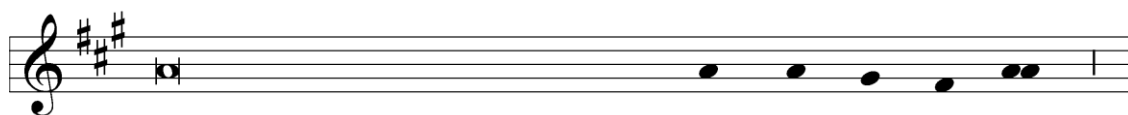
**C** Amen

### Benediction

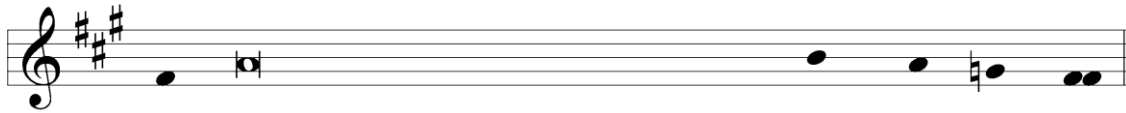
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn to Depart: 744 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 11/10 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service (No Communion) 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Mon. 11/11 Veterans Day**

**Thu. 11/14 Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m., Youth Room**

**Fri. 11/15 Deadline to Submit Articles for Newsletter**

- Sun. 11/17 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service with Communion 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Our Sunday Adult Bible Study takes place **each Sunday morning after the Divine Service (around 10:45 a.m.)** in the basement fellowship hall, and all are welcome to attend!

**DIVINE SERVICE CHANGES:** We have begun implementing the following changes. 1. Celebrating the Lord's Supper using Divine Setting 3 on the **first** and **third** Sundays of each month, with **additional communion** services on **major festival services** (e.g. Christmas Day). 2. On the **second, fourth** and **fifth** Sundays we will be Divine setting 3 **without** communion. We decided it best to make this change rather than wait until the new church year arrives on December 1st. This is a work in progress - we may adjust as needed.

**NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, WILL BE THE LAST WEEK WE WILL BE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 BOARD/OFFICER POSITIONS** - Would you like to serve at St. Mark's in an official capacity? Do you know of anyone whom you think would be well-suited to serve? We are now accepting nominations for our elected positions. This year, we are accepting nominations for the following Officers:

- Congregational Vice-President
- Human Resources Director
- Public Relations Director

Additionally, we're accepting nominations for all six congregational Boards:

- Human Care
- Gospel Outreach
- Parish Fellowship & Support
- Assimilation & Stewardship
- Family & Youth
- Properties

Each elected term is for three years. Responsibilities for each Board/Position can be found in our Bylaws. Please call the church office with any questions. Nomination forms are now located on

the back table in the sanctuary. You can nominate yourself, or someone else! Please consider serving the Lord in this special way! May He bless our congregation in the year ahead!

**FLOWER FUND:** The Flower fund is just about depleted. We need your help to replenish it. Any amount would be appreciated. Please help keep our Altar beautiful on Sundays not only during advent, but during the upcoming year. Please place your donations in envelope labeled flower fund. Thank you.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE** – Due to lack of participation in the past, we will not be having Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at St. Mark's. However, if you are so moved, you can still worship at: Shepherd of the King, 5300 West Maple Rd., West Bloomfield 48322. Service time 7 p.m.

**DECORATE ST. MARK'S FOR CHRISTMAS** - This Year's Decorate the Church event will be held on **Saturday, November 30** starting at 10 a.m. We hope that those of you who will still be in town that weekend will consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help put up decorations. Thanks in advance for your help!

**SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** – On **Sunday, December 1**, following the Divine Service, we will be holding our Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting in the basement Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include board reports, board/officer elections, and discussion/approval of a budget for 2025. All church members are encouraged to attend! Please mark this important date on your calendars now and plan to attend, if possible.

**TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER** – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT** used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼" of the envelope paper around the stamp.

**IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE**, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and **[link your shopper's bonus card to St. Mark's](#)** so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend in their store(s) to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. We then use this money to help with building maintenance/improvements. If interested, please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper's Bonus Card to our congregation: **<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>**. In order to locate St. Mark's Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!



**THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING** Our Food pantry served over 450 people in September and the shelves are very empty. We are in dire need of the following items:

**Here are our food locker needs:**

Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, pasta mac and cheese boxes, tuna, canned chicken or any canned meat, protein beans, canned pasta dinners, Rice, canned vegetables, both starchy and non-starchy, canned or dried fruit, soups, Raman noodles, protein bars, dried potatoes

**For large family supplement bags:**

large cans of canned meat, dried milk, fruits and veggies, large family dried soups, large family sized baked beans, large family sized spaghetti sauce, large family sized spaghetti noodles; family sized shampoo and conditioner

**For personal bags:**

toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, hand sanitizer  
Diapers - size 4,5 & 6 and newborns. And wipes

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:

1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

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**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**The Michigan – Ohio Chorale:** With Erwin Aufdemberge, Charles Russell on Organ, Brass Quartet, Flute, Oboe, Cello and Bass

A Concert of Sacred Choral Music: \* Advent Good \* Friday \* Christmas \* Pentecost \* Lent \* Epiphany \* Easter

The Church Year In Song; All About JESUS; **Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, 3:00 pm**

St. Peter Lutheran Church 23000 Gratiot Ave. Eastpointe, MI 48021

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**TECHNOLOGY IN THE HANDS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY WORKSHOP**, a part of the Faith at Home Milestones. **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Christ Lutheran, Milford, from 4:00—7:00 pm.** Dinner will be provided. Please **RSVP** on Christ's website or with Lisa Moyer, Director of Youth and Family Life [familylife@christlutheranmilford.org](mailto:familylife@christlutheranmilford.org)

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**MARRIAGE RETREAT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN MILFORD**

Sponsored by the Board of Stewardship.

**Dates: Friday, November 22, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm and Saturday, November 23, 8:30 – 3:30**

Facilitator: Robin and Cheryl Spaulding from Morningstar Ministries

Cost: \$50 per couple (includes breakfast, lunch & materials) Email Kay Barlow to

**RSVP** [treasurer@christlutheranmilford.org](mailto:treasurer@christlutheranmilford.org)

*Greetings, fellow Lutheran choral music aficionado!*

*My name is Bob Alexander. I've been the Director of Worship and Choral director for **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills** for many decades now. For the past two years, our congregation has presented, as one of our Advent evenings, a colorful program we call **"An Evening of Carols and Stories"**. This year the event will take place on **December 11th** at 7:00pm. This year, we are reaching out you, one of our sister Lutheran congregations in the area in the hopes that you might be interested in joining the choir we assemble for this one-night event. The evening features a number of heartwarming Christmas reminiscences (usually pre-recorded and projected on our large LED screens), a small, but stunning, Christmas organ medley by Mr. Lance Luce, our organist (and, as it happens, the primary organist for The Detroit Red Wings), a selection of familiar carols sung by the congregation, a brief Christmas homily by our pastor, and, as you can imagine, three choral songs presented by a Christmas choir assembled just for the evening's performance. The choir is drawn from congregation members as well as friends, family and community members who simply love to sing. **If any of your members who may be interested in joining in on this charming evening. We will be rehearsing the three pieces of choral music on most Wednesday evenings beginning November 6th at 7pm**, affording us plenty of opportunities to learn the parts. **As is our practice, we will have SATB rehearsal tracks available in CD format or online as MP3s for choir members to access. We will, naturally, issue sheet music (and have printed PDF music available on line) for choir members to use and reference.** We will also be open to making music and accompaniment tracks of the songs we will perform available to your congregation in the event you would like to use the music for your own Christmas season performances. Choir members for **"An Evening of Carols and Stories"** **do not need to be especially proficient** – we have found the skills needed follow the enthusiasm of the vocalists. We also **encourage participation by members of all ages from teens to seniors.***

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*May You*  
**BE MADE STRONG**  
WITH ALL THE  
**STRENGTH...**  
*from his Glorious*  
**POWER.**

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**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Mary Ann Lockwood
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Trent Johnson

**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Frank Pies, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Mary Ann Lockwood
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	John Reardon