

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 20, 2022

TODAY IS THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – *The Last Sunday of the Church*

Year. It is the third of three Sundays at the end of the Church Year in which the Lord's glorious return to judge the living and the dead is central.

Many in this world are oblivious to the coming day of our Lord's return. They scoff at the Word of God and use the cover of night to pursue their own sinful desires. This is not new in your generation. Already in the first century, the Apostle Peter proclaimed to the Church,

“This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, ‘Where is the promise of his coming?’” (II Peter 3:1-5)

But the Word proclaimed by the Watchmen of God speaks of the coming of the day for which you wait. It is a day to look forward to with great anticipation, for the Church's hope is fixed in Jesus Christ *“who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy.” (Jude 24)* When He comes, He will inaugurate a new, heavenly Jerusalem from which sin and death will be eternally banished.

As the Church waits for this day, Her hope is sustained by God's Word. The foolish hear that Word, but do not receive it in childlike faith. For them, the day of Christ's coming will be horrible. In contrast, the wise gather to hear the Word and keep eager watch for the Bridegroom's arrival.

The Scriptures picture heaven as a wedding banquet. Each Sunday throughout the Church Year, the people of God have rehearsed the work of the Bridegroom that makes the invitation to the heavenly banquet possible. In fact, the Bridegroom is already here with His Church. Having been given the proper wedding garments in Holy Baptism, the people of Christ's Church gather with their fellow wedding guests to share the body and the blood, in the words of the Liturgy, “a foretaste of the feast to come.”



THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Rod Lair **Organist:** Roxann List **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

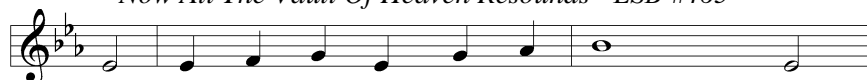
Ushers: Blake Wayson, Harold Saathoff

Tellers: Jonah Bolin, Tom Strub **Shut-Ins:** Jim Bunkofske

THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds” LSB #465



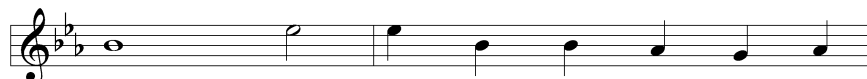
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand/Remain Standing

Invocation

P/V: In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sin

P/V: 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.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P/V: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

P/V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

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

Psalms 32:5

P/V: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

P/V: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to be the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

II. SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Introit



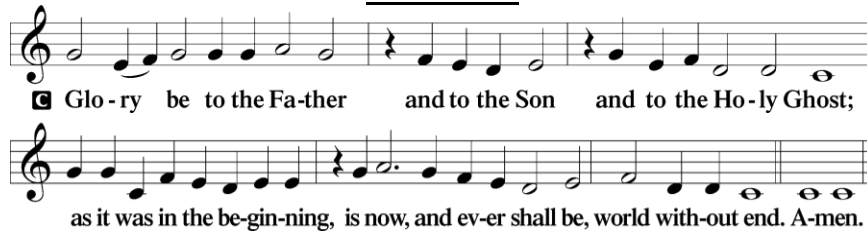
Cantor: Let all the earth | fear the Lord;*
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of Him!

Cong: **Come, bless the Lord, all you servants | of the Lord,*
who stand by night in the house | of the Lord!
Lift up your hands to the | holy place*
and | bless the Lord!**

**May the Lord bless you from | Zion,*
He who made | heaven and earth!**

Cantor: Let all the earth | fear the Lord;*
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of Him! (Psalm 134; Antiphon Ps. 33:8)

Gloria Patri

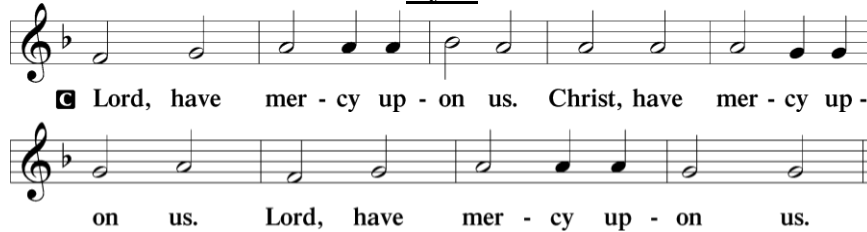


Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

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

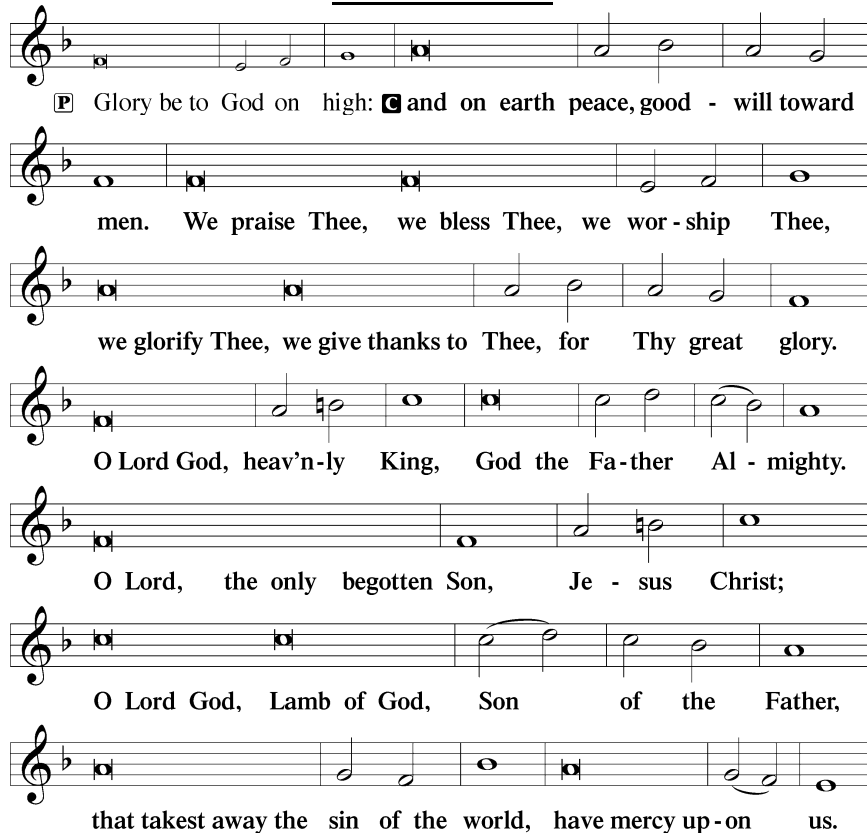


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: 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.

The Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

II Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Malachi 3:13-18

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

"Father, We Thank Thee" LSB 652

1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from

name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -

mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.
nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst
 As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was
 give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the
 in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy
 Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

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The Epistle
 Colossians 13:1-20

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia/Verse

☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Truly, I | say to you,*

today you will be with Me in | Paradise. *Luke 23:43*

☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel
 Luke 23:27-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The 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

Be Seated

The Hymn of The Day

“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying” LSB #516



1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es; “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God’s own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near.”
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory



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.

The Prayers

Various Petitions are prayed. Each petition will conclude with the response:

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

The Congregation, gathered for worship in person, will now be receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. This most significant portion of the Divine Service, when our Lord Jesus Christ draws near to His people with His flesh and blood, will not be streamed. Members desiring to receive the Sacrament who are unable to be present in the Church will be visited by one of our pastors to bring them the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Those who have joined us online for the Service of the Word are now encouraged to pray the 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.**

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Please call Pastor Knox (319/231-9761) if you would like to receive a Pastoral visit.

✘ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✘

Sun. 11/20	2:00 p.m.	Voters' Assembly
Mon. 11/21	6:30 p.m.	Confession/Absolution
Tues. 11/22	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service at Peace – Shell Rock
Wed. 11/23	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club No Book Club this week (resumes on 11/30)
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service at Our Redeemer
Sat. 11/26	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace - Shell Rock
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace - Shell Rock
Sun. 11/27	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Readings and Hymns for Sunday November 27, 2022

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-11

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. Starting on November 27th, Pastor will begin a study of the birth of Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. This will continue the Sundays throughout Advent and Christmas. We will refamiliarize ourselves with the beloved account of Jesus' birth and remove some of the misconceptions about Christmas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL also meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. Classes are offered for Pre-school through High School aged students. Sunday School begins in the Music Room/Chapel at 10:30 for an opening with Vicar and a time of music with Olivia Goodroad. It is important for our Sunday School students to be regular in their attendance because they have already begun working on recitations and music for this festival.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to study the weekly readings, hymns, and propers for the upcoming Sunday. It is a way to prepare for the coming week's Divine Service

THE VICAR'S BIBLE STUDY This class meets at Our Redeemer on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and at Peace in Shell Rock on the Tuesday of that same week at 6:00 p.m. The class is studying the words of hymns and the Scriptural texts which underlie these hymns. The class meets again in November on the 28th/29th.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The youth of our congregation will study the Scriptures together as God leads them into lives of godliness and holiness. Because of Advent Services, the Youth Bible Study will not meet during December.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES to Pauline Hanson upon the death of her brother-in-law, LaVerne Walvatne, this past Sunday, November 13. The Christian funeral and burial took place on Friday, November 18 in Clermont, Iowa.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC On Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m. the congregation is invited to celebrate the Christmas Gospel in Word and Song. The festival will include Advent and Christmas music sung or played by instrumentalists, vocalists, the Sunday School students, the Adult Choir, and the congregation. This is an expansion of what we might normally have thought of as the Children's Christmas program. Please read all the details in the latest REPORTER on page 11.

NATIVITY SETS – Do you have a nativity set that can be displayed on December 18? Immediately following the Festival of Christmas Music, the congregation is invited for refreshments and viewing of Nativity Sets in the Parish Hall. If you are willing to have your nativity set displayed for one evening, please contact Sara Lair (319) 266-1163: sjlair@cfu.net.

REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING The Congregation will hold a Regular Voters' Meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Normal matters of business will be taken care of including receiving reports from Officers and Boards, Election of Officers, and establishing the Budget for 2023. We will also be nominating candidates for the Office of Synodical President, 1st Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President. Any member of the congregation may bring matters before the Voters. Please speak with Chairman Mishler to add items to the Agenda.

TIME/TALENT SURVEY-Please return your survey to the box in the Narthex. We want to match talents and abilities to needs and opportunities. If you need a survey, contact Rod Lair (319-243-0702) and we'll get one to you.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS At the Voter's meeting this afternoon, we will be electing Officers of the congregation for 2023. The congregation is in need of candidates to serve as Secretary and Chair of the Board of Education. If you are willing to serve in either of these offices, please contact Rod Lair.

THE OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We are discussing the book, "Strange New World," by Carl R. Trueman. This book will perhaps make readers uncomfortable as we are confronted with the current era of "expressive individualism," especially in terms of personhood, self, and morality. To quote the last chapter of the book: "The era when Christians could disagree with the broader convictions of the secular world and yet still find themselves respected as decent members of society at large is coming to an end, if indeed it has not ended already."

Please join us in the Parish Hall to read and discuss "Strange New World." For further information, please contact Sara Lair (319) 266-1163 or Greg Gerjerts (319) 961-1103.

THE UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORY will be published early in December. Please review the copy in the Narthex or Parish Hall to ensure accurate information. Tammy will be taking photos in the lower level of the Education Wing.

A THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd at Our Redeemer. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Peace Lutheran on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to keep the worship of God a part of your observance of our Country's National Day of Thanksgiving.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES will begin on Wednesday, November 30 with services at Noon and 6:30 p.m. Services will be held on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. This year throughout Advent we will focus our attention on the words of the Old Testament readings for the week, all which come from Isaiah. More clearly than any of the prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah. He prepared God's people to meet their coming King. Advent Services will also be held at Peace Lutheran on Tuesday evenings of the same week at 7:00 p.m.



OUR REDEEMER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER The Our Redeemer and Peace Lutheran Annual Advent/Christmas Dinner will be Sunday December 4 with Social time beginning at 4:30 PM. Dinner and entertainment at 5:00 PM

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Each family please bring a salad or dessert to share. The menu will include Turkey, Ham, Dressing, mashed potatoes, and vegetable. A free-will donation will cover the cost of the main meal. We are excited to have the Union Carolers with us again.

Everyone is invited to attend as well as family, friends, and neighbors. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner, please contact Judy Fink (268-0346) djfink@cfu.net

THE GIVING TREE IS UP! This year Our Redeemer is supporting two different organizations with the Giving Tree.

1) The Salvation Army has seen a 30% increase over last years' requests for help for children.

2) We are also participating in Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's Adopt a Family Program.

The tree is set up in the Parish Hall. We have 30 tags from the Salvation Army, with suggestions for gifts for children, and we have additional tags with suggestions for an adult female and an adult male, clients of the Friends of the Family. Take a tag, shop for the item, and return the item to church, with the tag attached.

Note: The Salvations Army gifts should be UNWRAPPED, the Friends of the Family gifts may be wrapped.

Hate to shop? Hate to wrap? But would still like to support others in need? You may donate money to the project and the Christian Care Committee members would be happy to do your shopping/ wrapping, fill in where needed, or pool the money to purchase a larger item, (for example, one need is an adult male coat). You may give monetary contributions to Char Strub.

Gifts need to be returned to church by Friday, December 9. This may seem earlier than other years but is the schedule set by both agencies. If you have any questions, contact Char Strub, 319-269-6118, or email: cstrub@cfu.net.

Sunday, November 13, 2022
Attendance: 103 Communion: 84