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1st Sunday in Advent — November 29, 2026

+ Please silence cell phones. +

Altar decorations are given by our Altar Guild in honor of the season of Advent.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

LSB 341 – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Confession and Absolution

Stand (as you are able)

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.**

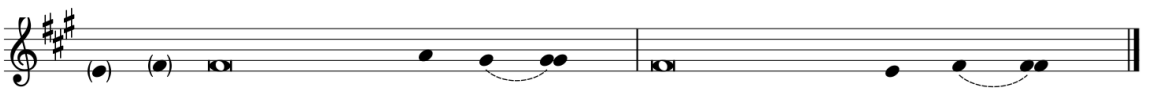
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**

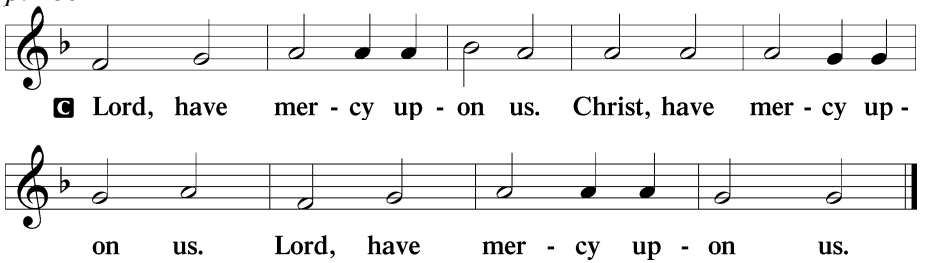
Service of the Word

Introit **Tone 3** *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
To you, | O Lord,*
I lift | up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie *p. 186*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 64:1-9

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

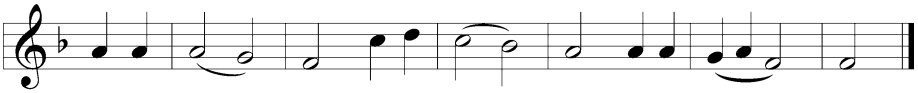
[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *p. 190*

Psalm 24:7

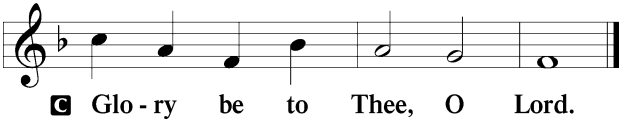


A Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in. | Alleluia.

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel - Mark 11:1-10

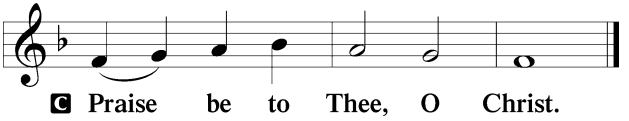
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.



[1]When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. *[continued]*

[5]And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” [6]And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7]And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8]And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9]And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Sit

LSB 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

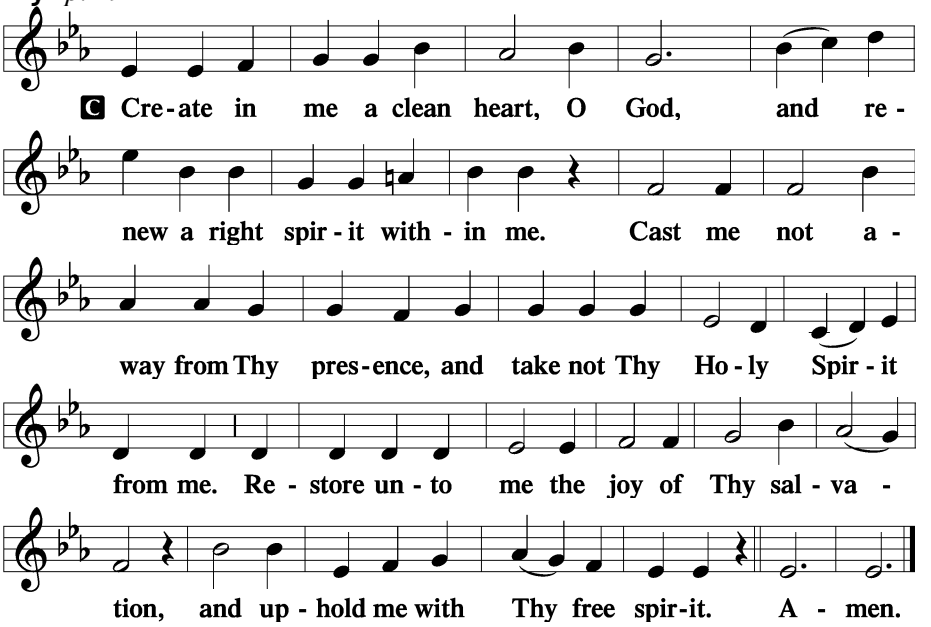
Votum

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

C **Amen.**

Stand

Offertory *p. 192*

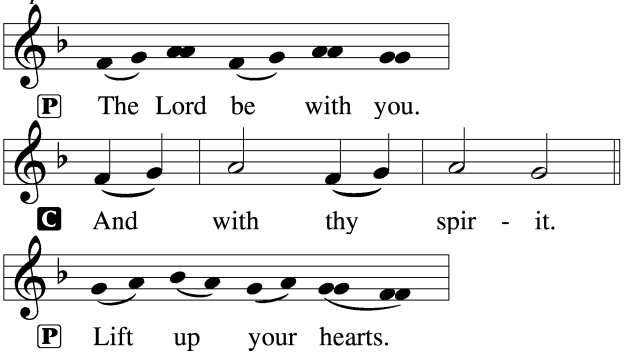


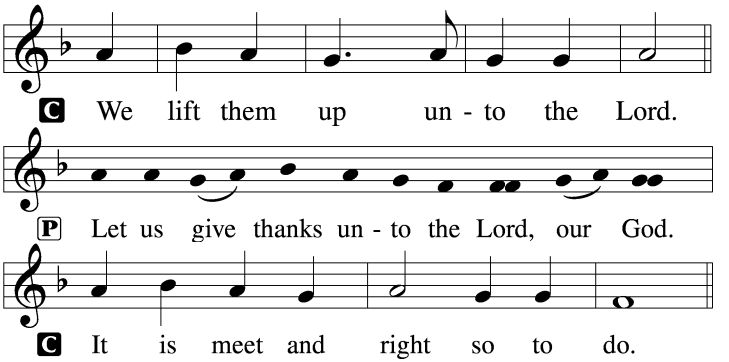
Prayer of the Church

We continue to pray for all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: **Norma Valaske, Diane Jones, Deacon Tim Bruce**, **Lila Walker, Jace Cutler, Jim & Linda Lowenstein, Kitty Petzoldt**, **Bob Schoessler, Debbie Hayes, Erik Simpson, Carolyn Stephens, Jean Collinson, Pat Skinner, Don Haas, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke,** and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Ben & Natalie Maxson of Neah Bay Makah Lutheran Church.

Service of the Sacrament *p. 208*

Preface *p. 194*

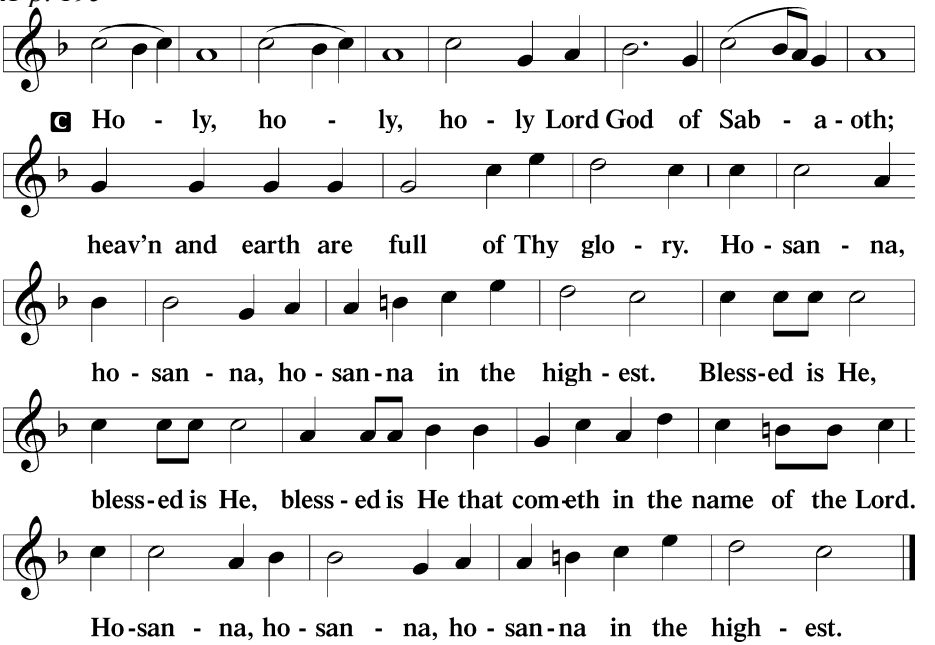




Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary … evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *p. 195*

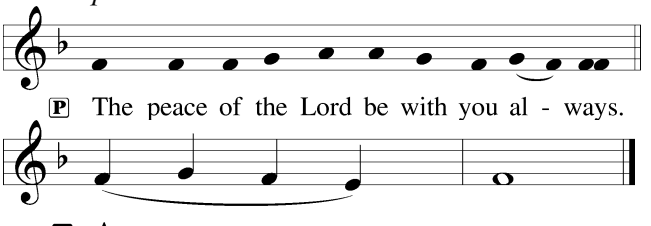


Lord's Prayer

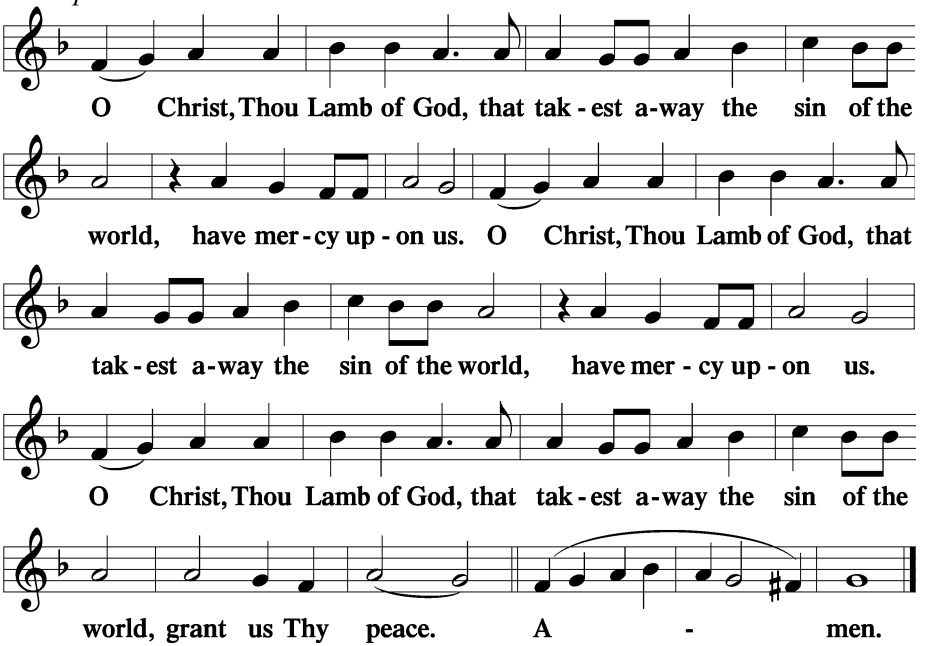
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *p. 197*



Agnus Dei *p. 198*



Sit

Distribution

*We believe, teach, and confess that the Lord's Supper is the **true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ**, given under the forms of bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink in a meal instituted by Christ Himself. Baptized Christians who have been instructed and share this faith and understanding are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. If you are unsure, please speak with the Pastor prior to communing.*

LSB 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 333 – Once He Came in Blessing

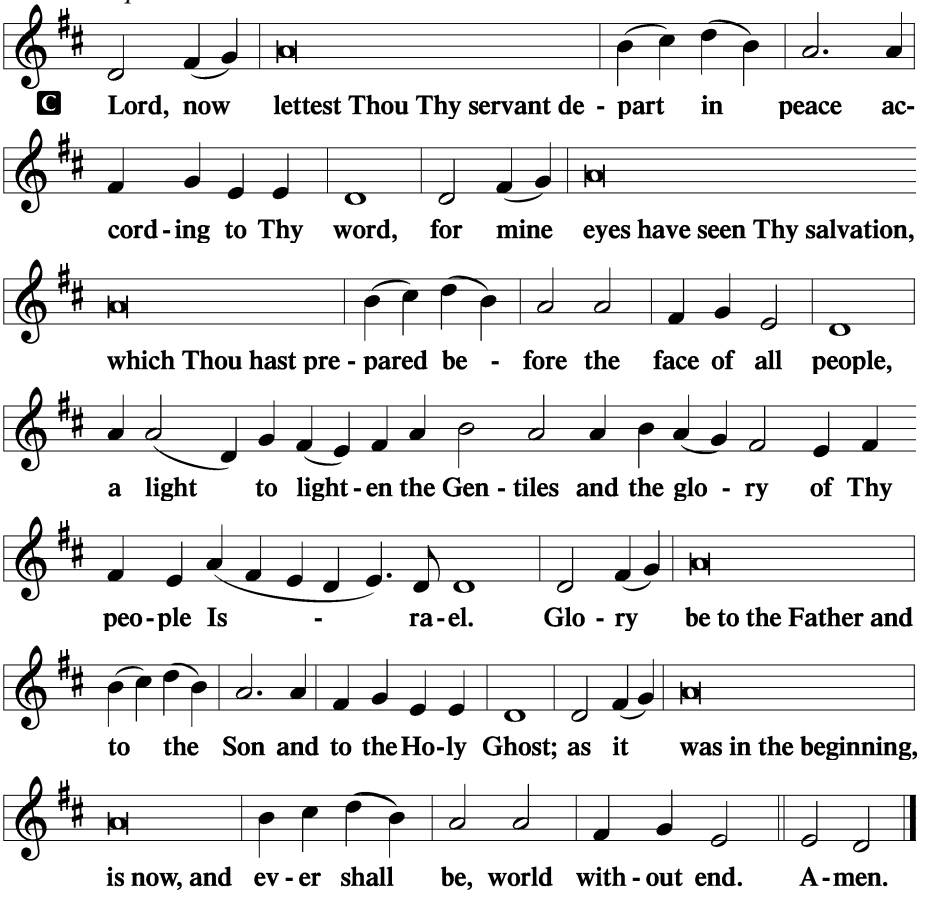
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The Dismissal

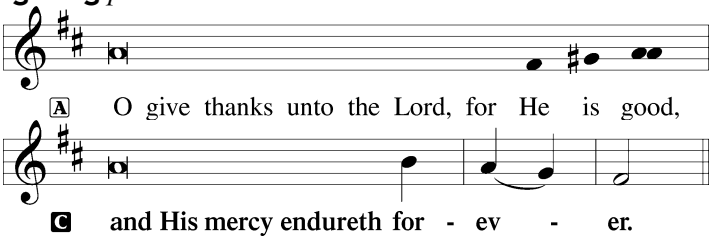
℗ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

ℂ **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis *p. 199*



Thanksgiving *p. 200*



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sit

LSB 337 - The Night Will Soon Be Ending

Postlude

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DON'T MISS THESE TWO GREAT CONCERTS NEXT WEEKEND!

NORTHWEST WOMEN'S CHORALE: 4 pm Fri. Dec. 4th at DVLC in Sequim; and 6:45 pm Mon. Dec. 7th at Holy Trinity LC in PA. Solveig Schick & Laura Arndt are singers.

SEQUIM COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR: 7 pm Fri. Dec. 4th at 7 pm and Sat. & Sun. at 2 pm, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Sequim. Dave Ahlman, Frank Herodes, and RayDelle Kistler will be singing and Ryan Edinger will be playing the organ.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Greeters**: (8:30) Jerry & Lila Walker; (11:00) Julie Clark
Lectors: (8:30) Carl Honoré; (11:00) Patsy Mathys; **Cantor**: Lynn Thompson
Audio Visual: Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, George Haslett, Rev. Mark Smith
Altar Care: Ellen Wendt; **Counters**: Pat & Janice Moored
Elders: (8:30) Dave Ahlman & Jerry Walker; (11:00) Vic Vardanega & Dave Ahlman
Ushers: (8:30) Bill Eichler & Roger Harmann; (11:00) Jennifer Benson & Sylvia Baxter

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK: *[Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 am]*

TODAY: 9:45 am Coffee & Bible Study
MONDAY: 10–12 pm Laundry Mission; 1 pm Line Dancing; **6:30 pm GRIEFSHARE**
TUESDAY: 10:15 am Games Day – meets in the Youth Room
1:30 pm Bible Study at Sequim Health & Rehab
WEDNESDAY: 9 am Preschool Chapel; **5 pm Bell Rehearsal, 5:45 Soup Supper, 7 pm 1st Advent Evening Worship Service; 7:45 Choir Rehearsal**
THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group; 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Chapels
10 am & 6:30 pm Living Way Bible Study; 12 pm Quilting group
5:30 – 6:30 pm Sequim-N-Women's Group



Our LWML will collect "mites" or coins in support of missions, on the 1st Sunday of every month.

2nd Book Order for "CONFESSING CHRIST": This newly published devotional book by CPH that Rev. Cwirla helped to write, is proving to be a very popular Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. So, a 2nd opportunity to order this book at the special 1st printing sale price is now available. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex by **today, Nov. 29th**. Books will be $12 dollars each. Please make checks to FLC, with Confessing Christ Book order in the memo line. The order will be placed tomorrow so that they are here well before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SHARE TREE MISSION: Our mission of helping to share Christ's love with others at Christmas time is now ready for participation in the narthex. Simply take a gift card request from the decorated tree in the narthex (usually Walmart), purchase the gift card ($25, $50, or $100) and then return it to the church office or the offering box by next Sunday, Dec. 7th for delivery to the schools, and by Dec. 14th for all others. Coordinator, Alyson Schilke.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT FAITH: Special thanks go to Chef Lauren Jackson for cooking the turkey and the trimmings, Rev. Cwirla for providing the devotion, Ryan Edinger for playing some special music, for Sylvia Baxter for organizing a time of games and puzzle making, and for all those who brought a special side dish to share.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Chef Lauren Jackson, Rev. Cwirla, and Ryan Edinger have all volunteered to host a special time of food and fellowship following the 10:30 am worship service on Christmas Day here at Faith. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.