

Two Rivers Parish

NOT ON E STONE WILL BE LEFT UPON ANOTHER

MARK 13:2

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to Two Rivers Parish, a partnership of Christ Community Lutheran and St. Michael Lutheran! It is a joy to worship with you on this day.

We believe God invites you to the table. Holy Communion is for all the baptized, regardless of age. If walking is difficult for you, we will bring the Lord's Supper to your seat. If you are not communing, we still invite you to come up for a blessing.

We believe worship should be accessible for all. Standing and kneeling happen throughout the worship service, which can be difficult for some. Rest assured that you are still worshipping fully with the community when you sit through these parts.

We believe children belong in worship. Children's worship kits and instructions are available in the hallway so kids can take part in worship. If a child becomes restless, it's okay, because that's what kids do. If you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a cooldown, we encourage them to return to worship as soon as they are ready.

We believe God calls us to pray as a community. Prayer requests may be made during the week by calling or emailing the church office. On Sundays, please write your prayer requests in the Prayer Request Book near the worship space entrance.

We believe God calls us to be welcoming to all. Being in a new place can be nervewracking to say the least. If you are unsure where something is or how something goes, please ask. We want you to feel welcome. Restroom facilities are located just down the hallway.

Bulletin Notes

The worship service is printed fully in this bulletin, so there is no need to flip back and forth to a hymnal. The pastor will also give instructions during the service.

Abbreviations

- P: Pastor
- A: Assisting Minister
- L: Lector
- C: Congregational Response

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26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November begins with All Saints and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us, and we walk it confidently, washed in baptismal water, trusting the promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to provoke one another to love.

╋ <u>GATHERING</u>

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prelude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, marked upon us at baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Yet, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: 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.
- C: Amen.



Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.





FIRST READING- DANIEL 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted. A: A reading from Daniel.

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- ² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING- HEBREWS 10:11-14[15-18]19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

A: A reading from Hebrews.

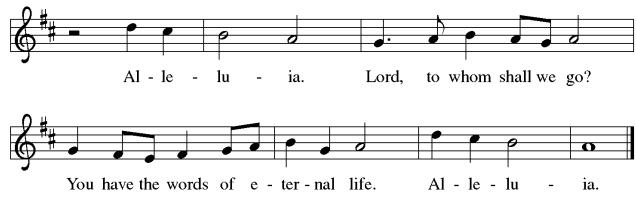
¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷ he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.





GOSPEL- MARK 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." ³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

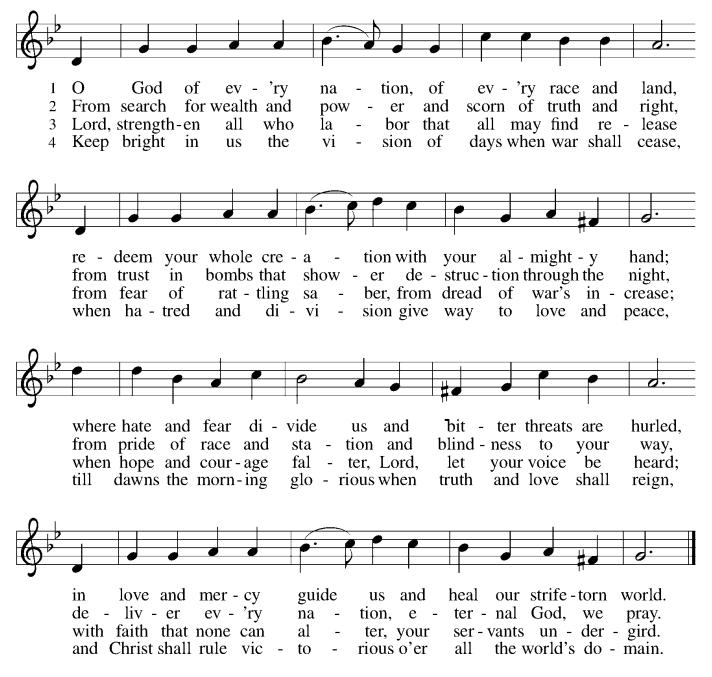
Rev. Joshua Knutson

HYMN OF THE DAY

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

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Please stand as you are able.



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CREED

- A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:
- C: 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 INTERCESSION

Please kneel or stand as you are able for the prayers.

- A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- A: O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,
- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence (*especially*). Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: With thanksgiving we remember (*Elizabeth of Hungary and all*) saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people greet others with a sign of Christ's peace. Please be seated.

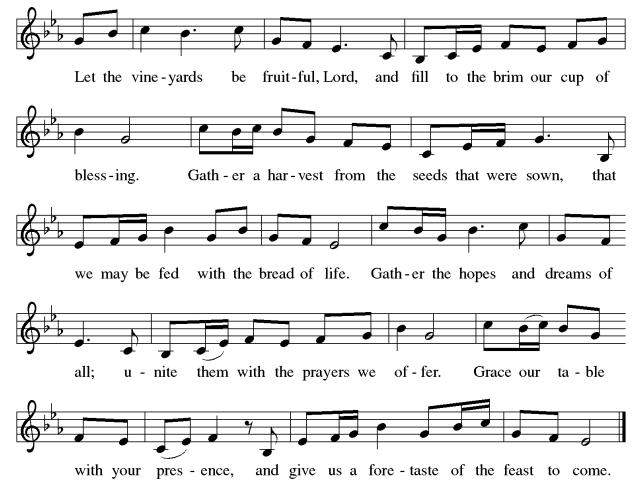
OFFERING

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OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards

Please stand as you are able.



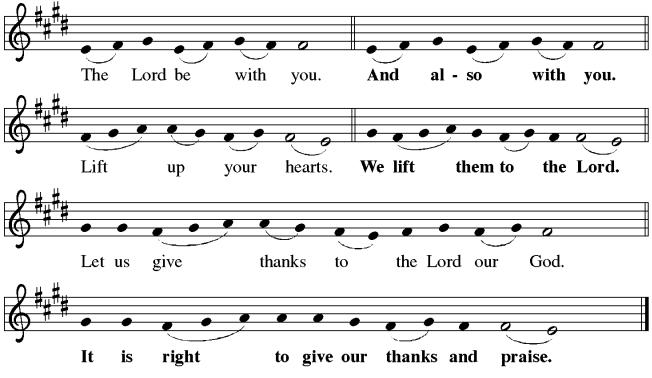
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

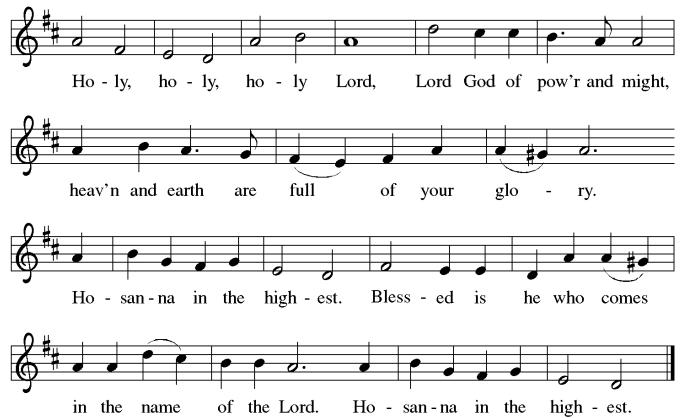
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...*The presiding minister continues with the appointed preface for the day...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.
- 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

- P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come, eat, and be healed.
- C: Thanks be to God!

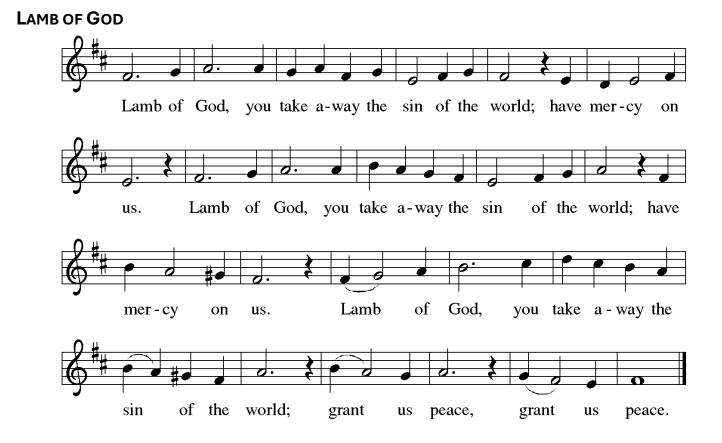
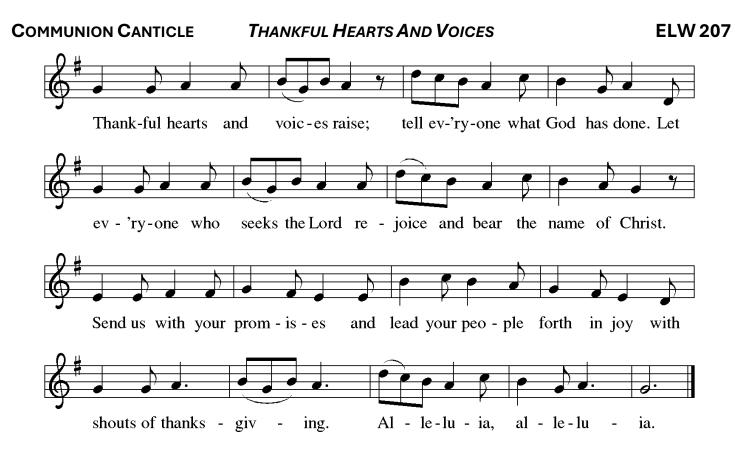


TABLE BLESSING

Please stand.

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

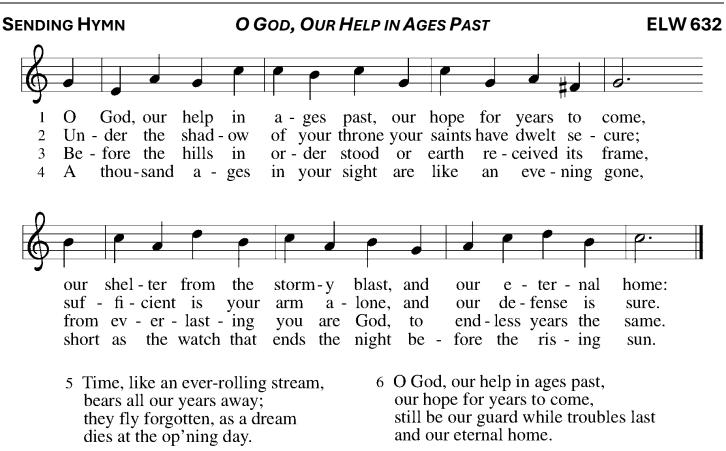
C: Amen.

$+ \underline{\text{SENDING}} +$

BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and
 give you peace.

C: Amen.



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: ST. Anne, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the hands and feet of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

HOLY PRESENCE

In Jesus' day the temple in Jerusalem loomed large, both as a central physical structure in the city and as a powerful symbol of God's presence among the people. It was a major part of Jewish religious life of the time, and the location where it stood remains important for many people today. The disciples would certainly have found it unsettling to listen to Jesus forecast the temple's destruction. Would it really fall? How could such an important place ever be lost?

We often look to buildings, institutions, and societal structures for stability. But even our surest foundations can fail, and often do. Jesus reminds us that though stability comes and goes, we are not alone amid the changes. When the world comes apart at the seams, when we don't know what will happen next, God accompanies us through it all. Though wars continue, though death is near, Jesus responds, "Do not be alarmed." We are not alone! Through all the endings and beginnings of our shared human life, God goes with us.

When God gathers us around the font for baptism, we are reminded of how Divine Presence has been with people throughout the ages. The words often shared as water is poured into the font recall scenes from the great flood, the deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea, and John baptizing Jesus. God has shown up, again and again! These promises of God's presence are still for us, every day that we live. Whenever we find ourselves interacting with water, we have the chance to be reminded that God has claimed us as beloved, and still carries us through life's hard moments. How might you remember your baptism today? Where is God's presence most important for you?

IN OUR PRAYERS

David Bowers; Paul & Marion Conover; Bob Dussor; Mary Garrick; Snookie Ham; Margaret Harrell; Roy Jones; Family of Gary LeCroy; Al & Janie Martin; Judy May; Merle Melling; Barbara Moyer; Karen Roberts; Lillian Tanner; Bob Winters

Thelma Adams; Sheree Alberrs; Clare Barstow; Keith Barstow; Sheila Burns; Sidney Brown; Sheila Bush; Cathie Butler; Claudia Carbonell; Maya Clark and Family; Ron Cribb; Sonya Darden; Mikey Duke; Marsha D; Dolorous Dukes; Bucke Easterling; Jim Freeman; Laura Freeman; Ranson Freeman; Ethan Fredric; Cheyenne Gibson; Gail Godesky; Kyle Hampton; Margie Hampton; Jamie Harris; Stephen Harris; Isabella Jones; Robert Fain Jr.; Amanda Keifer; Sandra Linville; Mary Lood; Tom Mannisto; Byron McClellan, Bryson McClellan; McDonald; Don Mathews; Stacey Morgenweck; Ginny Peck; Family of Bonnie Perry; Loreatha Reed; Shirley Reed; Henry Reinsburrow; Carol Ann Ruth; Eunice Roberts; Kyle Roberts; Margaret Roberts; Machelle Scott; Pam Shelton; Bob Shiers; Robin Smith; Darlene & Brian Smoly; Kenneth Weber; Priscilla West; Mekia White; Jack Wilson; Elizabeth Wisnieski; Bob Young; Pam Young; Vinnie Young.

News in the Pews

Christ Community Lutheran

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Two Rivers Parish

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26 [™] SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RENEWER OF SOCIETY 9:00 AM Worship (CCL) 11:30 AM Worship (SMLC) 1:00 PM Congregational Meeting (SMLC)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (SMLC) 8:00 PM AA/Al-Ateen (SMLC)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (SMLC)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (CCL) 6:00 PM NA Group (CCL) 6:30 PM Prayer Circle (Zoom) 7:00 PM Bible Study (SMLC)	9:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours (CCL) 8:00 PM AA/Al-Ateen (SMLC)		CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME; MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, MARTYR

CAUSE OF THE MONTH- CCL

The CCL Cause for November and December is Ronald McDonald House. Each year RMH offers support to numerous families as their loved ones stay are hospitalized. By supporting RMH, we are helping to make things better for families experiencing one of the worst hardships of their lives.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH- SMLC

Neighbors Together is a registered organization that helps support the Lowcountry with weekly meals, groceries, and more. Our goal is to raise money to help them resupply their pantry and anything else they may need.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SMLC will have our annual meeting on November 17. We will have a meal following the meeting, so please stay after service. CCL will have their annual meeting on November 24.

PRAYER LIST

If you have names on the Prayer List, please make sure you update the office about their condition. We do not want to remove anyone who still needs prayer, but we do want to keep current.



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