



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

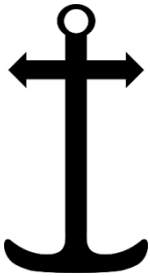
November 2023 Newsletter

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." [Saint John 10:27]



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28

Dear Sheep of the Divine Shepherd:



Thursday, November 23rd the nation observes The Day of Thanksgiving. But, it is also on this date that the church observes the Feast of Clement of Rome. So who was Clement and what is his importance? Clement was born in 35 AD and died around 100 AD. He is said to be a disciple of Paul and he is noted in some sources as being the successor to St. Peter as the leader of the church in Rome, the most important city in Christendom at that time. He also notes the martyrdom of Peter and Paul. The church is also fortunate that it possesses a letter he wrote to the church in Corinth. This letter is the oldest letter of the New Testament Church outside of the New Testament itself. As with Paul, Clement was dealing with schisms within the Corinthian church and so the letter mainly addresses this fact in mainly two ways. First, he exhorts them to follow the instructions and teachings of their pastors who oversee them and were appointed directly by the Apostles. He always weaves the theme of the importance of humility among the people.

In trying to eradicate the schisms in the church, he follows Paul's lead in discussing that God is a God of order and not disorder. This includes not only order in their personal lives but order in the liturgy within the worship of the church. Within this discourse on "order" he states the following, *"Take up the epistle of St. Paul the apostle. What did he first write in the beginning of the Gospel? In truth, he sent you a letter in the manner of the Spirit about himself, Cephas, and Apollos, because at that time you created dissensions.*

Arguably the most important contribution that he made in the letter is that Clement exhorts the Corinthians to good works, while at the same time reminding them that they are saved, not by their works but by the grace of God. He states: *"So we too, called through his will in Christ Jesus, are not justified through ourselves, or our wisdom, understanding, piety, or even our works performed in holiness of heart, but through faith. Through this, the Almighty God has justified us all from eternity.*

History tells us that Clement was martyred by the Emperor Trajan by tying him to an anchor and throwing him into the sea. This occurred around 100 AD.

May all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving, giving thanks to God for all his gifts, including the martyrs who gave their lives for the Gospel, but especially to Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life that he won for us on the cross.

Listen to Jesus,
Pastor

Christian Stewardship

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart



Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



NOVEMBER

Week of November 5-11

Sun, Nov 5, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, Nov 5, 9:30 am Fellowship
Tue, Nov 7, 5:30 pm Confirmation Class
Wed, Nov 8, 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Week of November 12-18

Sun, Nov 12, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, Nov 12, 9:30 am Fellowship
Sun, Nov 12, 10:00 am Bible Study
Mon, Nov 13, 10:00 am Altar Guild Meeting
Mon, Nov 13, 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
Mon, Nov 13, 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
Tue, Nov 14, 5:30 pm Confirmation Class
Wed, Nov 15, 6:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat, Nov 18, 10:00 pm Ladies Aid Meeting

Week of November 19-25

Sun, Nov 19, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, Nov 19, 9:30 am Fellowship
Sun, Nov 19, 10:00 am Bible Study
Mon, Nov 20, 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Tue, Nov 21, 5:30 pm Confirmation Class
Wed, Nov 22, 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wed, Nov 22, 7:15 pm Choir Practice

Week of November 26-30

Sun, Nov 26, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, Nov 26, 9:30 am Fellowship
Tue, Nov 28, 5:30 pm Confirmation Class
Wed, Nov 29, 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to "fall backward" by setting your clocks one hour behind on **Saturday night, November 4.**

Choir Practice

Choir practice is on **Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m.** Anyone high school or older are encouraged to join. All are welcome to lend their voices in praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Many voices make beautiful music.



November Birthdays

01 Cris Ruisz
02 Laurrie Bingenheimer
08 Jolene Delaney
09 Jim Bingenheimer
12 Diane Weaver
14 Melissa Ruisz
16 Edward Cruz



November Baptismal Anniversaries

12 Spenser Fox
30 Kelly Stewart

November Wedding Anniversaries

06 Ron & Cris Ruisz
27 Rick & Mrs. Otto

All Saints' Day

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 5. Concerning this feast day, *Treasury of Daily Prayer* states: This feast is the most comprehensive of the days of commemoration, encompassing the entire scope of that great cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded (Hebrews 12:1). It holds before the eyes of faith that great multitude which no man can number: all the saints of God in Christ—who have come "out of the great tribulation ... who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9, 14). As such, it sets before us the full height and depth and breadth and length of our dear Lord's gracious salvation (Ephesians 3:17-19). It shares with Easter a celebration of the resurrection, since all who have died with Christ Jesus have also been raised with Him (Romans 6:3-8). It shares with Pentecost a celebration of the ingathering of the entire Church catholic—in heaven and on earth, in all times and places—in the one Body of Christ, in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Just as we have all been called to the one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). And the Feast of All Saints shares with the final Sundays of the Church Year an eschatological focus on the life everlasting and a confession that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). In all of these emphases, the purpose of this feast is to fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, that we might not grow weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:2-3).

Thanksgiving Eve Vespers



Join us on **Wednesday, November 22** at **6:30 p.m.**, for a Thanksgiving Eve Vespers service in which we thank and praise God for all His blessings of body and soul. He has given us His Son, forgiveness, life, and salvation. He has given us countless physical blessings as well. Join us in returning to Christ to thank Him for His grace and mercy.

Ladies Aid



In mid-November, you will see the Giving Tree for members and their families. Most times these families request gift cards to their favorite stores. You can purchase cards at the retail outlets, but even more convenient, order the cards from MANNA, or RaiseRight (as it is now called). Choose an envelope from the tree, see what the recipient is requesting, and order cards, or purchase at stores and bring items to church by **December 10**. See **Lisa Cruz** with any questions.

At the same time as fulfilling those Giving Tree wishes, will be the annual Food Drive. First, we like to provide the members on this list with items that can be used for a festive holiday dinner, and then provide staples to save those amounts so that they can be used by the family for the Merry CHRISTmas season. Each time you go to the grocery store until Christmas, try to purchase an item for the Food Drive. (See form for Reverse Advent Food Drive on last page). In the past years, we have given each family an amazing amount of food and other staples (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc.). We would like to do that again this year.

Altar Guild

The 2024 flower charts will be posted in November.



Please check upcoming bulletins in late November for forms to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas Season. Cost is \$12.00@ and payment with completed form is due **December 10**.



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Thrivent members are encouraged to donate their Choice Dollars to Divine Shepherd each quarter. These dollars are used to support various church/member's needs. Thanks.

Raise Right

Shop with RAISE RIGHT cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion. Next order dates are **November 5 & 19, and December 17**. Pre-purchased cards are available after Sunday services and forms are on the bookcase in Luther Hall. These cards make many of the Ladies Ais projects possible, and best of all they do not cost members anything beyond the face-value amount. They pay us to use their service. What is more, many of these cards can be reloaded so you do not have to continually buy new cards.

Your Organization:

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church – Manna

Your Coordinator: **Lisa Cruz**

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shopwithscrip.com

Your Enrollment Code: B2LD2C7A55973

Benefit Mobile

Sign up via benefit-mobile.com and designate Divine shepherd as your charitable organization. Then download the app (Apple or Android). Benefit Mobile purchases qualify for our 50 % cash back rebate. Purchased gift cards are electronic instead and can be used immediately. You may also send these as a gift to an email account.

Follow Us on Social Media

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with church happenings and events, find a variety of new and old congregational photos, and read inspirational posts and quotes from Holy Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, and various Christians throughout the centuries.

Facebook: fb.me/DSLcbolingbrook

Twitter: @dslc60440

Important Phone Numbers

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Pastor Zimmer: 583-880-9532

Head Elder: 630-360-5573 (Scott Collins)

Prayer Chain: 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)

Newsletter info: 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)

(items are due November 27)

Sunday Treats



Do you enjoy treats and fellowship after Sunday services? If so, please consider signing up on any given Sunday(s). Why not sign up with a friend? *Empty slots mean no treats.* To enable our diabetic

members to enjoy these treats, please consider supplementing some of the “sugary goodies” with crackers and cheese and/or fruit.

The signup sheet is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board. Monetary donations are accepted to defray the cost of drinks and paper products, which are supplied by Ladies Aid.

Hymn of Thanks and Praise

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Veterans Prayer



Lord, we lift up all the veterans and the loved ones left behind who have answered the call to duty on land and sea and in the air. Because of Your kindness toward us, we live in freedom today through the sacrifices our veterans have made. We thank You for letting us live in this beautiful land, where only love of You and family takes precedence over love of country. We thank You for the victories that have been given to us and the liberty we now enjoy because of the courageous service of our veterans. Bless us and bless our land, that we always may be the “land of the free and home of the brave.” In Jesus’ name. Amen. *Portals of Prayer)*

Thanksgiving Prayer

Father, we are overwhelmed by Your bounteous love and mercy. You have provided us with food, homes, clothing, family, friends, and freedoms. You have blessed us with Your Word. Through Baptism, we are blessed to be Your children. We have this blessing of forgiveness from Your Son, through His body and blood. We are blessed to receive the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Thank You for all of these blessings. Amen.



*Praise the Lord, all nations;
laud Him, all peoples! For His
loving kindness is great toward us.
(Psalm 117:1-2)*

PLEASE HELP LADIES AID AT DIVINE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH THIS YEAR IN
SHARE THE LOVE this Christmas with a

Reverse Advent Calendar

Join with Ladies Aid and help give nutritious food to church families or others in need in our community. Prepare for Christmas by creating an Advent box or bag, below are only suggestions count down the days till drop off date by placing an item into box each day.

This is only a suggestion; it does not replace the annual food drive.

(If you place a different item, please cross out & write item placed inside. Thanks)

Then return your box back to church NO LATER than **December 11th.**

Any questions see or call Judy or Joan.

NOTE : Please only Non-Perishable food items!

November 14 - box of cereal	November 26 – roll of paper towels
November 15 - peanut butter	November 27 - box of crackers
November 16 - stuffing mix	November 28 - package of rice
November 17 - boxed potatoes	November 29 - package of oatmeal
November 18 - macaroni and cheese	November 30 - package pasta
November 19 - canned fruit	December 01 - spaghetti sauce
November 20 - canned tomatoes	December 02 - can of soup
November 21 - canned tuna	December 03 - pkg. of Toilet Paper
November 22 - dessert mix	December 04 - can of corn
November 23 - jar of applesauce	December 05 - can of mixed vegetables
November 24 - canned sweet potatoes	December 06 - can of carrots
November 25 - cranberry sauce	December 07 - can of green beans

This is only a suggestion; it does not replace the annual food drive. Food items in any amount are greatly appreciated. If you turn in a “Reverse Advent Calendar box or bag”, your name will be placed into a drawing for a gift card. Please return all items by 12/11.

Thank you for supporting this food drive!

NAME: _____