

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Watch for the Final Events

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don't worry; most of those worshiping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children's Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

LARGE PRINT copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Preacher	Pastor Eric Roecker
Organist	David Porth

Service of the Word

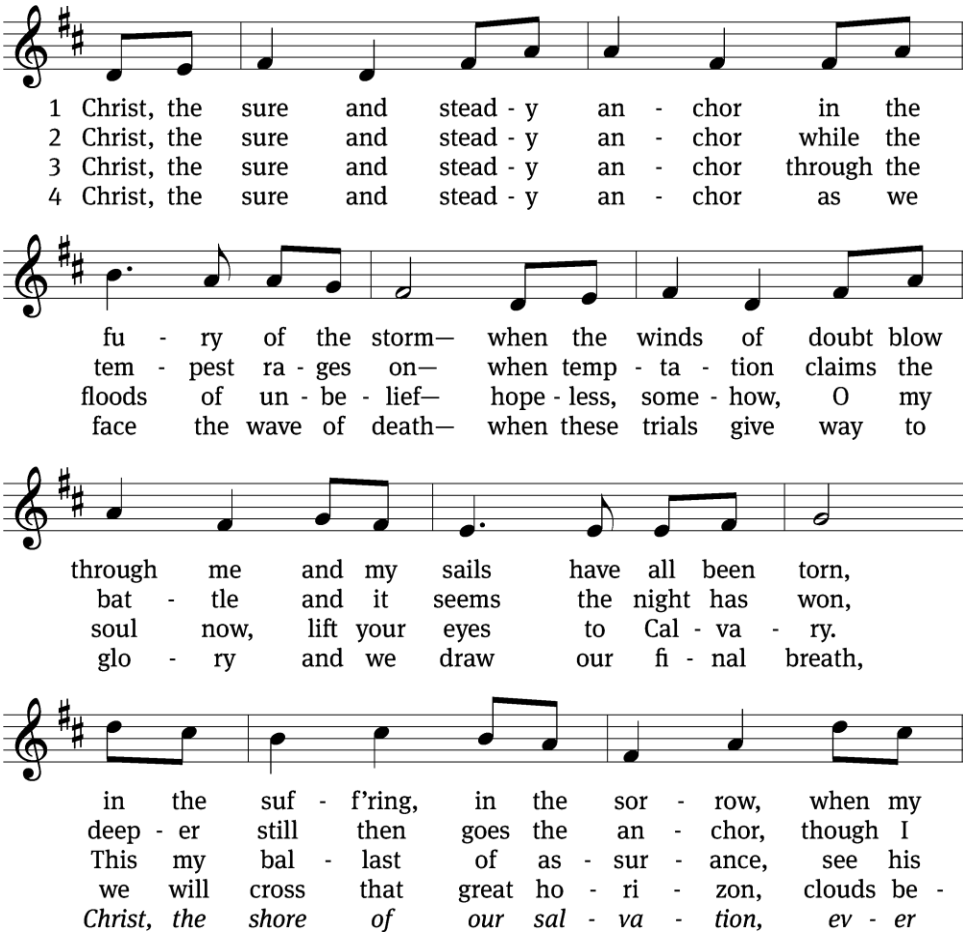
Preservice Duet

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Mark Schuelein, cello and David Porth, piano

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

CW 812



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Invocation

The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Confession of Sins

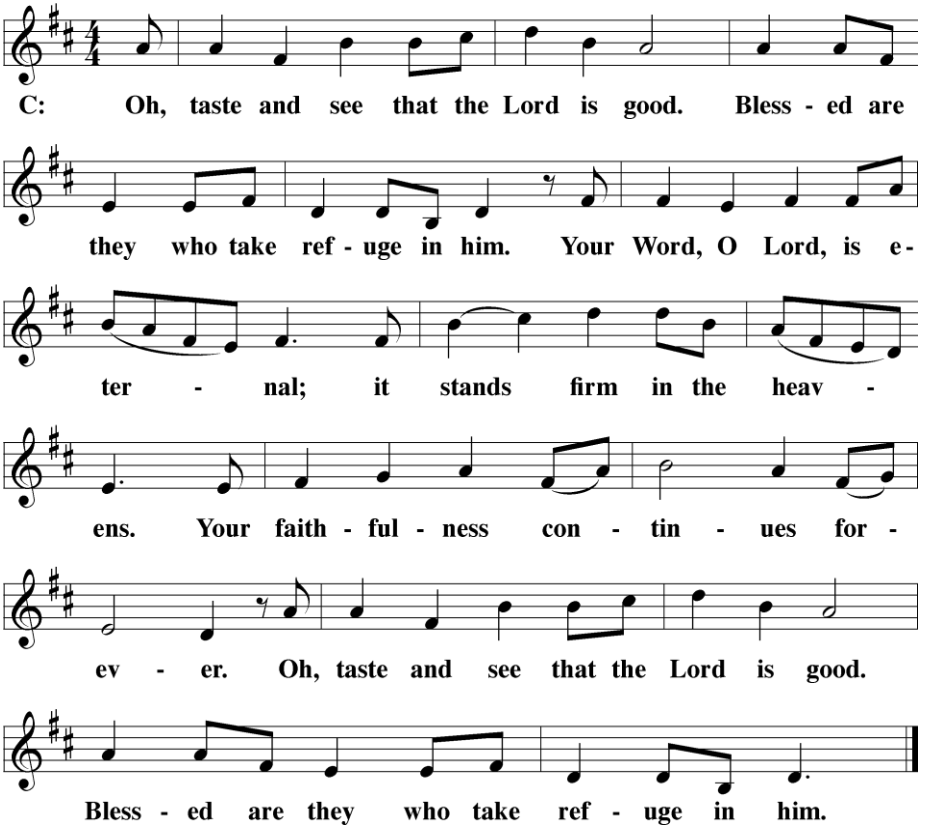
We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray
Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 52:1–6

[1]Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with strength!
Put on your garments of splendor,
Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.
[2]Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

[3]For this is what the LORD says:

"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed."

[4]For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

[5]"And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.

"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,"
declares the LORD.

"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord

Psalm 90A

10:30am, Preschool students will sing the first refrain, followed by the congregation.

Refrain





Tone



Lord, you have been our / dwelling place
throughout all gener- / ations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

You turn people / back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you / mortals."
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,
or like a watch / in the night. *Refrain*

Teach us to number / our days,
that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.
May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / of our hands.

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 forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

[1]Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,
[2]for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
[3]While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly,
as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you, brothers and
sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5]You are all
children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the
darkness. [6]So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and
sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at
night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a
breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9]For God did not appoint us to
suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10]He died for us so
that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11]Therefore
encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

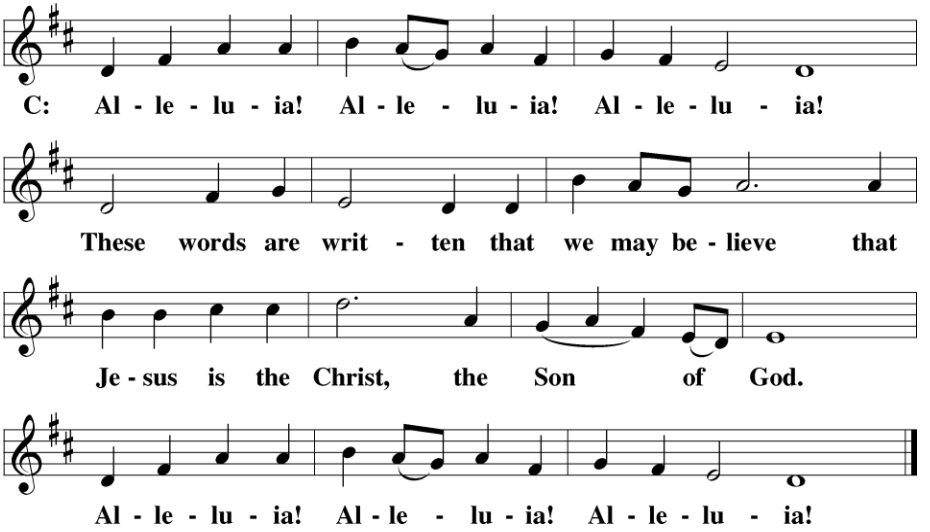
Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

Alleluia. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia.

10:30am, Sung by the Preschool students.



Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1–13

1“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps
and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4The wise ones,
however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5The bridegroom was a long time in
coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’
7“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to
the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’
9“ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to
those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’
10“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The
virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was
shut.
11“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’
12“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’
13“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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Sermon

Stand

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Offering boxes are available in the back of church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to pilgrimcares.org/giving. We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.

Offering Hymn

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Preschool Anthem

Jesus Is My Treasure

10:30am

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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Stand

Closing Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



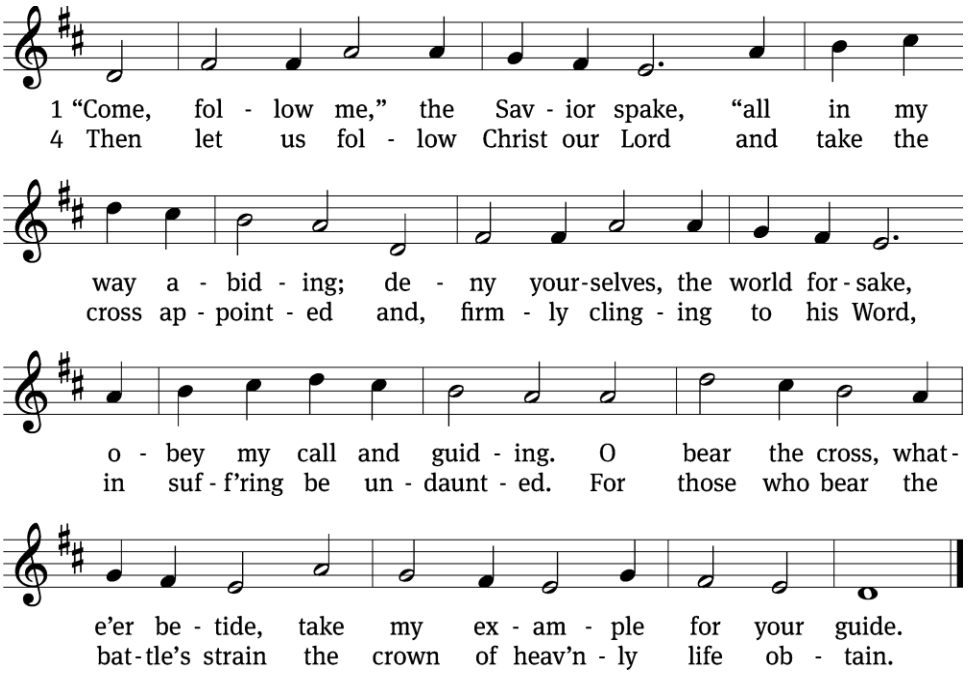
The Benediction

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

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Weekly Parish Calendar

November 8 - November 15

TODAY (8)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY (10)	6:00 PM	Pickleball
WEDNESDAY (11)	8:15 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Divine Service
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY (15)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services w/ Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School

Readings for Next Sunday, November 8

First Reading: **Isaiah 1:10-18**
Second Reading: **Romans 12:1-8**
Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

Pilgrim Lutheran Church can receive offerings electronically through a secure website. Scan the QR code with your smart phone (you might need to download a free QR scanning app) to be directed to Pilgrim's giving page or visit pilgrimcares.org/giving. Save the check – give online!

News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tim and Linda Pankow in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary Tim and Linda!

You are invited to the presentation "Mental Health and School Ministry in Central Africa" by Dr. Michael & Amanda Berg on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00pm at Pilgrim. Pastor Berg and Amanda joined Dr. Stephen Saunders (Marquette) on a trip to Malawi and Zambia sponsored by The Meros Center of Kingdom Workers. Pastor Berg helped train mental health care workers and Amanda visited the medical mission and schools in Zambia. In this lecture, they will share their experience.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY - BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 What If It's True? — A Four-Week Bible Study led by Rev. Greg Lyon "All doctrine is practical." Martin Luther understood this truth. Think of how many times he wrote the words *"What does this mean?"* in his Small Catechism. He recognized that every biblical doctrine carries practical value for daily life — even now. This four-week study engages with that truth by examining core biblical doctrines and asking a single, searching question: "What if this is true?"

A friendly reminder that our **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** will be held at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25**! Following worship, join us in the Gathering Space for our **Chili Cook-Off & Pie Social** while we enjoy the Packers game together.

Chili Cookoff & Pie Social - Get ready to bring the heat! Our Chili Cook-Off is coming up on **Wednesday, November 25** following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service, and we can't wait to see (and taste!) what everyone brings to the table. Whether you're a fan of classic chili, spicy creations, white chicken chili, or something unique, there's a bowl for everyone! Join us for some friendly competition, great food, and fellowship. Our annual Pie Social will also be held during this event. Scan the QR Code for more details and to sign up!

Join us for Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 29. Doors open at 6:00pm, dessert at 6:30pm, program at 7:00pm. This year we will focus on "Gifts from the Manger." All women and girls of Pilgrim and their guests are welcome! Sign up in the back of church to attend and to volunteer to host a table or bring a dessert. Table set up will be on Saturday November 28th from 2-3 or on Sunday morning the day of. Contact Irene Lape with questions.

Support Foster Kids this Christmas!!~ Kingdom Workers Foster Care Support Program helps to show the love of Jesus to Foster Parents and the kids they care for throughout the year. This Christmas, our Pilgrim Family will help show the love of Jesus to 10 teenage girls living in a Foster Care Group Home. Members will be able to purchase a gift, bake cookies, or even write a Christmas card to one of the girls. Look for the display at church in the coming weeks and prayerfully consider how you can spread the love of Jesus this Christmas season. If you have questions, please reach out to Gretchen Klug 920.253.8777

Welcome, Pilgrim moms! We (GEMS) meet for Bible study on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Little ones are welcome to join as we gather to study God's Word and leave feeling built up by a group of sisters in Jesus. Please see the qr code for information about where the group will meet.

Yarn Circle Update: We continue to meet the last Thursday of the month at 2pm, at Fiddleheads on Appleton Ave. We are now on the church app as well! With Thanksgiving coming up, we will meet November 19th, NOT the last Thursday of November. We will NOT meet in December. Yarn circle will resume the last Thursday of January 2027. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

LOVE IS Healthy Relationships Retreat in Waukesha offered by Kingdom Workers
Through devotions, discussion, and hands-on activities, participants will explore God's design for love and intimacy, understand more about themselves and what they bring to relationships, and learn practical ways to strengthen healthy connections. We'll also explore attachment styles and how our brains influence the ways we respond and connect with others. Friday, November 20: 4:00–9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 21**:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at Kingdom Workers, Waukesha. Registered participants will receive the exact address and arrival details. There is no registration cost. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. It is designed for adults, though mature teens ages 16–17 are welcome. The sexual intimacy lesson includes open, respectful, non-explicit discussion of sex.

You're cordially invited to *Give Me Jesus,* an evening of sacred music featuring singers from area congregations. Be assured that through life's joys and challenges, Jesus offers the comfort, hope, and peace our hearts need. **Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.** St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 1650 Brown Street, Oconomowoc.

KML Theatre Elementary School Auditions KML's Theatre Department is now accepting auditions for the roles of the "Llewelyn Davies boys" in their upcoming winter musical production of *Finding Neverland.* These characters appear in numerous scenes and songs. Boys in grades 4-8 are encouraged to submit an audition by November 23, 2026, following the guidelines posted at kmlhs.org/theatre. Any questions about the role or the audition process can be sent to the director, Matt Linton, at matt.linton@kmlhs.org.

WLHS Christmas Market – November 21 - Get a head start on your Christmas shopping at the 3rd Annual Wisconsin Lutheran High School Art Department Christmas Market on Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at WLHS! Browse more than 30 vendors offering unique gifts, holiday décor, jewelry, books, healthy living products, and more. It's a wonderful opportunity to find something special for everyone on your list while supporting the WLHS Art Department. Come enjoy a festive day of shopping and holiday cheer!

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

We desperately need part-time support for our daughter. She has suffered from Functional Neurological Disorder for multiple years, which has left her bedridden and effectively paralyzed. She has been in a facility over the last few months but needs to return home to receive care. We are looking for anyone with medical or nursing background that would consider being part of a team to help tend to her daily needs while we continue our attempts to help her regain any of her former ability to function. If you have any time or ability to help us, we'd be so very grateful. We are happy to negotiate times and compensation. You can contact us at stephenristow@hotmail.com or 262-888-2630

Sincerely, Pastor Stephen & Carmen Ristow

	8:00am	10:30am
Ushers		
11-8	Matt Lawonn	Bryan Giesenschlag
	Tony Jackson	Mark Murphy
11-15	Phill Lepple	Dave Chmielewski
	Karl Osterman	Paul Arnhold

Wednesday ushers are Pat Renner and Jason Marten.

Worship Hosts		
11-8	Josh & Sarah Bauer	Ann Wood
11-15	Pete & Amy Kuske	Bryan & Ellen Giesenschlag

Attendance

10-28	24
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