Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 22 November 2026
+ Christ the King, Year A

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude *To a Wild Rose (Edward MacDowell)*

Confession and Forgiveness *Please Stand*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen. *You may be seated.*

Gathering Hymn #836 ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

Holy One, you reign in all creation, in our gatherings, and in our hearts. Be glorified in our worship. Dwell within the praise of your people. Make yourself and your way known so that we might be encouraged, challenged, and empowered to be faithful, just, and righteous in your name. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your

horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be ruler among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a from *ELW Sung Morning Prayer*




Refrain
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 3 Come, let us wor-ship and bow
down; let us kneel be-fore the Lord our mak - er. For the
Lord is our God, and we are the peo-ple of God's
pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.
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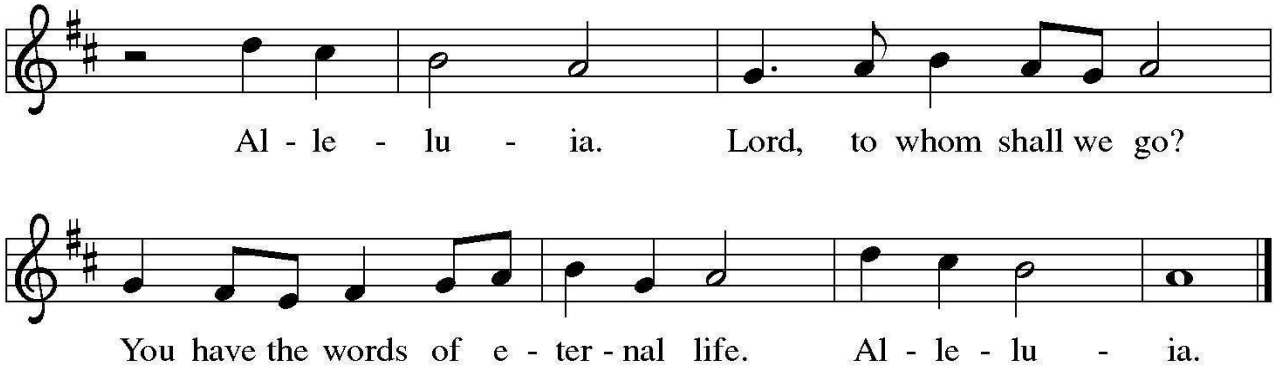
Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches

of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Please Stand*



Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “When the Son-of-Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. “Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the dominion prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil’s angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #659 ***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant***



Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953
Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

Prayers and Peace

P: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

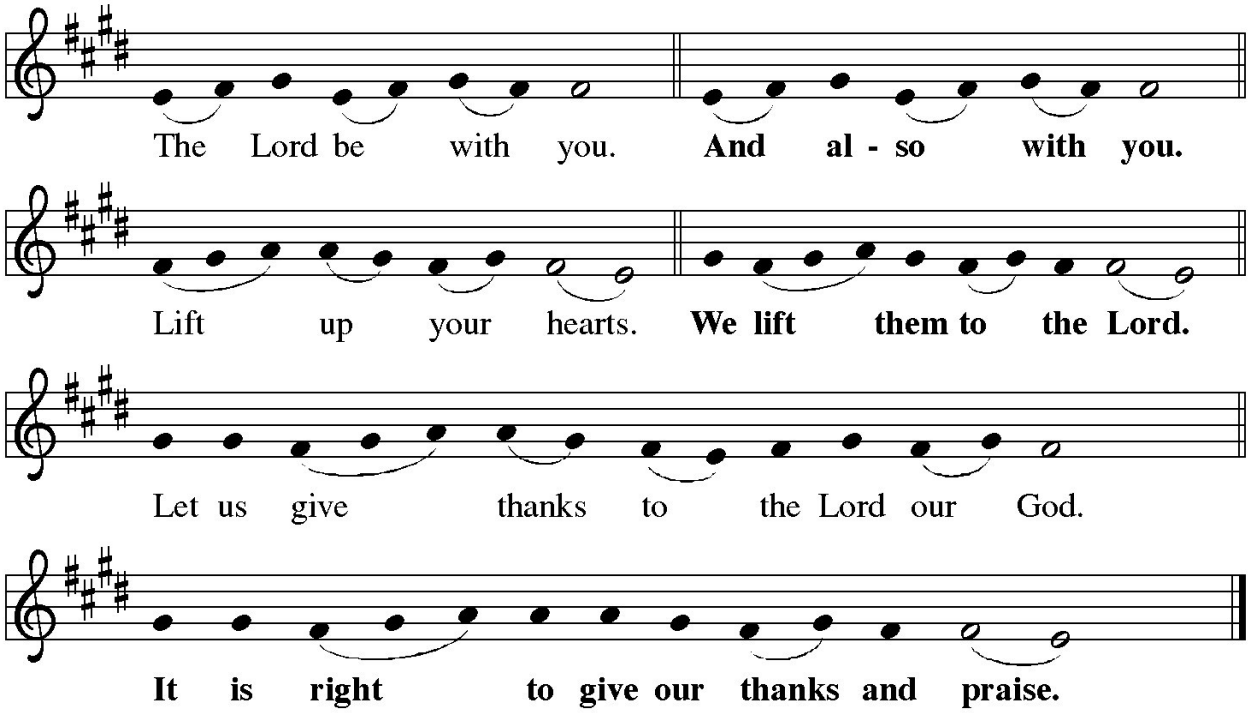
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Offertory *Now is the Time Approaching* LMLC Chancel Choir

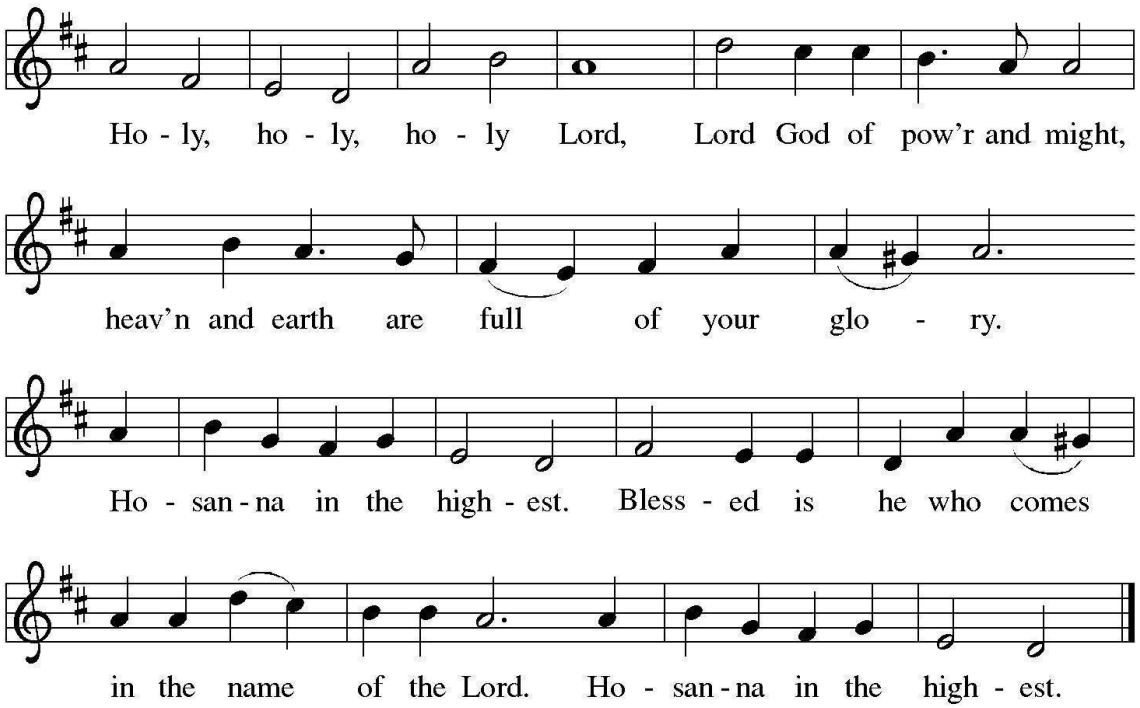
Offertory Prayer *Please stand*

Generous God, may these gifts be magnified for your kindom. We trust that your realm has everything needed. May we share our time, talent, and treasure in a spirit of gratitude, joy, and hope as tangible acts of our faith and belonging. Grant us wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of the resources entrusted into our care for the ministry of the good news. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Liturgy

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion *You may be seated*

Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister and a glass of either wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. There will be a basket off to the side where you can dispose of your used cup. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table.

You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn #679 ***For the Fruit of All Creation***



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Communion Hymn #838 *Beautiful Savior*



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Post-communion Prayer

P:We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Blessing

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.
Amen.

Sending Hymn NCH #608 ***Christ Will Come Again***



Text: Brian Wren, 1987. Music: IDA, Joan Collier Fogg, 1987.

Postlude

Anitra's Dance (Edward Grieg)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser	Preacher/Presider
Chrissie Goldstein & LMLC Chancel Choir	Musicians
Keiko Long	Communion Assistant
Mark Chapman & Christine Lawson	Ushers
Gordon Trombley (1st Reading)	Lectors
Allene Steinberg (2nd Reading)	
Chris Foss	Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 64:1-9*
Psalm: *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*
Gospel: *Mark 13:24-37*

Financial Reports

Gross - $12,144.54
Net - $10,358.67
Roof Fund - $275.00
Feeding Ministry - $150.00
Room Use - $113.00

Memorial Garden

Donations as of October 31 2026	4050.00	
Costs to September 30 2026	(6,839.18)	(A)
Uncovered Balance	(2,789.18)	

(A) – Some costs are yet to come, such as a bench. However, the majority of the cost has been experienced.

Feeding Ministry

Balance January 1 2026	4,104.84
Donations	
Cash	1,705.00
In kind (Where known)	1,898.70
Expenses (including 'in kind' goods)	(5,473.27)
Balance October 30 2026	2,235.27

Roof Fund

Received Jan 1 2024 – Oct 31 2026		28,595.69
Giving In Kind		296.09
		28,891.78
Paid from Roof Fund direct to roofing company		(8,447.09)
Repayment to MGF	(A)	(12,000.00)
Giving In Kind utilized		(296.09)
		(20,743.18)
Balance in BECU as of September 30 2026		8,148.60 (B)

(A) – Rather then actually transferring repayment of $12,000 to MGF and, at the same time, requesting $12,000 be transferred from MGF to LMLC as the 2nd quarter withdrawal, the same result was accomplished by a journal voucher entry. No money actually moved.

MGF Account	12,000.00	
LMLC BECU Account (Roof Fund)		12,000.00
Repayment to LMLC's MGF account for funds withdrawn for roof repair.		

LMLC BECU Account	12,000.00	
MGF Account		12,000.00
Quarterly withdrawal of funds		

(B) – for MGF reimbursement

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
Financial Results Through October 31 2026

Revenue	As of 09/30 /2026 Actual	As of 09/30 /2026 Budget
Pledges	$ 110,547.62	$ 100,123.64
Non-pledged Offerings	3,932.00	1,084.09
Room Use	7,656.41	5,285.29
Gifts and Income Other than Offerings	1,217.11	596.47
Unrestricted Revenue	**$ 123,353.14**	**$ 107,089.49**
In Kind Donations	$ 4,594.48	$ -
Feeding Ministry	1,705.00	6,940.24
Neighborhood Outreach	100.00	1,125.00
Restricted Revenue	**$ 6,399.48**	**$ 8,065.24**
Total Revenue	**$ 129,752.62**	**$ 115,154.73**

Expenses	Actual	Budget
Staff Compensation (Pastor, Office Admin, Musician, Bookkeeper	$ 123,682.32	$ 112,912.50
Administrative	10,037.97	10,358.89
Property (includes In Kind Giving)	31,804.80	31,434.18
Worship & Music, Education	2,126.21	1,771.74
Fellowship (includes In Kind Giving)	3,281.77	510.42
Synod	7,535.00	6,407.92
Total Operating Expenses	**$ 178,468.07**	**$ 163,395.65**
Outreach	596.59	2,025.00
Food Ministry (includes In Kind Giving)	5,473.27	6,547.79
Designated Funds Expenses	**$ 6,069.86**	**$ 8,572.79**
Total Expenses	**$ 184,537.93**	**$ 171,968.44**
Operating Surplus/(Shortage)	**$ (54,785.31)**	**$ (56,813.71)**
Withdrawal from Ministry Growth Fund	48,000.00	48,000.00
Net Surplus/(Shortage)	**$ (6,785.31)**	**$ (8,813.71)**

Although 'In Kind Giving' did not enter into the budgeting process, there is a desire to know the value of that received and the distribution of its usage. Consequently, the value of the item is entered to an account in the revenue section and, at the same time a charge of equal amount is made to the applicable expense account. The distribution of the $4,595 In Kind Giving received through October 31 is; Fellowship - $2,392, Feeding Ministry - $1,899 and Maintenance - $304. These entries have no impact on the bottom line.

LMLC's contribution to Synod is a % of LMLC's non-designated revenue. Although listed in the expense section for accounting purposes, it is one effort toward meeting LMLC's mission statement: Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community. It is a recognition that our community is local, regional, national and worldwide.

Announcements:

Book Club: Our next book club meeting will be on Friday, December 11th at 1:00 P.M. on Zoom; we will be reading and discussing the book Whistler by Ann Patchett for anyone that would like to join us! Regardless of how much (or little) of the book you are able to read before then, all are welcome!

Advent Soup Lunches: We are making a change to our midweek services during Advent, recognizing that it is more challenging for folks to make an evening service with how quickly it becomes dark in the evenings. So, instead of having a Midweek soup supper with a Vespers service, we are going to

have a Wednesday soup lunch at 12:00 P.M. This time will include a Bible Study and/or reflection, plus lunch. They will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd!

Hart's Concert: Sunday, November 29, 3:00 PM — Chamber Music at Luther Memorial. Join us for an hour of chamber music by the young Beethoven, performed by Justine Foy (cello), Robin Houston (clarinet), and Hartwig Eichberg (piano). Selections from Trio Op. 38, Cello Sonata Op. 5/2, and the 'Gassenhauer' Trio Op. 11. One hour, no intermission. A free-will donation for the Food Bank will be received.

Broadview-Thomson Giving Tree: Greetings from Broadview-Thomson School and PTA! Last winter, you generously supported our Giving Tree program and helped us provide holiday gifts to an incredible 438 children! We were absolutely blown away by the generosity and support of our community. The Giving Tree is one of our favorite traditions, and it simply wouldn't be possible without people like you. Thank you again for helping make the holidays a little brighter for so many of our families. We hope you experienced some of the joy and magic that we felt on our end!

If you're able and interested in participating again this year, we would be so grateful. You can request tags from our Giving Tree here: https://tinyurl.com/56aavdsh. Just let us know if you have a preference for the tags you'd like to take (for example, two siblings under 13, one girl 10 years old, or any three tags), and we'll do our best to accommodate. Gifts can be dropped off at the school office by Monday, December 7th.

Lutheran World Relief Donation: On November 1st, we did a Blessing for the Lutheran World Relief kits that we were sending out. The final totals came to:

5 Quilts
12 School kits
14 Personal Care Kits
12 Baby Care kits.

Thank you to all of our volunteers; Christine, Diane, Donna, Lollie, Laurie, and Vicki, who put together the kits and quilts!

Journeying Together: In an effort to give us more time to engage with one another, our Lutheran tradition, and Scripture, we are going to start a new activity twice-monthly after worship. Whether you are interested in becoming a member, you're a long-time member, or you're just interested in learning more, all are welcome to join! We will meet again today after worship and on December 13th.

November Food Pantry Theme: Holiday Meals
As we head into November and December, we are thinking of holiday foods we might stock in the Free Little Pantry. We are thankful for anything you donate but here are some suggestions:

- Canned chicken or turkey
- Boxed potatoes
- Stuffing mixes
- Gravy (canned or dry mixes)
- Canned cranberries
- Canned pumpkin pie mix
- Olives
- Cake mixes
- Cookie mixes
- Baking chips (chocolate etc.)
- Small bags of flour or sugar
- Baking oil
- Baking soda or powder
- Salt

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

22 NOV, SUN	9:30 – 10:15am	**Choir Rehearsal** Sanctuary
	10:30 – 11:30am	**In-Person & Live Stream Worship** Sanctuary
	3 – 5pm	**Skandia Society Rehearsal** Celebration Hall
	6:30 – 7:30pm	**NA Pink Progress Club** Celebration Hall
23 NOV, MON	6:45 – 7:45pm	**NA - Afterparty Group** Celebration Hall
26 NOV, THU	All day	**Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day**
	6 – 9:30pm	**Sound Harmony** Sanctuary
27 NOV, FRI	All day	**Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day**
	12 – 1pm	**Pause for Prayer** Zoom
	6 – 8pm	**NAMI** Library

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