

Grow ... Go ... Gather
November 1, 2020



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(LCMS)**

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The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music

Call to Worship

Welcome

(Please wear your mask when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 677 "For All the Saints"

Verses 1-4



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

LSB 677 "For All the Saints" verses 5-8

5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
 Δ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, Through

Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest; The
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠
 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O
 Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins, and lead us to
everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A Hymn of Praise: LSB 670, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You unite Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy fellowship who worship and serve Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

We Celebrate the Living Faith of the Departed Saints

The First Reading: Hebrews 11

P: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith, Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain. By faith, Enoch was taken from this life so that he did not experience death.

C: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

P: By faith, Noah, when warned about things not seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By faith, Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

C: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

P: By faith, Moses chose to be mistreated along with the people of God, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. By faith, the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea on dry ground.

C: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

P: By faith the walls of Jericho fell. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

C: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

P: By faith Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets conquered kingdoms, administered justice, shut the mouths of lions, and quenched the fury of the flames. Others were tortured, imprisoned, stoned, put to death by the sword. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

C: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

The Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

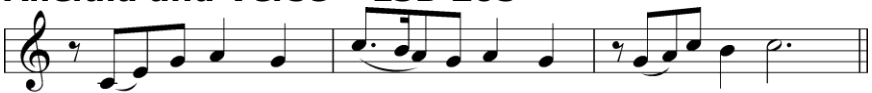
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

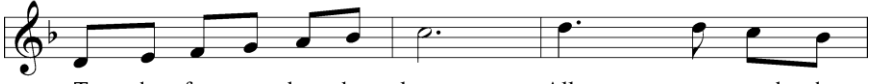
The Sermon Hymn: LSB 671, "Sing With the Saints in Glory"



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



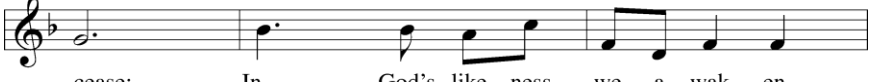
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



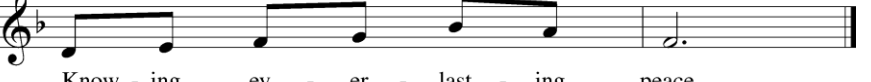
To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
 Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
 Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
 waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
 known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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The Sermon: 2 Timothy 3:14-17, "Reflections of a Saint"

☩ 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.

The Offering Prayer

✠ The Remembrance of the Faithful Departed ✠

P: You, Christ, are the King of Glory.

C: The eternal Son of the Father.

P: You overcame the sting of death

C: And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

P: You are seated at God's right hand in glory

C: We believe that You will come to be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and deliver Your people,
bought with the price of Your own blood;
and bring us with Your saints
to glory everlasting.**

P: Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love:

✠ Doris B. Ardis ✠

P I am the resurrection and the life;

C He who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live!

✠ William Henkel Jr. ✠

P My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow Me.

C And I give them eternal life.

✠ Verna Mae Weber ✠

P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law,

C But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Pause to remember departed saints for whom you are thankful.)

P: We place these dear departed sisters and brothers in Christ in Your hands; sinners by their own sin; but saints cleansed of the stain of sin by the blood of the Good Shepherd. Enfold them in the arms of Your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

C: Amen.

The General Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

A Hymn: "Come to Jesus" (Chris Rice)

Verse 1

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
O raise your head for Love is passin' by
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus and live

Verse 2

Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
So sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus and live

Verse 3

Like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we
fall
So fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus and live

Verse 4

Sometimes the way is lonely
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus and live

Verse 5

O and when the love spills over
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus and live

Verse 6

And with your final heartbeat
Kiss the world good-bye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side
And rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus and live
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus and live

The Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Distribution

The Dismissal

- P** 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.

The Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post- Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy

Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

The Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 678, "We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"



1 We sing for all the un-sung saints, That count-less, name-less throng,
 2 Though un-in-scribed with date or place, With ti-tle, rank, or name,
 3 So we take heart from un-known saints Be-reft of earth-ly fame,



Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope stead-fast and strong
 As liv-ing stones their sto-ries join To form a hal-lowed frame
 Those faith-ful ones who have re-ceived A more en-dur-ing name:



Through all the dai-ly griefs and joys No chron-i-cles re-cord,
 A-round the mys-t'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sac-ri-ficed,
 For they re-veal true bless-ing comes When we our pride ef-face



For-get-ful of their lack of fame, But mind-ful of their Lord.
 The Love that wrest-ed life from death, The wound-ed, ris-en Christ.
 And of-fer back our lives to be The ves-sels of God's grace.

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COMMUNION

What do I do?



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. James Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who:

- trust His words,
- repent of all sin,
- and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their spiritual harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed in this church, *any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, unrepentant of sin, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or deacon.*

If you are unsure about receiving Holy Communion but desire to receive a blessing, we invite you to come forward at the time of Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor Schaeffer. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that he knows you are not partaking of Holy Communion but desirous of a blessing.

NOTE: For those whose diets restrict the intake of gluten or alcohol, gluten free wafers are available as well as non-alcoholic wine. As Pastor Schaeffer is distributing the wafer, let him know you prefer a gluten free wafer. For those who require non-alcoholic wine, please take the purple foil individual cup as the deacon passes by you with the individual cup tray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: November 1st – 8th, 2020

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook Live
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **November 8**
Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed.:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Darrell
12 Noon Devotion w/ Pastor Schaeffer on Facebook Live
- Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. Adult Bells 
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:30 p.m. Google Meet Bible Study w/ Pastor
- Friday:** 12:00 Noon Registration closes for phone-in Worship registration.
- Saturday** 6:00 p.m. Registration for Worship is closed
- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook Live

Note: Karen will be out of the office November 4-6.

Today's Deacons: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

November Altar Guild: Sherry and Jennifer Schmidt

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (October 25, 2020)

General Fund	\$1,415.00
Plate Collection	190.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
ISJ Academy	150.00
Memorial (Ardis)	25.00
Total:	\$1,855.00



ISJ ACADEMY is having a **WREATH SALE** beginning **now** through **November 11th**. All the proceeds will go to new classroom furniture. The undecorated wreaths are 22" at

\$24 each. Decorated wreaths are also 22" and \$33 each. A 21" swag is available for \$19.

Student from ISJ Academy will be on hand after the worship service **TODAY** to take your orders. You will find them outside the main entryway.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE: November 1

"Adoption can be an enormously unselfish gift to a baby, not only as a way to give a child a secure, loving, stable family but to give that child the most precious gift of all—life."

Dr. Jean Garton, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

www.lutheransforlife.org



REMINDER: When you are finished worshipping, please lower the kneeler in your pew. Thank you.

Dear family in Christ,

Thank you for joining me in prayers for the recovery from my surgeries and for my self-quarantine through these many months. My bones are slowly mending, praise God! and the infected eyelid is almost healed.

Also- thank you for the prayers we lifted in His name for my daughter Angela who is recovering from a severe case of Covid19. Even though some family members were exposed, no one else has caught it, PRAISE THE LORD 🙏.

God Bless!

Judy Johnson

To register for worship, please go to:

1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend. **Worship Service – November 8, 9:30 am**
3. Click on the green **“register”** box.
4. Put in the **number attending**.
5. Click on the orange **“register”** box.

Enter **your first name** and **ALL** the **first names** of those attending with you in the “first name” box.

Enter **only one last name, e-mail address and confirm e-mail address.**

6. Click on the orange **“register”** box.
7. Your ticket(s) will arrive in your e-mail inbox confirming your sign-up.



We will be meeting today at 6:00pm for a Bible study, “Inspired to Share His Story,” being led by Marjie Weiss. A short meeting will follow. We would like to invite you to join us **in person as we social distance in the church basement or via Zoom.**

We **thank you** for your dedication to freely giving your mites for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **We are collecting mites today.** Please place your mites in the big mite box located on the table in the entryway.

“Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Nebraska District - \$50,000” - is one of our mission grant recipients. The ministry of the University Lutheran Chapel addresses the very real problem of young adults being susceptible to depression leading to suicide, making it the second most common cause of death among college students. The chapel renovation has been designed to include a dedicated space for Christian counseling services to provide guidance and hope. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-14.



We will be gathering on **Wednesday, November 25th**, at **7:00 p.m.** for our **Thanksgiving Eve** worship service.

No registration is needed.

This service will be available on Facebook Live also.