St. Lawrence
Episcopal Church

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM
November 22, 2026 at 9 AM

**Prelude** *Prelude on "Duke Street"*, Wilber Held

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Hymn** *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!* *Hymnal* 450






6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

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**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
*All* **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;
*All* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
*All* **One God and Father of all.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* May God be with you.
*All* **And also with you.**
*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

*Reader* 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 prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 95:1-7a** *(sung together)*



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*All*

**1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.**

**4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

**7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23

*Reader* 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 him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand 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 he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*All children are invited to join the Gospel procession! Take an instrument from the basket and with joy & enthusiasm herald the proclamation of the Gospel!*

**Sequence Hymn** *Zimbabwe Alleluia (sung before and after the Gospel)*




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**Holy Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospeler* 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 kingdom 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 his 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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily** The Rev. Kristin Saylor

**Procession to the font** *Take, O Take me as I am*




*Presider* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Presentation of Candidate**

*Parents and Godparents*

We present Theodore Scott to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Presider* Will you be responsible for seeing that Theodore is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?
*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Presider* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Presider* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Presider* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
*Answer* I do.

*Presider* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
*Answer* I do.

*Presider* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
*Answer* I do.

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Theodore in his life in Christ?
*All* **We will.**

*Presider* Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have become part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places: the Communion of Saints. In baptism, God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Joining with Theodore who is committing himself to Christ, let us now renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*Presider* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?
*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
*All* **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He 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,**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
*All* **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.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?
*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
*All* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
*All* **I will, with God's help.**

**Prayers for the Candidate**

*Presider* Let us now pray for Theodore who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
*All* **Lord, hear our prayer**.

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.
*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.
*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.
*All* **Amen.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.
*All* **And also with you.**
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
*Presider* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
*All* **Amen.**

**The Baptism**

*Presider* Theodore, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* Theodore, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* Receive the light of Christ, a sign of the new life enkindled within you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
*All* **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**Return to the front and Asperges** *Born , Reborn*




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**The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.
*All* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn** *Now thank we all our God* *Hymnal* 397






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## Eucharistic Prayer A



*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**




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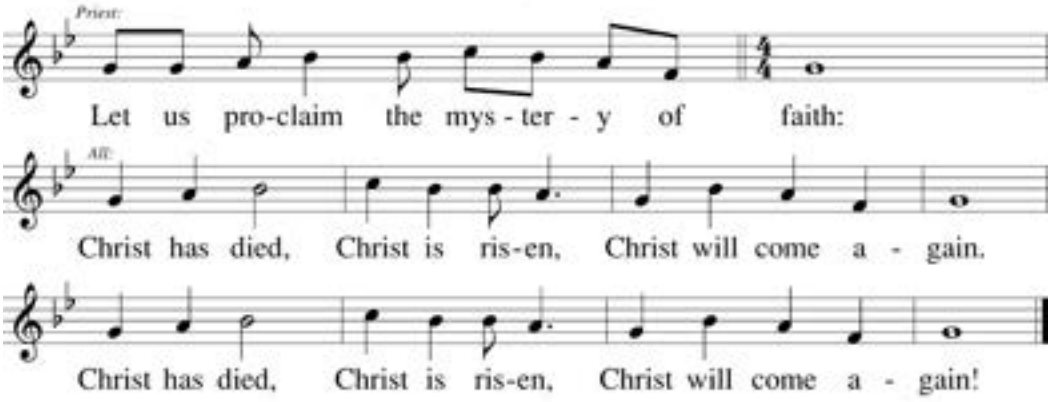
*Presider* Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**Memorial Acclamation**




*Presider* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Lawrence and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.




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**The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* As our Savior taught us, let us pray,

*All*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem**




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*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*Ushers will guide you to the front of the congregation, where you will have the option to receive regular or gluten-free bread.*

*We offer two options for receiving wine. If you wish to drink directly from the common cup, please proceed to the communion ministers holding chalices, directly next to the bread stations. If you wish to receive by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine), please proceed to the external communion stations, where you will find Eucharistic ministers holding intinction bowls.*

**Communion Hymn** *What have you done for me*






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***The sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors***

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent out the following words are used.*

*All* ***In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.***

**Postcommunion Prayer**

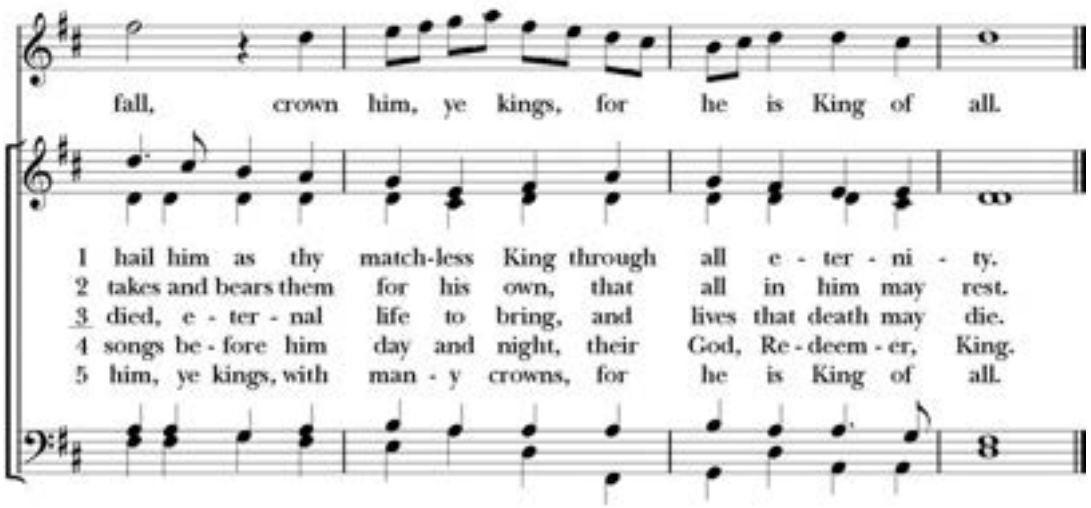
*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *Crown him with many crowns* *Hymnal* 494






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**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Nun Danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God),* Siegfried Karg-Elert

**WELCOME!**

New to St. Lawrence? Please complete the top part of the newcomers card found in the pews and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

If you need assistance with the Hearing Aid Loop, please see an usher.

Welcome to the **Soft Space!**
This special area is for children age 5 and under a cozy place to wiggle, wonder, and worship.
Here, little ones can experience our liturgy, worship, and communion
in a comfortable and engaging way.
Here, little ones can feel at home in God's presence just as they are!

Join us for coffee hour in the narthex immediately following the service.

Those attending a worship service at St. Lawrence are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of St. Lawrence. Please be aware that these images may be used for promotional purposes, including on our website or social media, without obtaining express written permission.

**Community Prayers**
The Universal Church, its members and its mission; For all retired clergy in our diocese, and for surviving spouses of clergy. And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Renk

Those who suffer and are in any trouble and those who have requested our prayers: Sherry, Joe, Celeste, Danny, Kristine, Valorie, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Debi, Ellen, Fred, Jack, Betsy, Melanie, Fr. John, Carl, Jennie, Ryan Li, Mary Fran, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Mike, Phyllis, Ruth, Teddy, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, MJ, Richard, Willis family, Tim, Nancy, Tony, Jim, Nancy, Christy, Don, Betsy, Carolyn, Emma, Joe, Linda

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Karlondo, Jermain, Christino, Maurice, Rickie, Apolinar

We pray for those preparing for marriage, especially: Ben and Alicia; Elise and Jason

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Diana and Shane, Claire and Kyle, Molly and Kyle, Melody and Devon

We pray for those who have died, especially; Paul, Giana

We pray for those who have lost loves ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family

We pray for our beloved animal companions

We pray for peace and healing in our nation and the world

We pray that peace and justice may come soon in places of war and conflict, and for all whose life of service puts them at risk; and for all victims of religious, racial and gender oppression throughout the world.

*If you have a loved one you would like mentioned in the Prayers of the People list, please write their first name on the clipboard located at the rear of the church. You may also visit www.stlawrencechurch.org and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.*




**Join us in the Narthex following the service for a celebration of the**
**St. Lawrence Church**
**2026 Stewardship Campaign**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already shared their pledge with us.

There is still plenty of time to submit your pledge and be a part of this special effort. We will wrap up our 2027 Stewardship campaign today with a festive celebration.

If you would like to pledge online please use the QR code



**Pageant Rehearsals will begin Sunday, November 29**









**Join us as we welcome the Christmas season at the Libertyville Tree Lighting!**

St. Lawrence has a wonderful tradition of serving hot cocoa and passing out candy canes to the thousands of people participating in the festivities. It is one of the most well-attended events in downtown Libertyville, and we are right at the heart of it.

Please use the QR code to volunteer for just a few hours and help us spread Christmas cheer and hospitality.



**On the STL calendar** *(see the entire calendar on the STL website, stlawrencechurch.org)*
**Sunday, November 22** - 2027 Stewardship Campaign Ingathering; Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal, Sanctuary, 10 AM
**Thursday, November 25-27** - Church offices closed
**Friday, November 27** - Cocoa & Candy canes at the Libertyville Tree Lighting, 6:30 PM
**Saturday, November 28** - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8 AM
**Sunday, November 29** - Frist Sunday of Advent; Advent wreath and St. Nicholas projects, Narthex, 10 AM; Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal, Sanctuary, 10 AM
Holiday Bazaar, Narthex, 10-12 PM
**Thursday, December 3** - Advent Midweek Eucharist, Sanctuary, 8:30 AM; Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM
**Saturday, December 5** - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM
**Sunday, December 6** - Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal, Sanctuary, 10 AM
**Tuesday, December 8** - Service at StoryPoint Libertyville, 2 PM
**Thursday, December 10** - Advent Midweek Eucharist, Sanctuary, 8:30 AM; Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM
**Friday, December 11** - Hope Food Pantry, narthex, 5-6 PM
**Saturday, December 12** - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8 AM
**Sunday, December 13** - Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal, Sanctuary, 10 AM



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