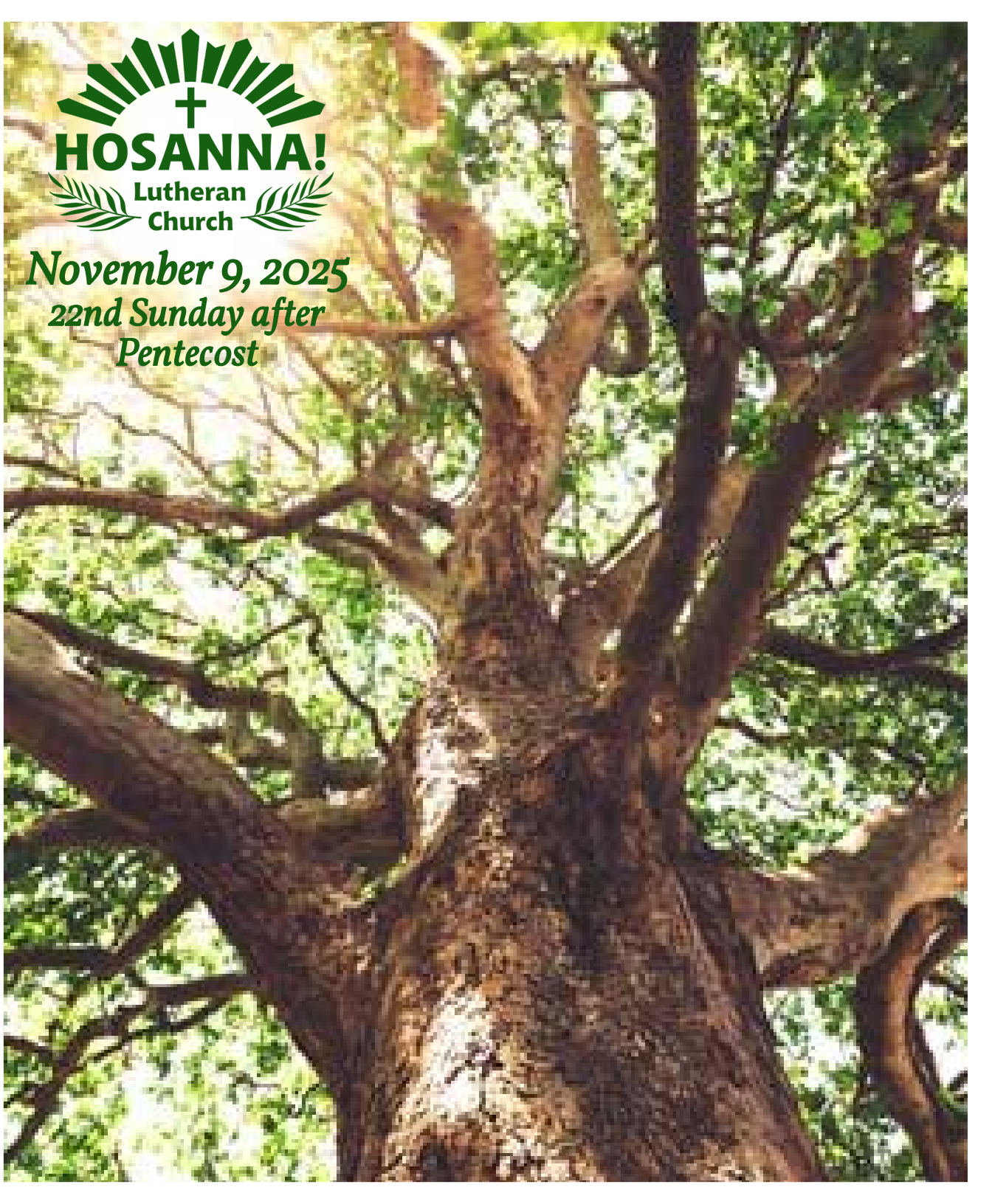




November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday after
Pentecost



WELCOME GUESTS!



- **By simply being here, you are a beautiful and valuable part of our praise, worship, and service.** Thank you for blessing us with your presence! We don't pretend to have it all together, but we believe God offers us strength, support, inspiration, joy, and opportunity through one another.
- **Everything you need to participate in worship** should be printed in this bulletin. Words in **bold print** are parts we speak together. We sing as a form of prayer and an expression of joy. The Psalms invite us to make a joyful noise to the Lord (not a perfect noise) so you are free to sing out no matter how talented your voice.
- **You are welcome to join us for more than just worship.** The announcements at the end of this bulletin are a great place to see what else is happening. You are welcome to just show up!
- **If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone.** There's no judgement. Really.
- **We'd love the opportunity to get to know you better.** Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed mid-service. You may also fill out our guest register at www.hosannatogether.org/guest.

KIDS ARE A BLESSING TO US

We love kids just as God made them, so we don't expect them to be any different with us. They are part of our worship, and we have some extra-special ways for them to participate:



- **Children's bulletins** with activities are located by the front doors where you enter the worship space.
- **Coloring pages, art supplies, fidgets, and selected books** are also available by the front doors to help kids' keep their minds and bodies active during worship.
- **We hope you'll help your kids join in prayers and songs,** even if it's just dancing or swaying to the music.
- **During the offering, kids may place their gifts in the clear container at the front.** Their gifts are used to help others in our community and the world in a way that's easy for them to see.
- **Kids take responsibility for offering God's blessing at the end of worship.** Even if they don't know the words, they are welcome. Standing there with a smile is all they need to show God's love.
- **Changing stations** are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

WE VALUE NEURODIVERSITY



- **God has made us each differently, so we welcome and value people as they are.** You are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently.
- **We have a quiet sensory room off the front hallway.** You are welcome there if you feel overwhelmed or need a break from people. Please respect others needing the same.
- **We have noise-reducing headphones, weighted pads, wobble cushions, and chair fidget bands in the sensory room.** You may use these in worship and anywhere else in the building if you'd like to try them out.
- **Learn more about neurodiversity** at www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity.

PRAYERS



- **Good and bad things happen.** If you'd like us to pray for you or someone you know, add your request to the sheet on the table in the front hall or call the church office at 816-781-7991.
- **We care about you,** but we're often not the first to hear what's happening. If something good or bad is going on, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit, reach out: 816-781-7991 or pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org.

WELCOME TO HOSANNA!

We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE

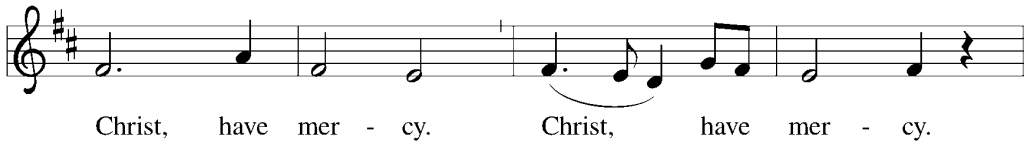
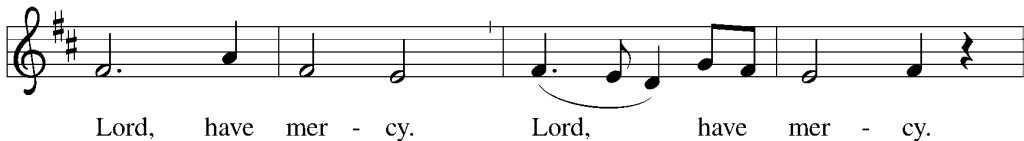
WELCOME & INVOCATION

We are gathered together in the presence of God--the One who gives us life, the One who redeems us from sin, and the One who carries us into hope.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Gracious God, we confess that we have not lived up to your hopes and expectations for us. There are things we've said and done that we regret, things we should have done or said that we didn't, and still much more that we don't even realize is a problem.

Congregation sings:



Loving God, we regret the pain we have caused others, we feel stuck even as we want to do better, and we lament the anxiety and despair we feel at times. So, Lord, we turn to you now. Forgive us and make us whole, that we might know grace, love, and joy more fully.

Congregation sings:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we are dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ.

By grace you are beloved. 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 joy and faith.

Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet one another by saying the words Jesus first spoke to his followers after his death and resurrection: "Peace be with you." Some of us shake hands, hug, or give a fist bump, but you are also welcome to make a peace sign with your fingers without physical contact.

Whatever the words or gesture, this is a loving welcome, prayer, and blessing we give our neighbors, that no matter what is happening in their lives they might experience God's peace and wholeness.

OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

(ELW 556)



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 1:10-18

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;

¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.
¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?

Luke 19:1-10

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Father, We Have Wandered

(ELW 606)



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

OFFERING

*Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you.
Place in the offering plate.*

*If you give electronically, you may place an e-giving card in the offering plate as
a physical gesture of your giving.*

*You may give online using a bank account, credit card,
or debit card at www.hosannatogether.org/give.*

*You may give by sending a text with your gift amount
to 816-327-2002. Instructions will be sent in a reply.*

*Cash and check gifts may be placed in an envelope from
the chairs racks and placed in the offering plates.*

*Children may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship
space to support the Kids Time program at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation
Center.*

*Kid's Time provides daily food, fun activities, and a loving environment where children of
all ages on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota can feel safe and cherished.
These are the kids Pastor Mike visited while on sabbatical. Learn more
at www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org.*

Kids and teens of all ages are welcome to contribute!



OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

(ELW 184)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues . . .

. . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, where we believe Christ is truly present.
Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red wine and white grape juice are available.*

*After communing, a child will offer you a blessing of God's love.
Empty cups may be left in the container at the front of the worship space.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Just As I Am, without One Plea (ELW 592)

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Lord, Be Glorified

(ELW 744)



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

The kids come forward to offer God's blessing and love to all:

The Lord bless you and keep you, and give you grace and peace.

Amen!

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(ELW 631)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna!

PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

Louise Ahrens , November 15

SYMPATHY

To the Trout Family on the passing of Lindsay's grandmother
Family and Friends of Reneé Arnold - sister of Donna Krugman, who passed away
October 18

Family and Friends of Judy Rabak - Margaret Rockhold's aunt, who passed away
Sunday, Oct. 26

CONCERNS

Scott Hall (Marty Berggren's husband) health concerns
Mike Jennings - recovering from hip replacement surgery Nov. 3
Emily Johnson (friend of Sarah Read) recovering from recent surgery
Vicki Gardner (friend of Jeanine & Stephen Stubbs) health concerns
Colton Weeks (friend to Bonny Grauerholz) receiving chemotherapy at Children's Mercy
Donna Shout (sister of Cheryl Jennings) serious health issues
Andrea S-Kirkpatrick (friend of Cheryl & Mike Jennings) Brain tumor
Lindsey and son Leo (friends of Janeen Bollhoefer) injured in car crash.
Multiple surgeries for both and rehabilitation.
Sheri Storer (Marty Berggren's sister) health concerns
Cory Delaney (friend of Belcher Family) heart surgery
Laura Kruchten (Margaret Rockhold's cousin) breast cancer
Kim Simpson (former co-worker of Donna Mason) entering Hospice Care for cancer
Karen Paulsell (Donna Mason's sister) continued recovery in a skilled nursing facility
Mel Eyberg (Charlynn Carlson's uncle) treatment for skin cancer
Connie (Great-Aunt to the Riles family) on hospice
Jeffery Gartman (Justin Noel's cousin) serious heart condition
Larry Moore (Catherine Noel's uncle) recent ALS diagnosis
Mark Moore (Catherine Noel's stepbrother) bladder cancer
Jason Noel (Justin Noel's brother) brain cancer
Sabrina Dotson (Catherine Noel's co-worker) cancer in multiple organs
Linda and Trudy (classmates of Marjorie Yates) cancer treatments
Stacy Kerns (friend of Jeanine Stubbs) family illness
Eilish Trout undergoing testing for various health concerns
Marion (Angelika Schmitt's sister) continued prayers for healing from cancer diagnosis
Craig A Lantz - in rehab and healing related to Parkinson's
Linda Beck (friend of Mary Kunkel) breast cancer
Mary Walters (friend of Mary Kunkel) lung cancer
Frances Jolayemi (Jeanine Stubb's sister) mental health recovery

HOSANNA! HIGHLIGHTS

- **Upcoming Sunday Faith Formation**

Grow in faith by joining us for these activities. *Details on page 18.*

- **Shirley Circle - New day and Time**

Hope to see you on **Tuesday, November 11th at 10:00am.** *Details on page 18.*

- **Help Us Stay Safe and Tidy**

keep our kiddo's safe and our building clean. *Details on page 18.*

- **Hosanna! Lunch Bunch, November 18**

Join us at **Aromatic Nepal.** *Details on page 19.*

- **Property Update**

Thank you for all your help! *Details on page 19.*

- **2025 Annual Metro Lutheran Ministry Christmas**

The MLM Christmas collection begins Sunday November 2. *Details on page 19*

- **In As Much Ministry**

The needs are greater than ever, please consider giving. *Details on page 20.*

- **Serve Liberty Residents at Johnny's Café**

We'll partner with Presbyterian Church in Liberty to serve others. *Details on page 20*

- **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Hosanna!**

Hosanna! will host the Community Thanksgiving service. *Details on page 21.*

- **Calling All Bakers**

We need pie for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service *Details on page 21.*

- **Update on Land Annexation**

Conversations continue as we wait for decisions. *Details on page 21.*

- **Third Quarter Financial Update**

We invite you to consider increasing your giving. *Details on page 22.*

- **Oxford Grand Visit Meaningful for Kids and Residents**

Thank you to all who joined us. The residents love it! *Details on page 23*

UPCOMING SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Grow in faith by joining us for these activities after worship in the coming weeks:

- **Nov. 9:** Large group lesson for kids in music room
- **Nov. 16:** Kid's Christmas Program Intro, Confirmation, and Adult Study (Half Truths)
- **Nov. 23:** Kid's Program Rehearsal
- **Nov. 30:** Kid's Program Rehearsal and Adult Study (Reflections and Questions on the Church Today)
- **Dec. 7:** Kid's Program Rehearsal
- **Dec. 14:** Kid's Program Rehearsal and Adult Study (What's Christ Got to Do with Christmas Anymore?)
- **Dec. 21:** Kid's Christmas Program - Presented during worship, no Faith Formation after worship

SHIRLEY CIRCLE - NEW DAY AND TIME

Shirley Circle has a new day and time for monthly meetings. During the winter months we will be meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. In November we will be meeting at the home of Karen Orrill. Please let Karen know if you will be attending. We will follow the same format of a business meeting, Bible study, and time for fellowship. The lesson is from the September/ October/ November issue of Gather magazine. If anyone would like a copy of this lesson please contact Ann Woody. All women of Hosanna are welcome. Hope to see you on ***Tuesday, November 11th at 10:00am.***

HELP US STAY SAFE AND TIDY

We love that our kids are comfortable at church, that they can hang out without parents needing to hover over them, and that we have a great big building with lots of fun things to do. However, for the safety and well-being of our kids, it's important that they know to remain in parts of the building where there are other adults. Grown-ups don't always have to be in the same room, but kids should not be alone in completely unoccupied areas of the building. When using the various rooms and playground, we also invite parents to help their kids clean up after themselves.

HOSANNA! LUNCH BUNCH, NOVEMBER 18

Join us for a little adventure this month as we try a new restaurant here in Liberty. This month will be gathering at **Aromatic Nepal**, located at 322 Rte 291, Liberty where the old God Father's Pizza was located. Born from a passion for sharing the authentic flavors and rich cultural heritage of Nepali, Indian, and Indo-Chinese cuisine, the restaurant is a celebration of tradition and the art of culinary craft. Visit their website at <https://www.aromaticnepal.com/>.

This invitation is open to everyone who likes to eat and fellowship! We hope you'll join us. Reservations are not required but it is helpful to know if you might be joining us so that we can have enough seating. Contact the church office if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

PROPERTY UPDATE

First, thank you to Rob R. for taking the time to repair the dumpster door enclosure. The material had deteriorated and was replaced with cement board and painted.

Second, thank you to all who came out to help yesterday. We had a lot to do but we will always have more and can use all the help we can get. Thank you to Mike Jennings for his time and hard work this past season. Contact Scott at sschmidt95@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in helping around the church with these and other projects. Thank you.

2025 ANNUAL METRO LUTHERAN MINISTRY CHRISTMAS

The MLM Christmas collection this year will take place from Sunday November 2 through Sunday November 30. Again this year there is a desperate need for coats either new or gently used for all ages!! In addition, gift cards for \$25 from Target or Walmart are welcome. The Christmas tree will be decorated in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, November 2. There is a Christmas Store Wish List and volunteer sign up information available on their website: <https://mlmkc.org/event/christmas-store/>

IN AS MUCH MINISTRY

It continues to be a tough time for families in the metro area. Next time you go grocery shopping, would you consider picking up an extra can/item or two and place them in the red wagon by the fellowship doors at church? These items are the most needed at this time: **White Rice, Peanut Butter, Chunky Soup, Canned Chili, Sugar, Corn muffin mix, Chicken or beef Broth, Instant Pudding, Canned Peas, Canned Chicken, Brownie Mix.**

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

SERVE LIBERTY RESIDENTS AT JOHNNY'S CAFE

Three Saturday mornings each month, congregations in Liberty host a public meal for anyone who yearns for good company or needs a hot meal. However, it's a lot of work providing the meal every month, so **we've offered to help First Presbyterian Church in Liberty by planning, cooking, and serving their next meal on Saturday, Nov. 22.** Their need unfortunately conflicts with the WELCA wreath-making event, but we trust that we can still have enough people willing and able to serve and welcome those unable to serve to contribute to the food we'll prepare.

Johnny's Café is primarily attended by residents of Liberty who struggle financially, don't have access to healthy home-cooked meals, and seniors who miss the opportunity to be social on the weekends when the Senior Center is closed. They've been averaging 55 attendees at the Presbyterian Church, but they are expecting a larger crowd this month due to suspended salaries and the anticipated lack of SNAP benefits in November.

Please sign up to donate food or help serve on the sheet in the fellowship hall or at <https://signup.com/go/wYUDvUK>. Food donations may be placed in the box in the church kitchen or labeled and placed in the kitchen refrigerator/freezer by Sunday, Nov. 16. Volunteers are needed to bake desserts on Friday, Nov. 21 in Hosanna's kitchen and to serve at First Presbyterian on Saturday, Nov. 22. Times and duties are listed. Due to the scope of the meal, everything must be prepared in a commercial kitchen and Saturday cooks and servers must have a Clay County food handler's card (information about getting in-person training or taking an online course are available at <https://www.clayhealth.com/337/Food-Handlers>). Set-up and clean-up volunteers don't need food handler training. Please connect with Pastor Mike (pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org) for more information.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE AT HOSANNA!

Congregations from across denominations and across the Liberty area gather each fall for a community Thanksgiving worship service together. We're excited to be the host congregation this year! Join us and our neighbors on Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 PM for worship as we give thanks to God for life, for community, and for being church together. We'll provide desserts after worship to encourage people to stay and visit. A sign-up will be available soon.

CALLING ALL BAKERS AND PASTRY BUYERS!!

The best part of a meal is dessert!! Please help by bringing a pie as we host 100 to 125 people for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Nov. 23. Each participating congregation is bringing 4-5 pies. Whether you want to bake it or purchase it is up to you. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please bring your desserts to church with you on Sunday morning. If other arrangements need to be made contact Bonny Grauerholz at Bonnyjo2@yahoo.com.

UPDATE ON LAND ANNEXATION

We have continued to be in conversation with the cities of Kansas City and Liberty about transferring the approximately 4 acres of undeveloped land Hosanna! owns from KCMO to Liberty boundaries, where our developed land already resides. We've hit a delay as the cities negotiate cost-share for 2027 improvements to 104th Street (south adjacent to the church property). Although an agreement has been announced publicly, a written contract has yet to be completed. This contract is expected to be signed by the end of the year. We have a clear path forward once that happens and plan to submit petitions to the cities in January so that we may appear before the city councils in February. Our prospective buyer for some of this land has affirmed their continued interest. However, it is still contingent upon successful annexation and rezoning, a contract will take additional time to finalize, and completion of a sale would depend on a land survey, so there are still a lot of unknowns and a significant amount of time before we could see any financial benefit.

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our Congregation Council continues to manage our shared finances and would like to share a few insights from our recent meeting. Historically, our flow of income and expenses turns negative during the summer and bounces back in the fall before balancing out toward the end of the year. Summers always come with higher-than-average expenses for annual insurance costs and higher utility bills during the heat, as well as attendance dips as members travel. Unfortunately, our expenses continued to be higher than average through the fall and offering income remained lower than usual. Therefore, we've been operating in the red for the past few months and the funds in our bank accounts have continued to slowly dwindle. If you'd like more details about our shared finances at this time, our Congregation Treasurer Tony Belcher (treasurer@hosannalutheranchurch.org) can provide you with a fuller picture.

We invite you to consider whether you can help us reverse the trend of the past few months, especially if you find you are behind on your planned commitments for the year. If you'd like to make a special gift, you may do so through the offering plate, mailing a check to the church office, or online at www.hosannatogether.org/give. This page on our website also lists several other ways you can contribute to Hosanna! financially through stock and retirement investments, shopping with gift cards, Thrivent Choice Dollars, and planned giving. Thank you so much for your past and continued support of our ministry together!

UPDATE ON ORGAN REPLACEMENT

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback about our organ and funding priorities, as well as those who are considering larger financial contributions to help us purchase a replacement for our unrepairable organ. At our recent Congregation Council meeting, we discussed your feedback and determined that we're not able or wanting to spend the funds it would take to purchase a more premium instrument. We'll be working with our Worship and Music Committee and musicians to create a team that will examine other options, including older used instruments and/or models with less features. If you'd like to be a part of this team, please speak with Pastor Mike or Andrew Stephens. Their search will lead to a recommendation that is presented to the congregation for a vote prior to any commitment or purchase.

OXFORD GRAND VISIT MEANINGFUL FOR KIDS AND RESIDENTS

Thank you to the families who joined us as we visited residents at the Oxford Grand Assisted Living facility on October 26. The kids had a great time singing for and interviewing the residents. The residents enjoyed meeting the kids, catching their joy, and sharing their stories and wisdom.



HAPPENINGS AHEAD

Sunday, November 9

No Choir Rehearsal

9:30am - Worship

10:45am - Faith Formation:

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 11

10:00am - WELCA

6:00pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

10:00am - Bible Study

Sunday, November 16

8:30am - Choir Rehearsal

9:30am - Worship

10:45am - Faith Formation:

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 18

11:30am - Lunch Bunch - **Aromatic Nepal**

Saturday, November 22

11:00am - WELCA Advent Wreath Event

Sunday, November 23

8:30am - Choir Rehearsal

9:30am - Worship

10:45am - Faith Formation:

Crews, Confirmation, Adults

7:00pm - **Community Thanksgiving Service and Pie Social** (at Hosanna!)

SERVING ON SUNDAY

Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall by the kitchen or through Breeze at hosannatogether.org/

	THIS SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 16
Acolyte	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Altar Guild	Kristin Belcher	Pam Schmidt
Audio/Video	Scott Carlson	Volunteer Needed
Blessor	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Communion Assistant	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Alison Kern Volunteer Needed
Counter	Pam Schmidt Leslie Long	Pam Schmidt Leslie Long
Crucifer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeter and Usher	Sue Tonks Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Lector	Jeanine Stubbs	Jeanine Stubbs
Fellowship Host	Jeanine Stubbs Volunteer Needed	Melody Grote Jeremy Grote

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

89

November 2

In person: 66

Online: 18

OPERATING FINANCES

As of October 19

Income
past month



Unusually Low

Expenses
past month



Unusually High

YTD Income
vs. Expenses



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