

# Our Redeemer's Voice

November 2025



## The End...



Rev. Jeremy Loesch

I am by no means an art aficionado, merely someone who appreciates it. I've been fortunate to live relatively close to really excellent art museums in Washington DC, Chicago, St. Louis, Columbus, Philly, and KC. On my most recent 'working vacation', some of the kids and I thought that a trip to the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum would be nice. "The Nelson" is a wonderful museum. It's mostly free and is a good way to spend a few hours away from noise, hustle, screens, anger, division,

etc. I especially appreciate that The Nelson has a wonderful collection of religious art and has TWO pieces of art on the martyrdom of St. Lawrence!

The day that we visited The Nelson also happened to be the day of the Garmin Kansas City Marathon. Runners could do a full marathon, half marathon, 5K, and a one mile run for kids. It began and ended at the art museum. After we had seen enough art, we walked around the lawn of the museum and went down to the finish line of the museum. We watched a few of the runners finish the race. There were quite a few spectators there, one with a bullhorn, cheering on those who were finishing. They were congratulatory shouts- "Good job!", "You did it!", "Way to go!" and the race announcer telling us who the runners were. It was noticeable to see the happiness on the faces of the finishers. I can only imagine how a marathon finisher would feel. All of the training, multiple pairs of running shoes, moments of doubt and moments of confidence, led the way to crossing that finish line.

November marks the time when we glimpse the finish line. We are now twenty-something Sundays after the Feast of Pentecost. Depending on what calendar hangs in your home, you may see that St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30) is on the horizon and you may recall that the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day is the First Sunday in Advent and you may recall that Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. (I use the free pictorial calendars that come from our St. Louis and Ft. Wayne seminaries, btw.)

November is when the Church prepares to prepare. Certainly Advent and Lent are preparatory seasons, yet sometimes a person has to get ready before they get ready because what you are getting ready for is really important.

We are ultimately getting ready for the coming of Jesus. There are three 'Comings of Jesus': Jesus came first at Christmas, Jesus comes every Sunday in the proclamation of His Word and through His Sacraments, and Jesus will come again at the Father's direction on the Last Day. Notice the verb tenses in those three phrases- past, present, future. Jesus was born once, Jesus shows up every Sunday and really every day for His people, and someday Jesus will return to restore all creation to its original splendor. (Next Page)



**St. Andrew, the first called apostle. St. Andrew died by crucifixion in Patras, Greece, around 60-70 AD after being condemned by the Roman governor Aegeates. He was crucified on an "saltire" X-shaped cross, now known as the St. Andrew's Cross, because he reportedly felt unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus. It said that he preached from the cross for two days before dying.**

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The Scripture lessons in the services of November have the distinct flavor of getting us ready for The End, talking about the resurrection, how Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, how one stone will not be left on top of another, of how God's ultimate goal is that we be together with Him in paradise.

How do we get ready? We pay attention to what Jesus says. We pay attention to how we live. We pay attention to what we say and do. We live with confidence and faith in Jesus that we receive whatever He gives us with thanks and we do not fear what happens in the world, for we know that there will be much trouble in the world, with wars and rumors of wars, with kingdoms tottering and toppling, with hatred and animosity among people.

Jesus has told us He is coming back. Jesus' Church helps us turn our attention away from the things of this world to the things of God. All of the distractions of this world are set aside so we can live with gratitude and thanksgiving, so that our eyes and ears are open to the people around us, so that we can prepare for whenever that Great Last Day arrives and be ready to welcome our Lord Jesus Christ who is perpetually present.

**Blessings—Pastor**

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## November—All Saints & Advent

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### THROUGH THE WORSHIP WINDOW



**From November 2021 ORLC Archives By Arlen Besel, Worship Chair**

November begins with All Saints Day. The Gospel includes the Beatitudes, a summary of what our lives should be carried out. This is followed by Mark's description of the signs of the end of the age. It leads to a description of the return of Christ at a time unknown except by God the Father.

Our Thanksgiving celebration provides an interlude for us to thank and praise our God for all His blessings to us.

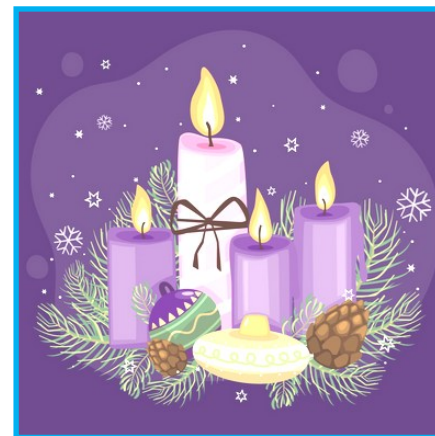
Now Advent begins with either Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem or additional signs of the end times.

The Epistle lessons begin with the reminder that we are all children of God on which He has lavished His love and blessings.

In Hebrews, we are reminded that the Old Testament priests were required to offer sacrifices for their own and the peoples sins. Then Christ offered the ultimate sacrifice of His own life as the final high priest offering.

The Old Testament also has reference to the end times in Daniel where he says that all who are written in the Book of Life will be delivered from the wrath of the tribulation. Also in his visions Daniel sees the Father sitting in judgement.

Jeremiah predicts the coming of the righteous branch to bring justice to Israel and mankind. This is a reference to the coming Messiah; Jesus Christ.



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## Lives Touching Lives

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**By Dr. Carol Geisler**

Psalm 46:9-11 - *He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

During His earthly ministry, the Son of God commanded the wind and waves, "Peace! Be still!" The storm obeyed its Master "and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39b). In our psalm, God demands that the warring nations end their ceaseless striving and acknowledge

His lordship: "Be still and know that I am God." We do not know why God permits the wars and suffering to continue. Those answers are hidden from us. We see nations rage and kingdoms rise and fall, but it is God who "makes wars to cease to the end of the earth." Nations and their rulers (Continued Next Page) 2

(From Page 2) desire earthly power. They are willing to fight and kill for it, not knowing or acknowledging the power of the God who alone "makes nations great, and He destroys them; He enlarges nations, and leads them away" (Job 12:23). God lays claim to the majesty and power that are His alone: "I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"

The God who will be exalted among the nations loves the people of all nations. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The Son of God, who commanded the wind and waves to cease their striving, did nothing to stop the violence done to Himself. Jesus was betrayed, arrested, condemned to death, and nailed to a cross. Yet there on the cross, as a weak and helpless victim, Jesus was at war with the forces of evil, striving against sin, death, and Satan, fighting to bring forgiveness of sins and eternal peace to a warring world. When the Son fell silent in death, the battle appeared to be lost. Jesus' body was taken down from the cross and buried. But on the first Easter morning, the divine Victim was revealed as the Victor! By His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ conquered every foe, crushing the power of sin, death, and the devil.

The risen and victorious Savior was raised to the right hand of the Father to reign over all things. The exalted Lord of all nations sends His disciples out among those nations with the Good News of peace and forgiveness granted through faith in His Name: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). The Lord of hosts is with us!

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## Our Redeemer News & Notes

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**PRAYER LIST**— Karen, Mary, Carl, Mimi, Michele, Faith, Ramona, Michael, Bill, Janet, Charlu, Jessie, Betty, Hertha, Sarah, Sandy, Libby, and Louise.



**FALL BACK**— Daylight savings time ends November 2, 2025 when clocks fall back one hour.

**BIBLE STUDY**—Bring your coffee and join us each Sunday at 8:45 a.m.

**WORSHIP**—Sundays at 10 a.m. in person or online.

**MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP HOUR**— All fellowship gatherings are held after service the second Sunday of the month. We ask 2 to 3 people to bring items such as simple snacks, desserts, finger foods, etc. to share. See Lina. You can also sign up to bring items on the bulletin board in the Narthex. November fellowship is on the 9th.

**2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**— 2026 Calendars may be picked up in the office, the resource area, or in the Narthex.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** — Class for prospective members or members who wish to refresh their knowledge will be held on at the church on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. "We'll utilize the Lutheranism 101 book and materials. Books have already been purchased, and I think the book is highly accessible to all people." says Pastor. If you already know a lot, you will probably learn something. And if your knowledge may not be that great, well, you will learn something. Even if you missed the first classes, you are welcome to join us.

**BUILD-A-BAG PROJECT** —By the time you read this we will have 3 sleeping bags finished and ready to donate thanks to Lina and Ruth and Theresa. Theresa is a friend and volunteer from our community that we met at the CHECA parties. She picked up a needle with thread and learned how to blanket stitch in minutes. Last week she brought her daughter with her when they dropped off some material donations. It's nice to have some community interest in our mission and appreciate her help. We've had our first frost and will soon donating sleeping bags to the homeless in Newark. Our inventory of blankets, and comforters that make up the warm middle layer of the bags is low. We are currently out of gloves that are added to a comfort kit in each sleeping bag. Clean used items are accepted. A box will be in the overflow area for your donations and thank you for your support. —Marybeth



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** —Sunday School is held on the first and third Sundays. Please see Robin if you have questions.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** — All men, those in your household, and friends are invited to join us Sat. November 22 at 8 am. Let us talk, eat, and enjoy each other's company. Bring your own breakfast. We serve the coffee.

**NEWSLETTER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**—News to be included in Sunday's bulletin is due Tuesday morning each week; newsletter deadline is 20th of the month.

# News & Notes.... CONTINUED

**YARD FALL CLEANUP** – Join us Sat., Nov 1, starting at 4 p.m. with a rain date of Nov 8 to beautify the church grounds. Following the cleanup and “safe” conditions we have planned an open pit fire. Hotdogs and buns are being donated. You are welcome to bring marshmallows and roasting sticks, or whatever you’d like to cook on an open pit fire. A shared dish or dessert are welcomed but not necessary. The Church will provide water, soda and condiments.—*Bob*

**ORCHARD GARDEN FALL CLOSING** – After a productive season of bountiful harvests and sharing this bounty with others, it is time to put away our gardening tools. Closing cleanup is scheduled for November 1 at 9 a.m. Rain date is the following weekend. —*Robin*

**CHRISTMAS CLOTHING DRIVE—HOPE ON DECK.** We are collecting **NEW** clothing for older foster children, ages 10 and up. Sweatshirts, pajamas, socks, underwear, shoes, shirts, jacket, gloves, hats. —*Ruth*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the service. The election of Vice President and Financial Secretary are on the agenda.

The **Vice President** shall: perform the duties of the President during the absence or inability of the latter to serve; serve as a liaison trustee to the Chairman of the Board of Property and recommend a candidate for Chairperson of the Board of Property to be approved by the Church Council.

The **Financial Secretary** shall: receive all congregational monies and deposit them in a bank authorized by the Voters' Assembly and provide a weekly income report to the Treasurer; keep a confidential record of all contributions from the members and provide them with periodic statements; keep an accurate record of all receipts and prepare a report for each regular meeting of the Church Council and Voters' Assembly.

All books and papers and other valuable articles belonging to the congregation shall be taken into custody by any person whom the Board of Trustees may appoint for this purpose if, for any reason, the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, or Secretary is temporarily unable to perform the duties of that office.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**—Remember, the library always appreciates the donation of children, young adult and appropriate adult books. Thanks to all who donate books. —*Julie*

**LWML** — Women of LWML will be making dinner for UD Lutheran Campus Ministries on Tuesday November 4. It's a great opportunity to meet the students and spend some time with them. Marybeth and Ruth will be making the entrees, Lina will make a toss salad and Kathy is providing bread or rolls. Volunteers are still needed to make dessert and to deliver the food on the 4th. Contact Kathy O'Malley or Marybeth Cooley if you would like more information about the dinner. Join us at the next meeting November 6, 10 a.m. at church.

**L.I.F.E (Lutheran's Involved in Food Emergencies)**— Our November food donation campaign for Lutheran Community Services has begun. Items most sought include:—*Ruth*

- Ravioli, spaghetti, meatballs in sauce
- Turna, Chicken, Salmon
- Beer Stew
- Corned Beef Hash
- Canned Ham and other Meats
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Soups, Stews
- Dried Beans
- Pastas
- Crackers
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Cereal, Grits, Oatmeal, Cereal Bars
- Peanut Butter, Jams
- Fruit Juice
- Dry or Evaporated Milk
- Baking Mixes for Pancakes, Waffles
- Spices, Salt, Pepper, Chili Powder, etc.
- Baking Mixes, Brownie, Cake, Muffins
- Baby Formula, Bottles
- Dog, Cat Food (dry or canned)

**HOW IS YOUR MEMORY?** — Let's test our memory with verses from the Bible... one verse from each letter of the alphabet. These verses will be shared during “Children's Time.” Pastor will share the verse with the children, talk about the verse and we (children and congregation) will work on memorizing the verse. This is a great opportunity to lock some Bible verses in our head, and in our hearts as well. Look for the “Memory” Verse in the bulletin on the first and third Sundays. How many of the 26 will you remember? The challenge is on.

**A** —Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door shall be open to you.

*Matthew 7:7*

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**B**—Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ, God forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*

**C**—Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you. *1 Peter 5:7*

**D**—Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you desires of you heart. *Psalms 37:4*



## Spotlight on Bob



- Church Volunteer — As a member of the church you are always there to fix a leaky toilet, change a lightbulb, paint doors, climb the roof, clean leaves from gutters, build ramps and benches, as well as a myriad of countless tasks that come up in the course of the church year.
- Church Leadership and Mutual Ministry Board — On the Mutual Ministry Board you serve as a conduit between the pastor and church. As a leader you develop schedules for the lay leaders. On any given Sunday, you can be found lighting candles before church and extinguishing them later. You may even be the lay leader for that day.
- Property Board Chair — As leader, you make sure the buildings are efficiently cooled and heated. You meet with contractors and get the best person to get work done, (when you need help). You anticipate what the aging infrastructure and equipment might need to continue working in the best capacity, now and in the future..
- When it comes to the electrical systems, handicap accessibility, yard clean ups and indoor cleaning parties, one can be sure that you are there or behind the scenes making it happen.
- Bob, something has probably been left out, but you have done all of this and so much more out of your love for Jesus, for your church family, and for those in need. For this and everything else that you quietly do, we thank you.

## THANK YOU



*Each Month Our Redeemer's Voice will spotlight a different member of our congregation. Names are selected randomly. We have so many in our congregation who have let their light shine at Our Redeemer and beyond. We appreciate everyone.*

## Love, Laughter, Lullabies: Quiet Time



### IN THE WORD

*And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed (Mark 1:35).*

### OF THE WORD

Life with a newborn can be overwhelming! After time spent diapering, feeding, playing, and sleeping when the baby sleeps, I still need to go to work, clean house, make meals, and spend time with my husband. With only twenty-four hours in a day, I find that my priorities needed to be reevaluated.

There is no question Jesus had plenty to do, but He gives us a great example of putting first things first. One day Jesus spent until well after sundown healing people in Capernaum, yet He rose early the next morning and went alone to a place to pray privately to his heavenly Father.

Although Jesus was busy doing good things for deserving people, He never lost focus on His highest priority: accomplishing His Father's will to save the lost. But in order to do that, Jesus needed to spend time in prayer.

Even though, as a new mom, you may find yourself much busier now than you were before your child was born, make it your priority each day to spend quiet time with God.

### WALKING WITH MY LORD

Loving Savior, forgive me when I have been too busy to spend quiet time with You. Help me reevaluate my priorities so You are first in my life. In Your blessed name I pray. Amen.

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# Lutherans Around Us

## LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at the University of Delaware Thank You for Blessing Us with Your Support

During this season of giving thanks and counting our blessings, the students, staff, and Directing Committee of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD join me in thanking you for all the ways in which you support our students and our ministry:

- Thank you for keeping our **new students** and returning students in your prayers. The number of visitors for Fall 2025 has now reached 11, including individuals from all four academic classes! What a blessing and joy...and what a rich opportunity for new relationships and for strengthening our LCM community. □
- Thank you for a successful and richly blessed **fundraiser** at Grace Lutheran on Saturday afternoon, November 1! Your attendance, your outpouring of nearly three dozen unique baskets and auction gifts, and your generous financial donations mean so much to us.
- Bless you for providing tasty, home-cooked **meals** for our students on Tuesday evenings and for joining us for fellowship and conversation at our chapel. It's a great chance for cross-generational connections and occasionally some networking, too.
- Thank you for your generous **financial gifts**, both congregational and individual, which help to support, sustain, and build this ministry with and among young adults.
- Thank you for your **faithful partnership** in embodying the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a broken, needy, and often frightened world, which longs for community, reconciliation, hope, and healing. May we continue to shine with Christ's light and reflect God's love.



Please continue to pray for LCM at UD, especially that all who participate may grow in our lives of service, discipleship, and faith in Jesus. I wish everyone renewed health, safe and memorable travels, Sabbath rest, and joyous and blessed Thanksgiving celebrations! May God's peace and presence accompany us through troubled times; may the Holy Spirit guide and direct us; and may our Lord's grace, hope, and joy surround and sustain all of us as we gather with loved ones and give thanks.

*In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service +  
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**OGT ACCEPTING DONATIONS** —As you are doing your fall cleaning, keep Orphan Grain Train in mind. They are always accepting donations. All items **Must** be clean, in good repair, and only gently used. We **Need** men's, women's, children's and infant's clothing and shoes in all sizes and for all seasons as well as purses, handbags, reusable shopping totes. We accept accessories; scarves, gloves, belts, and **New** (packaged) underwear. **We Also Accept** the following non-apparel items:

- Curtains, drapes, tablecloths
- Sheets, blankets (no used bed pillows)
- Towels and washcloths
- Sewing fabric and supplies
- Children's items
- Soft and hard toys in good condition
- School supplies (no books)
- Personal care items
- Toothbrushes
- Bath-sized bar soap
- Sturdy combs
- Diapers (packaged) – Adult incontinence and infant
- Medical items – Canes, crutches, walkers, commodes, shower chairs, orthopedic supplies (e.g. boots, shoes), wheelchairs
- Bibles, hymnals





### **We CANNOT ACCEPT**

- Heavily worn, damaged, or stained clothing
- Used underwear – e.g., bras and underpants – and used swimwear
- Glass, ceramic, electric, or battery-powered items
- Hygiene Kits – see Special Projects under What We Do at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org)



# NOVEMBER 2025



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SERVING Pastor Jeremy Loesch ORGANISTS Julie USHERS Arlen, Denny	LECTORS 11/2 EB 11/9 KG 11/16 JH 11/23 SB 11/30 BC					1
2 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Worship DS2 10 a.m. Sunday School . Communion  Julie	3	4 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag 10 a.m.	5 Lutheranism 101 6 p.m.	6 Circuit Meeting	7	8
9 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Worship DS2 10 a.m. Digital Fellowship Sunday	10	11 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag 10 a.m.	12 Lutheranism 101 6 p.m. Council, Zoom 7 .m.	13	14	15
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23 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Worship DS2 10 a.m. Communion  Julie Congregational Mtg.	24	25 Announcement Deadline	26 Lutheranism 101 6 p.m. Communion 7 p.m. 	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29 Garden Close Cleanup 9 am Church Yard Cleanup and Fire Pit Roast 3 pm
30 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Communion DS2 10 a.m. Sunday School Julie Advent Begins  St. Andrews Day	DECEMBER 1	2 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag 10 a.m.	3 Lutheranism 101 6 p.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	4	5	6

# November Bible Readings

- 1 Exodus 15:1-18  
Hosea 8-10
- 2 Psalm 122  
Hosea 11-14
- 3 Psalm 123  
Joel
- 4 Psalm 124  
Amos 1-5
- 5 Psalm 125  
Amos 6-9
- 6 Psalm 126  
Obadiah,  
Jonah
- 7 Psalm 127  
Micah 1-3
- 8 Psalm 128  
Micah 4-7
- 9 Psalm 129  
Nahum
- 10 Psalm 130  
Habakkuk
- 11 Psalm 131  
Zephaniah
- 12 Psalm 132  
Haggai
- 13 Psalm 133  
Zechariah 1-5
- 14 Psalm 134  
Zechariah 6-10
- 15 Psalm 135  
Zechariah 11-14
- 16 Psalm 136  
Malachi



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God wants to talk turkey with you!

- 17 Psalm 137  
Matthew 1-2
- 18 Psalm 138  
Matthew 3-4
- 19 Psalm 139  
Matthew 5-6
- 20 Psalm 140  
Matthew 7-8
- 21 Psalm 141  
Matthew 9-10
- 22 Psalm 142  
Matthew 11-12
- 23 Psalm 143  
Matthew 13-14
- 24 Psalm 144  
Matthew 15-16
- 25 Psalm 145  
Matthew 17-18
- 26 Psalm 146  
Matthew 19-20
- 27 Psalm 147  
Matthew 21-22
- 28 Psalm 148  
Matthew 23-24
- 29 Psalm 149-150  
Matthew 25-26
- 30 Exodus 15:1-18  
Matthew 27-28