



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 18, 2018**



**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worshiping with us today. We pray that you find strength, security, and fellowship with God and with one another. If you are a first time visitor, we invite you to complete a CARE card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. While you are here with us, please make yourself at home! If you have any questions about Nativity or its ministries, please contact the Church Office at 684-0352.

## PRELUDE

8:30am	“A Thanksgiving Prelude” <i>Danielle Rich, flute</i>	Charles Callahan
11:00am	“Gavotte”	Samuel Wesley

## (11:00AM) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the ☉ Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, praying for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough, even when you make us welcome. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn your church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

By God's grace, our sins are forgiven, ☉ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

- 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;  
with your might creation bless.  
Shine upon your church today,  
showing all your gentle way.  
Have mercy, Lord.
- 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;  
may your word within us leap.  
Give us voices to proclaim  
praises to your holy name.  
Have mercy, Lord.
- 3 Gather in your scattered flock;  
give us water from the rock.  
Bless the unity we share  
in our shepherd's loving care.  
Have mercy, Lord.
- 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;  
make the heav'nly pathway wide.  
Raise us up from sin and death  
with your Spirit's living breath.  
Have mercy, Lord.

**(8:30AM) HOLY BAPTISM***See insert***(11:00AM) APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

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In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

**Amen.**

*Refrain*

Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory  
to Christ forever. *Refrain*
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. *Refrain*

**(11:00AM) PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P: Let us pray... Almighty God,  
C: **your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, CHILDREN'S WORD TIME & NOISY OFFERING****WELCOME TABLE TEMPLE TALK****Nancy Seekamp****FIRST READING****Daniel 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia,      al-le-lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we

go?      You      have      the words of      e - ter - - nal

life.      Al - le - lu - - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**The Rev. Rachel Hoffman**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## “Come Down, O Love Divine”

**ELW 804**

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;  
seek thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 Oh, let it freely burn,  
till worldly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

- 3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing--  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
no soul can guess Love's grace  
till it become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## (11:00AM) APOSTLES' CREED

A: Together with sisters and brothers across the world, we profess the faith we share:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

A: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*Each petition concludes with:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING MUSIC

8:30am

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Lynette Maynard

11:00am

“Like the Stars That Hymned Creation”

William B. Roberts

*Nativity Choir*

*Julia Teall, soloist*

### *Choir*

Like the stars that hymned creation, sing praise to God;  
with the tongues of ev’ry nation, sing praise to God.  
For all blessings, great and growing,  
for new strength to keep on going,  
for the gift of peace past knowing, sing praise to God.

In the silent pause of wonder, God’s song is heard;  
in the hush that follows thunder, God’s song is heard.  
When the hum of life surrounds us,  
or a deep-felt presence grounds us,  
most of all, when joy dumbfounds us, God’s song is heard.

As our minds and bodies labor, God sings through us;  
when we help and serve our neighbor, God sings through us.  
By restoring and forgiving,  
when our worship shapes our living,  
day by day, with love’s self-giving, God sings through us.

### *Assembly*

For the glo - rious gift of mu - sic, thanks be to God;

for the skill and grace to use it, thanks be to God.

For the surge of joy-ful nois-es made by in - stru-ments and voic - es

when the church, in hope, re - joic - es, thanks be to God.

## OFFERTORY

## “As the Grains of Wheat”

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### *Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.

### *Refrain*

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love.

### *Refrain*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray...Merciful God,

**C:** everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
† Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your unending rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

[The Words of Institution are spoken here]

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes in glory.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again into the world.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and flow forth to your whole creation.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we have eternal life, Jesus, the Christ. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Father as we pray:

**C: 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.**

## INVITATION PRAYER

P: Renew our lives in the breaking of this bread, O Lord, and make us one with you at this table where all are welcome.

C: Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. To receive the bread and the wine, simply hold out your hands. If you prefer gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please hold out one finger to indicate your preference to the minister, then hold out your hand to receive. If you choose not to commune, but desire to receive a spoken blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
Final Stanza  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### “Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,  
feed us with your love.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Make us one, our hope restore;  
feed us with your love.

### “Thine the Amen”

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise  
alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head  
thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story  
thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup  
is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree  
all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing  
gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes  
thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee  
thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing  
then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving  
evermore evermore.

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- 3 Grant forgiveness in the feast  
Jesus, feed us  
for the greatest and the least;  
feed us with your love.
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share.  
Jesus, feed us.  
Save God's children everywhere;  
feed us with your love.

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- 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise  
then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story  
then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing  
at thy feast at thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night  
no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree  
then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy  
celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the  
brightness  
only thee only thee.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Praise to You O God of Mercy”

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- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
thanks be to you forever!  
  
Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.
- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray ... Holy and compassionate God,

**C: in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God,  
Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Proclaim this good news to the world!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>8:30 Service</b>	<b>11:00 Service</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	The Rev. Gregg Hoffman	The Rev. Gregg Hoffman
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Graham Grush	Graham Grush
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Amy Haldeman	Linda Blake
<b>Children's Word Time</b>	Pastor Gregg	Pastor Gregg
<b>Acolyte</b>	Colin Gillette	John Dieterly
<b>Crucifer</b>	John Wadington	Karsten Gillis
<b>Reader</b>	Tom Walker	Katherine Becker
<b>Eucharist Presenters</b>	Randy and Kathletten Treiber	Kent and Peggy Oehm
<b>Ushers</b>	Josh and Leigha Jordan family	Denise Kropf, Nicholas Kropf Erik Dahlberg
<b>Greeters</b>	Ewing family	Neal family
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Staff	Staff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Laura Fenters	Prindess Ferguson
	Sandy Madison	Rita Truluck

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **Kari Schoening** in honor of her daughters, Krista Fox and Kari Diehl, and her five grandchildren, Eric, Anna, David, Megan and Hannah. Kari is also celebrating her birthday today!

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR NOVEMBER** is given by **Jane Ehlers** in memory of her husband Ed, and her son Steve.

**CAMPFIRE CHOIR COMES BACK FOR S'MORE!** The Campfire Choir will make a return NEXT SUNDAY, November 25 to sing an offertory anthem at the 8:30AM service. Those who are interested can e-mail **Pastor Tim** at [badgertimck@gmail.com](mailto:badgertimck@gmail.com) or meet in the Choir Room at 8:00AM on November 25.

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK beginning on November 18.

Sunday	Mark 13:1-8
Monday	Daniel 12:1-3
Tuesday	Hebrews 10:11-25
Wednesday	1 Samuel 26:21-25
Thursday	James 1:2-8
Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9
Saturday	Psalm 16
Sunday	John 18:33-37

### **TAKING FAITH HOME**

This weekly devotional handout is available on the Welcome Desk. "Taking Faith Home" is a production of Milestones Ministry, LLC, and is created by a team led by an ELCA Pastor.

### UPDATED FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 18	<i>Classes as scheduled</i>
Sunday, November 25	<i>No classes - Thanksgiving weekend and fellowship with the Hoffmans</i>
Sunday, December 2	<i>No classes – Welcome for Pastor George and Trinity View Brunch</i>
Sunday, December 9	<i>Classes as scheduled</i>
Sunday, December 16	<i>Classes as scheduled</i>
Sunday, December 23	<i>No classes</i>
Sunday, January 6	<i>Classes resume</i>

**FAITH FORMATION** We hope you'll join us on Sunday mornings between worship services, from 9:40 to 10:40, to learn and grow in faith. This year, we have 7 classes: **4K & Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade, 7th-8th-9th Grade, Confirmed Youth, and Adults.**

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### IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY WE NAME:

- ❖ Nativity members who are in need of healing: **Wanda Bond, Bob Burkhardt, Wanda Burkhardt, Deb Chang, Patricia Hahn, Max Hall, Bill Hamilton, Judy Hoemann, Sue Jacklin, Mike Kestner, Don Knapp, Fay Kohn, Dana Kropf, JC Nesbitt, Peggy Oehm, Chris Scronce, Ruth Tracy, Duane Tuttle, Brian Warnicke.**
- ❖ Nativity members in care facilities: **Dot Carpenter, Ann Colijn, Edna Franklin, Norma Grafing, Dick Horner, Joyce Horner, Marydine Lamb, Lee Lindeman-Stuenkel, Margaret Patterson, Evelyn Ridenhour.**
- ❖ For those awaiting the arrival of children, especially **Jennifer and Joel Kohn.**

**SMALL GROUPS** An important part of the Church community is being active in smaller, more intimate groups. A small group at Nativity is an intentional gathering of up to 15 people for the purpose of fellowship, building relationships, and making Christ known. Small groups can be used as an opportunity to reach out and encourage members and non-members to join the group and become a part of the Nativity worship community. These groups can meet during the week, not just on Sundays.

Here at Nativity we are committed to helping support existing and develop new small group communities. Over the next few weeks we will be highlighting the importance of small groups and asking you to complete a survey of your interests to help us know how to support you.

**Please complete the survey included as a pink insert in your bulletin today.**

Thank you!  
Mission/Vision Committee

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**TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING** We are dedicating November's Noisy Offering to **Wildfire Response through the Lutheran Disaster Response**. Wildfires are raging across California, destroying thousands of homes and wiping out the town of Paradise, located north of Sacramento. Numerous deaths have been confirmed and largescale, mandatory evacuations are in place for multiple communities across the state's impacted areas as first responders work to gain control of the fires. In an email to congregations across the ELCA this week, LDR wrote, "Through our partners in California, Lutheran Disaster Response has already begun addressing immediate needs, including providing food and other necessities to survivors. We are also preparing to address long-term needs which might include rebuilding of structures and emotional and spiritual care. The need will be great." Our Noisy Offering will go to the victims of the fires, providing what they need to be safe and well in the coming days, weeks, and months as they start to rebuild their lives. Thank you for your generosity as we accompany our neighbors and let them know they are not alone.

**WELCOME TABLE IS CELEBRATING OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF FEEDING PEOPLE ... and we need help!** Our original roster of 40 people has shrunk through moves, health issues, and youth being involved in sports events. We need 10 - 12 Nativity people to help each time we serve...on the **3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH** from 9:00 to about 11:30 a.m. at Skyland Methodist Church on Hendersonville Rd. To volunteer, sign up on the red clip board at the Welcome Desk. Need more information? Email **Nancy Seekamp** at [nanseek@charter.net](mailto:nanseek@charter.net) or call 687-8265.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** Nativity members contributed a total of **\$1350** toward turkeys for Calvary Food Pantry. That is **90 turkeys** to help **90 households** in our community celebrate Thanksgiving! Thank you!

**CALVARY FOOD PANTRY** At Calvary Food Pantry, all are welcome! Thank you for your support of this vital outreach ministry. The pantry is open every Saturday from 8:30AM -11AM to provide groceries, prayer, and encouragement. To find out more, contact **Ann Harvey** or **Pastor Rachel**. To volunteer, click the link in the e-news or sign up at the Welcome Desk.

## **+ stewardship for all seasons**

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Thank you to those who have already turned in your Commitment Cards for 2019! Together, we will accomplish the goals we have set, growing in faith and service as we do God's work in the world. So far, **73 households** have made their commitments to support Making Christ Known in the coming year. Additionally, **39 households** have committed to supporting the new organ; we currently have \$18,486 of our organ goal committed!

Receiving Commitment Cards helps the church plan well for the future, and making a commitment helps our households make intentional plans for supporting the church. Last year, 136 households turned in cards; we'd love to get at least that many this year! If you have not yet turned in your card, we invite you to join in making your commitment! You can place your card in the offering plate on Sunday (can be found in the pews) or mail it to the church office. You can also use the link in the e-news to turn in your commitment electronically. **We hope to have all commitments in by November 25**. After that date, our SAS team will begin contacting any households who have not yet communicated their 2019 intent.

Thank you for being in prayer for Nativity in 2019, and for committing yourselves to being part of God's work here in this place!

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**THANK YOU** to all who contributed towels, combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, and soap for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Thank you to all who gave donations so that more items could be purchased. Together, we made **107 kits** to send to our brothers and sisters who have been relocated from their homes and are in need of items to maintain personal hygiene. When we work together in God's love, great things happen.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will next meet in **January 2019**. Watch for the announcement in January's e-news.

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# *Farewell Fellowship*

Please join us next Sunday, November 25,  
between services as we celebrate the faithful ministry of  
**Pastor Gregg and Pastor Rachel**  
at Lutheran Church of the Nativity.

*Please look for a special e-news this week with more details.*

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**WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME** Pastor George Tuttle of the Maryland/Delaware Synod. He will be joining Nativity on December 1 to serve as our new Interim Senior Pastor.

The Rev. George Tuttle is a native of Ohio. He grew up in the city of Mentor along the shores of Lake Erie where he enjoyed fishing, boating and camping with his family. He studied piano throughout his youth and into college. While in high school he played the organ at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Chesterland, Ohio. During this time, he discerned that serving the church was his calling.

In preparing for ordained ministry he attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in 1975. He graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1979 with a Master of Divinity degree.

Pastor George has spent his entire ministry in Maryland, serving St. Paul's of Curtis Bay, then as Senior Pastor of Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Northeast Baltimore City and finally 19 years as the Pastor of St. Mark's, Hampstead.

Searching for a way to serve the church in the closing years of his career, Pastor George was trained as an Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist in 2013. He was the Interim Senior Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church of Sweet Air, located in Phoenix, MD. There he led the congregation through a Re-Focusing Process which resulted in the crafting of a Strategic Ministry Plan. Most recently, he served as Interim Senior Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Linthicum Heights, MD.

He was married to Donaleigh Sheehan in January of 2017. Together, they rejoice in being newlyweds for the second time. The couple enjoy traveling and boating in their spare time. In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor George has been a certified ice hockey referee for the past ten years.

He comes to Nativity to lead the congregation in the discovery of a new future and is excited and enthusiastic about being with us as the Interim Senior Pastor.

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(FH = Fellowship Hall; PSB = Preschool Big Room; M = Modular)

## **SUNDAY (11/18)**

### **NOISY OFFERING**

8:30AM     Holy Communion  
9:40AM     Faith Formation  
11:00AM     Holy Communion  
12:00PM     Visitation Ministry Meeting  
2:00PM     Prayer Shawl Ministry  
4:30PM     Youth Choir  
5:30PM     Youth Dinner – *Bode and Dahlberg families*  
6:05PM     Youth Group

## **MONDAY (11/19)**

6:30PM     Wondering Women  
6:30PM     ESL (M)

## **TUESDAY (11/20)**

## **WEDNESDAY (11/21)**

Church Office Closed  
7:00PM     AA Meeting

## **THURSDAY (11/22)**

### **THANKSGIVING DAY**

Church Office Closed

## **FRIDAY (11/23)**

Church Office Closed

## **SATURDAY (11/24)**

## **SUNDAY (11/25)**

### **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

8:30AM     Holy Communion  
9:40AM     Farewell Fellowship with the Hoffmans  
11:00AM     Holy Communion  
5:00PM     ABCCM Veterans Quarters Meal

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