

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, November 26, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of End Times

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: #216 "Saints, Behold! The Sight is

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216 Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious



1 Saints, be - hold! The sight is glo - rious— See the
 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown him! Rich the
 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, Mock - ing
 4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those



man of sor - rows now, From the fight re - turned vic -
 tro - phies Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en -
 thus the Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a -
 loud, tri - um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est



to - rious! Ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow. Crown
 throne him While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown
 round him, Proud to glo - ri - fy his name. Crown
 sta - tion; Oh, what joy be - yond all words! Crown



him! Crown him! Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
 him! Crown him! Crown the Sav - ior King of kings!
 him! Crown him! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.
 him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.
 Tune: CORONAE (87 87 47) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



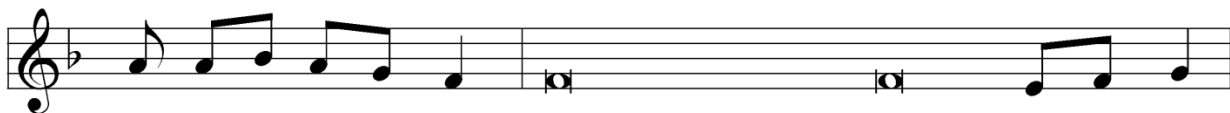
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23,24

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been

scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And 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 ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 47

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



Clap your hands, all you nations;^{*}
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,^{*}
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;^{*}
God is seated on his holy throne. **Refrain**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,^{*}
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;^{*}
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;^{*}
sing to him a psalm of praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son^{*}
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,^{*}
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people
praise you.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia! (Revelation 22:13)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #217 “The Head that Once Was Crowned”

Text: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, The
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low; They



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
his, is his by right, The King of kings and
joy of all be - low To whom he man - i -
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name, an ev - er -
reign with him a - bove, Their pro - fit and their



dem a - dorns The might - y vic - tor's brow.
Lord of lords And heav'n's e - ter - nal light,
fest his love And grants his name to know.
last - ing name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.
joy, to know The myst - 'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855.
Tune: ST. MAGNUS (CM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your

blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

C: Help us live as royal priests.

M: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.

M: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts

that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.

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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.

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you can be found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*



THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

A musical staff in C major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of five notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, all beamed together. The piece ends with a double bar line.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

A musical staff in C major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of nine notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The notes are beamed in groups: (A4, B4), (C5, B4), (A4, G4), (F4, E4), and (D4).

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

A musical staff in C major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of nine notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The notes are beamed in groups: (A4, B4), (C5, B4), (A4, G4), (F4, E4), and (D4).

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

A musical staff in C major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of nine notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The notes are beamed in groups: (A4, B4), (C5, B4), (A4, G4), (F4, E4), and (D4).

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

A musical staff in C major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of nine notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The notes are beamed in groups: (A4, B4), (C5, B4), (A4, G4), (F4, E4), and (D4).

grant us your peace. A - men.

A musical staff in C major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of nine notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The notes are beamed in groups: (A4, B4), (C5, B4), (A4, G4), (F4, E4), and (D4). The piece ends with a double bar line.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: “There is a Higher Throne”

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There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace—salvation comes.

(Refrain) Hear heaven's voices sing, their thunderous anthem rings;
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him.
(Refrain)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#344 “At the Name of Jesus” Text: Caroline M. Noel (1817-1877) abr., alt.,

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1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to
 3 Hum-bled for a sea - son To re - ceive a
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man
 5 In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub -



bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of
 sight, All the an - gel fa - ces, All the
 name From the lips of sin - ners Un - to
 light, Through all ranks of crea - tures To the
 due All that is not ho - ly, All that



glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea -
 hosts of light, Cher - u - bim in heav -
 whom he came, Faith - ful - ly he bore
 cen - tral height, To the throne of God -
 is not true. Crown him as your cap -



sure We should call him Lord, Who from
 en, Stars up - on their way, All the
 it Spot - less to the last, Brought it
 head, To the Fa - ther's breast, Filled it
 tain In temp - ta - tion's hour; Let his



the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.
 back vic - to - rious When from death he passed;
 with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
 will en - fold you In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In his Father's glory,
 With his angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon his brow,
 And our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

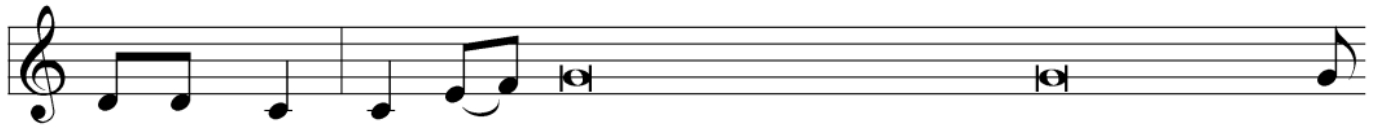
THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

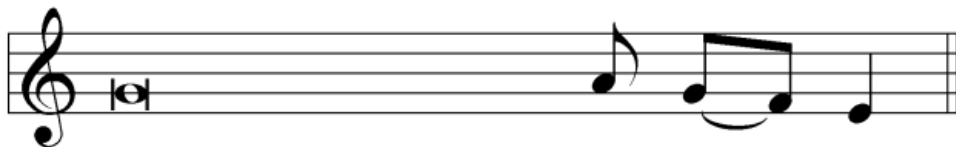


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland

Organist: Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Scott Beckerman

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
| | -10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
| Tuesday | - 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting |
| Wednesday | - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class |
| Thursday | - 7:00 PM Senior Choir |
| Saturday | - 9:00 AM Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
| | -10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

Serving our congregation next week: Altar Guild – Margaret Seppanen
Ushering: Team 4

Altar Flowers are donated to the glory of God and in memory of Tekla Otte.

The Pregnancy Care Center needs new or gently used **Children's Winter Coats sizes: 2T, 3T, and 4T for both boys and girls.** Please place your donations on the basement stage through December. Thank you!

The Preschool Advent Service will be Sunday, December 10, after the Divine Service. There will be a reception afterwards. Please join us in greeting our visitors; and in listening to our Preschool and Parent and Tot children sing our Lord's praises.

Christmas Poinsettias – Order forms are in the narthex if you wish to purchase Christmas poinsettias for our sanctuary. Complete a form and place it in Church Secretary mailbox by December 8.

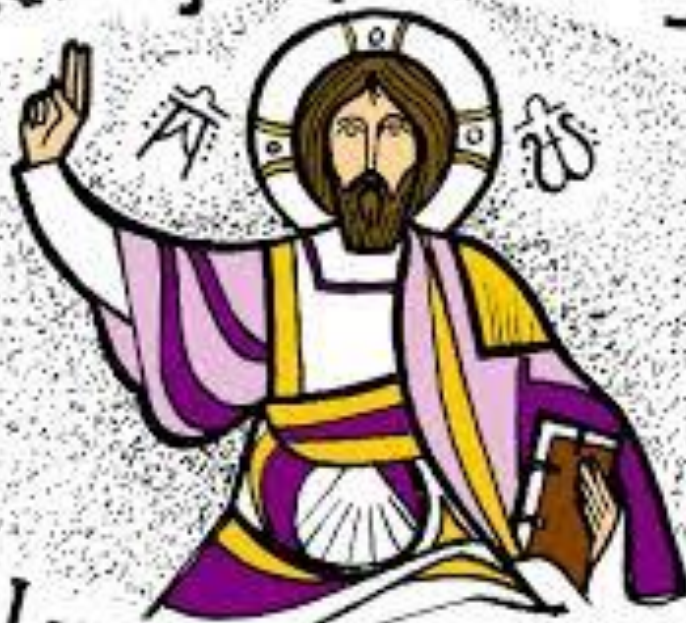
Christmas Decorations – Please join us at 9:00 AM Saturday, Dec 2 to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. The decorations will be removed on December 31 after the Divine Service.

Christmas Baskets will be assembled for our shutins on December 14 at 9:00 AM. We are in need of Christmas cookies. Please have the cookies in the church basement by December 14. You are invited to help put the baskets together.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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King of Glory



King of Peace

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me.
Thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee;
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee.
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

- John Donne [1573-1631])