

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

As We Gather The end of the Church Year is about the end—literally. The time of God’s mercy will end and God will call all people to account. Today, we encounter the difficult parable of the talents with the promise that to him who has, more will be given. What does this mean for us? We live in an age of egalitarianism in which we expect to be treated the same. God does not treat us the same; our differences matter to God. He loves us equally but acknowledges our differences. To one He gives ten, to another five, and to another one. All are His gifts, to be used for His purpose. Different, but uniquely precious, we use them for His glory and so He promises us to enter into His joy.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God’s forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ’s body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God’s forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

Welcome Children- A cry room is located near the church entryway.
Please see an usher for guidance.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess to You,

People: **O Lord, and to one another, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You above all things nor our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us our sins and grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

Refrain



♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

FIRST READING *Zephaniah 1:7-16*

(The great day of the Lord is near.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

(The day of the Lord will come suddenly, so live as children of light.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain
 In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*
 (*The parable of the talents*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

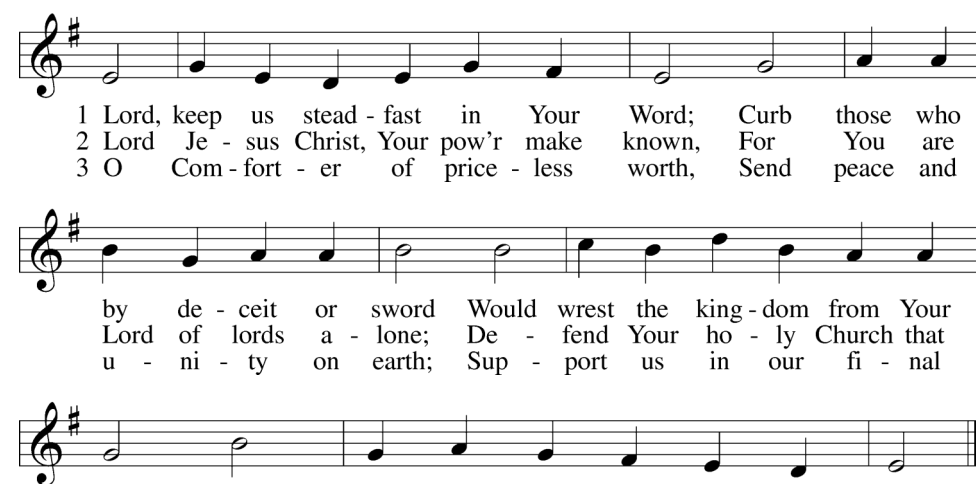
People: Praise to You O Christ.



(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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MESSAGE

“Take Your Part in the Joy of Your Lord.”

Matthew 25:14-30

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CONFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible
and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin
Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us,
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen

OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your row.
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

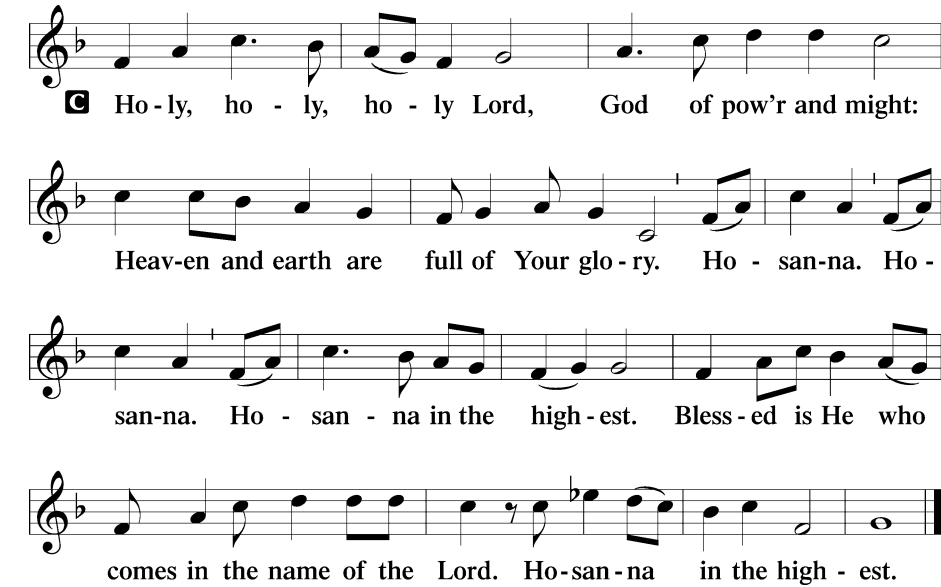
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for when Your children were marked by sin for death, You gathered them to Yourself through the blood of Your Son and the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we who wear Your name by Baptism may be equipped for every good work in this life and be kept blameless and holy for the life which is to come. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

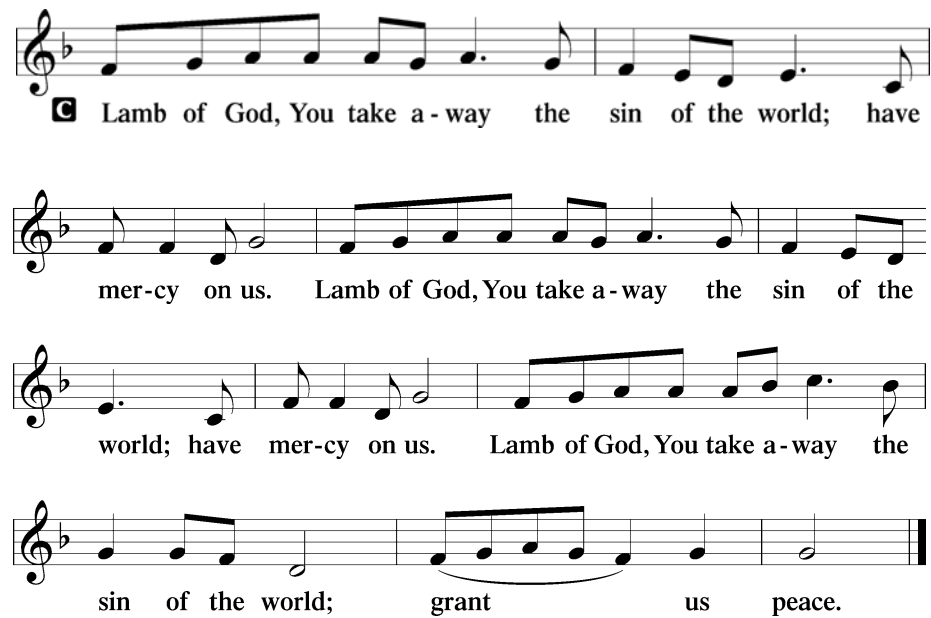
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."


PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI



 Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Your Table I Approach"



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

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“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Lord of love, You sent Your Son to redeem Your lost and fallen creation, and by His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection He has restored us to You. Keep us, amid the changes and chances of this present life, that we may look for our Savior’s return in glory, and live in anticipation of the eternal life He comes to bring. Make us wise to use the time we have now well, so that we may be prepared to receive Him when He comes again on the day of the Lord; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.



CLOSING

“Christ the Eternal Lord”



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture’s page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth’s brief jour-ney ends.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance 11/12/23: 10:00 AM - 95

Saturday 11/11/23: 5:00PM - 22

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and all His blessings by Jim and Leila Langston.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE November 19, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Communion Service
10:20 am Sunday School
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
Monday: Office closed
Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)
7:00 pm Council Meeting
Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
7:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)
Thursday: THANKSGIVING DAY
Friday: Office closed
Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunset Praise Communion Service

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elder: Dave Schmidt
Greeter: Charlo Stuart
Reader: Toni Radle
Acolyte: Marshall Denninger
Ushers: Scott Klittich
Steve Rusch
Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich
Cookie & Coffee Service: P. Frye and S. Hudnell
Pianist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE

Elder: Dave Schmidt
Greeter: Cindy Klittich
Reader: Al Bosman
Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Dave Schmidt
Roy Pohler
Jim DeVries
Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich
Cookie & Coffee Service: P. Frye and S. Hudnell
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 19, 2023

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS—is held in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck at: 805-551-8507.
TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of John. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— will resume in January.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY is a 9-week study on 1st and 2nd Chronicles via Zoom at 10 AM. This study is part of the Life Light Bible study series, with sections on 1 and 2 Chronicles. House." We will conclude on 11/30. For info contact Blaine or Diana Wanke @ 805-490-8212.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP is posted in the back of the Fellowship Hall on the white clothed table. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice. 2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each. You may take them home after service.

EMPTY INK and TONER CARTRIDGES: Please don't throw away your empties, drop them off at the church office for recycling. We are able to turn in 20 empty cartridges per month to Staples and receive \$2.00 each in store credit.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Our donations for the food pantry that we take to the Episcopal Church for distribution, have really declined in recent months. This is just a reminder that there is food insecurity right here in Camarillo and your donations help our neighbors. Perhaps one or two sale items could be added to your shopping list and donated. The Episcopal Church Food Pantry very much values our partnership, which in turn is very much appreciated by the recipients of your generosity! Thank You! The Board of Social Concerns

GET YOUR CRAFT ON!!! The **Advent Faire** will be Sunday December 3rd 3-5pm. We will supply the crafts for the kids. You are welcome to share any crafts, family traditions or recipes with us!! We could use help with setup, hosting a table (crafts provided), cookies to share, beverage to share and help cleaning up. A fun afternoon for the entire family! *Sign-up sheet on the white bulletin board** Contact Rachael Ylizarituri or Marsha Larson with any questions.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! Your Social Concerns Committee is once again partnering with our Preschool to collect toys, games or sporting equipment for foster youth, 14 years and under, in Ventura County. We are joining The 9th Annual "Happy Birthday, Mason" Toy Drive. Collection boxes will be available in the Preschool, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary beginning Sunday November 26th and ending Sunday 12/ 17. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project!

PEACE CHRISTMAS CASSEROLE LUNCHEON -12/10/23 following the 10AM service, approximately 11:30. Fellowship will be providing desserts. Please bring a casserole (or something similar) or a salad to share. The ovens will be on low heat to keep your casseroles warm.

OUR CHURCH is going to have a booth at the end of the Camarillo Christmas parade 12/9, in "Santa's Village". Our booth will have a nativity scene including children dressed as angels or shepherds. We'll also have singers singing Christmas carols with David Hudnell playing his saxophone. We'll have wooden cut-outs for children to put their face in the hole to be a tree or snowman, while the parents take their picture. We thought the children could hand out cards inviting people to our Christmas Eve and Christmas services. We want to put our best foot forward - with lots of enthusiastic young people helping. We're looking for children to be shepherds and angels and helping with games. We also need adults to play Mary & Joseph, and Christmas carols. Santa's Village is at the Camarillo Community Center at 1605 E Burnley and is from 9 AM - 2PM. We hope to rotate children every 1.5 hours if possible. This is a great opportunity to get our name out into the community. Please consider volunteering for this fun event. See Diana Wanke 805-490-8212, Leila Langston 714-875-6340, or Donna Schedler 805-279-5542

THIS WEDNESDAY @ 7PM



COME AND GIVE THANKS



Please join us for:

Advent Craft Faire:

Sunday, December 3 @ 3-5 pm

Advent Soup Suppers @ 6 pm

Advent Worship Services:

December 6, 13 & 20 @ 7 pm

Peace Christmas Casserole Luncheon:

December 10th Following 10am service

Christmas Eve Services:

10 am Traditional Service/Sunday School Program

5 pm Contemporary Service

7 pm Traditional Service

Christmas Day Service 10 am



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Norma Regalia, Sarah Stepp (granddaughter of Al & Cindy Fox), Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.

Also pray for comfort and peace for the Anderson family, as they mourn the loss of Ken, our brother in Christ. Ken's Memorial Service has been set for December 2nd, 10am at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park in Camarillo. Interment and reception to follow at that location. Due to the large crowd expected & small facility, they'll be live streaming the Service as well. The Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian will officiate the service, since he married Ken and Shirley.