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The Liturgical Worship Year Ends with Thanksgiving and Begins with Advent

Enter His [Yahweh's] gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him, bless His Name. *Psalm 100:4 (RSV)*

No matter what happens, always be thankful,
for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5:18 (TLB)*



Rev. Gary Kiontke



The calendar this year has five Sundays in November. The third and fourth Sundays close out the worship year for the Christian Church with Thanksgiving. And the fifth Sunday begins the new worship year with Advent – the four weeks the Christian Church looks forward to, and longs for, the Second Coming of Jesus ... [who] will be seen to those eagerly expecting Him for salvation. (*Hebrews 9:28*, all NAS unless otherwise referenced)

There are numerous Psalms giving reasons to thank God. Thanksgiving was also a topic for the prophets. And, the New Testament abounds with thanksgiving because of forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.

In the *Psalms* God is to be thanked for His wonderful deeds (*75:1; 92:1-4*), for bringing up people from the depths (*30:1-4*), for deliverance from distress and tight places (*50:14-15*), gathering the exiles, healing the brokenhearted, binding up wounds and sustaining the humble (*147:1-7*), and for turning mourning into joyful dancing (*30:11-12*). Several times He is to be thanked for His goodness (*106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1*) But most of all it is good to give Yahweh thanks by declaring His strong life-giving, life-changing love and faithfulness both morning and night – all day! (*91:1-4*)

The prophet Isaiah wrote an inspired song of praise and thanks to Yahweh. In the 'Day of Yahweh' His people will praise Him and tell all people to thank Him and make known His works and the excellent things He has done that are known in all the earth. (*Isaiah 12*) Later, Isaiah recorded Hezekiah's prayer to Yahweh when he petitioned

Him at the age of 39 to have years added to his life. After saying his soul was kept from corruption because Yahweh had cast his sins behind Him, Hezekiah declared the grave cannot thank Yahweh for this, but the living thank Him, and fathers tell sons about His faithfulness. (*Isaiah 38:15-20*) Later, Yahweh spoke to His people through the prophet Jeremiah: Though you all say Jerusalem is a waste, there will be words of joy and people saying, 'Give thanks to Yahweh of the hosts because He is good and His strong LOVE is eternal,' and they will bring thank offerings to Him when He fully restores His blessings to them. He closes with a Messianic prophecy. (*Jeremiah 33:10-16*)

Here are three portions of Paul's letters to New Testament churches about thanksgiving to The Three-in-One God. After saying all are born slaves to sin, Paul urges the church to thank God because, though they used to be slaves to sin, they have now obeyed from the heart the teaching they were given to become slaves to righteousness, having been baptized into The Messiah. (*Romans 6:1, 15-18*) After Paul commands the ones being made holy in the churches in Asia Minor to redeem the time in evil days by being filled with The Holy Spirit, he says they do this with singing and giving thanks for all things to Father God in The Name of The Lord and Savior. (*Ephesians 5:15-20*) He wrote to a church in southern Asia Minor telling them to always give thanks to The Father for equipping them to be partners in The Light, having delivered them from the power of darkness and transferred them into The Kingdom of His beloved Son in whom they have redemption and forgiveness of sins. (*Colossians 1:12-14*)

In light of all Scripture says about thanking God, we will take the last two Sundays of the worship year of the (continued on page 2 ...)

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The Liturgical Worship Year ... (... continued from page #1)

Christian Church to focus on being in the ten percent who do not forget to thank God for the miracles He has graciously given us and to serve Him with joyous thanksgiving.

In the first two weeks of November, we will consider two truths the apostle Paul wrote about in his letters to his young son in the faith, Timothy, who was serving as the bishop in Ephesus. This is appropriate because Paul extolled Timothy in his letter to the saints in Philippi, the letter we just examined for nineteen weeks to learn how to be better disciples of Jesus.

Then we will begin the new worship year of Advent on the last Sunday of November. In Advent we consider what it

means to be Christ's Church in the last days between Pentecost and the Second Coming of Jesus. In the middle of a time with an unprecedented pandemic and disputes over how to live out just mercy for all people, those who know Jesus are all the more eager for His return. We are to actively wait for His return. Before He went to the Cross He said: 'Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing.' (*Matthew 24:42-43*. RSV)

Below is a summary of the messages for November:

| Sunday | Scripture | Title |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| November 1 | <i>1 Timothy 1:12-17</i> | Jesus came to save sinners |
| November 8 | <i>2 Timothy 3:10-17</i> | Godly people will be persecuted |
| November 15 | <i>Luke 17:1-19</i> | Very few people are thankful |
| November 22 | <i>Psalms 100</i> | Thankful people serve Yahweh with joy |
| November 29 | <i>Mark 13:32-37; Isaiah 63:16-64:1</i> | We watch for the Redeemer's return |

Our Daily Gratitude

By Cindy Nieves

This time of the year – more so than any of the previous months – many people tend to think more about the things they have to be thankful for. Throughout the year, God showers us with love and compassion, always with us through all that comes our way. It's sad that we don't realize these things more often, and even sadder that we usually only thank Him in the good times.

Those of you who know my circumstances know that I'm going through a rather difficult time. But, oddly enough, I can truthfully say that I feel very blessed and thankful to God for all He does for me and for what He is to me. He has given me an incredible sense of peace in the midst of my medical problems and I am so thankful for this. As I grow tired and somewhat weak due to all the tests and treatments, I feel an inner strength that is truly amazing. Praise God!

Now, the reason I'm sharing all this with you is so that maybe it will help encourage you to give your fears and uncertainties over to God. He is in charge, if you let Him be in complete control. When you do this, you will feel a great relief come over you, along with the "peace that surpasses all understanding."

I'm reminded of the wonderful hymn, "I Surrender All." The first couple of lines say it all –

*All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence, daily live.*

Many of you are probably thinking, "Just how do we give all our fears to God – how do we simply stop worrying? I think the answer to this is to give thanks to God for what we have and don't dwell on the negatives in our lives. By remembering our blessings, our worry begins to fade.

We need to practice thanks-giving even in times of suffering; we need to give God all the thanks and praise that He deserves. When we look at life through the lens of gratitude, we don't see as many obstacles or hardships. We see more clearly just how much the Lord does for us every day, and how very much He has brought us through.

Living in daily gratitude eases our anxieties and with grateful hearts, we can better realize all that He's faithful to provide. We need to express our gratitude for our salvation,

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for life itself, and for the good things He has given to us. In my present circumstances I am especially thankful for all the many people who have reached out to me through phone calls, cards, notes, and prayers. This has added so much to the peace and strength I already have through the Lord's love and compassion. God has given me a lot to be thankful for this year – How about you?

Thess. 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Prayer:

Dear Gracious God:

How can we ever thank You for all that You have done for us! Help us to live with gratitude in our hearts. May that thankfulness spill over and touch others around us, Help us to trust You more fully and to give all our fears and sadness over to You. We thank You, we praise You, we trust You, and we love You.

In the name of Your precious Son Jesus, Amen.

"Pop Quiz Answers and More"

By Petros

Last month I used a Pop Quiz for everyone to gauge how prepared they were, as if the Day of Judgment before the throne of God came. The take-away from this exercise is – to discover for yourself! It takes time to discover the truth – that is the only way we can believe. Good relationships take time to build. Time spent in God's word or seeking the answers to the quiz, by reviewing what disciples have discovered by putting in their time, is the only way to enter the Kingdom of God that Jesus brings to all. You will discover that it is a matter of life *forever* or an eternity of darkness and worse. It is imperative to make the decision to prioritize pleasing God and not myself.

I summarized the September Vestry Voices because all three submitted articles were written by disciples sharing their hearts' concern and experience, from their understanding of the Holy Spirit, with the hope that all would come into the presence of God and enter His Kingdom that Jesus proclaimed He brought down for all. Could this be the Holy Spirit moving three separate souls to share simultaneously? Are you feeling a small tug of the Holy Spirit to discover more about God's love and mercy? It's not by might nor by power but by the Holy Spirit that you come into a greater presence of God in your life and ownership of the Great Commission.

In "[A Three-Fold Relationship with the Triune God](#)", Pastor Gary reflects that there is an order that "leads to obedience and a right relationship with God ..." It begins with faith in God; for Pastor Gary, God used a favorite hymn of many, "Trust and Obey" (... for there is no other way!) along with his seminary training and God-led studies to develop a theme of how God relates to people that would enable him to minister to people as pastor of FCC. Manifested in His gifts

of both His promises and His commands we live blessed by Him. Fast forward 10+ years and we find the multi-faceted work of the Holy Spirit expanding Pastor's understanding of God's great LOVE. The realization God gave us gifts so we will enjoy Him while on earth "... filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit as I (he) realized my earthbound straight line was now a triangle with the Three-in-One God at the top ... All of this begins and ends with God. Those who know God, through Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, will find their obedience to Jesus Christ by faith in the inspired Word, yields great joy in God's LOVE! My (Pastor Gary's) prayer is that everyone who reads this article will gain a deeper understanding of God's amazing, life-giving, life changing LOVE. In His LOVE, Father-Son-Holy Spirit, has given us promises to believe and commands to obey. He gave these SO we may all live in humble, dependent, obedient faith in the promises given by the Holy Spirit – doing all Jesus commanded. The result of living a God-centered life of faithful obedience will be great joy in God's LOVE – in all circumstances, always and *forever* ..."

Cindy Nieves wrote "[Our Constant Companion — The Holy Spirit](#)". She shares "... The Spirit of God is given to every follower of Christ, by our Heavenly Father, to 'help you and be with you *forever*.'" (John 14:16). The Spirit was promised to us by Jesus to be our personal guide and counselor. The flame of the Holy Spirit lives in us to light our path until we meet Jesus, face to face. The Holy Spirit is our divine companion and our comforter. He is completely dependable, fully available, and totally reliable. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit has come to be with us, to be in us, and to fill us. When you allow the Lord to be in control of your life and to be the One guiding you every minute of the day,

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that is being “full of the Spirit.” When the Holy Spirit fills us, we will sense the Spirit prompting and speaking to us ...”

And yours truly, from my ongoing series, “Resurrection ... “It is Finished””, I re-introduced the order, or steps, necessary to have the reassurance of Kingdom life. “... Repent and believe to receive the power of the Holy Spirit who reveals secrets of the knowledge of the Kingdom of Heaven. How he gives us the keys to heaven. How to live in the Kingdom of God – having Heaven on earth. “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” (Matthew 16:24-25). Quality time spent with God and His Word will give an indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Are you prepared to go before our Savior, in order to have a peace beyond human understanding by residency in the Kingdom of God ... “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” (Matthew 3:2).

I end with one last boat story, the last, but the most significant. You will want to open Genesis 8:15-22 to get the full impact. God is displeased with his created man who no longer worships God, but is consumed in taking the beautiful women as their wives. He is going to destroy all mankind including the animals by a flood. Noah (and his family) is spared because he is righteous and the only blameless person on earth. After 40 days of rain and the springs opening up, all life ceases except those on the ark. It takes over a year before God can say to Noah “Leave the boat ...” Noah (and his family) leave the boat. “Then Noah built an altar to offer sacrifices to God ...” “And the Lord was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice ...”

This is my example, similar to Pastor Gary's “Oh Wow!” story. I've heard many Noah and the Ark stories, but by the power of the Holy Spirit – God shows me his extremes! There is no verse between Noah leaving the boat and the sacrifice made to God. I'm sure God's appetite did not come alive by the aroma of BBQ beef or lamb chops. But God was pleased by Noah's “Giving thanks” (to God) before eating or anything else after being cooped up over a year. His simple desire to be appreciated is astonishing. Here is the Creator of all with the power to end all things and life; simply wants to be remembered. What an awesome God we serve! Makes me think we are made in the image of God, including wanting to be remembered after we pass. But on the other side of the coin is the full sentence He deals out according to His Will. His wrath is a certain reason to fear. Remember this before eating turkey later this month. We try to give thanks before every meal. Below are some verses to remind us to cherish God, for He is awesome. Yet He will only be patient for some amount of time and has the power to end everything and the option to start again.

Proverbs 21:3 Our doing what is good and right is more pleasing than any sacrifice we can make.

Hosea 6:6 Show love (to God) over our sacrifices (to Him). Know Me more than burnt offering. Seeking God's goodness, knowing Him pleases God more.

Micah 6:8 What is good and what the LORD is requiring from you—to act with justice, to treasure the Lord's gracious love, and to walk humbly in the company of your God.

John 15:13 No greater love than life for his friends.

Romans 12:1-2 ... to offer your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God – this is worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but continuously be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God's will is – what is proper, pleasing, and perfect.

Hebrews 13:15-16 Always bring God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of our lips that confess His name. Do not neglect to do good and to be generous, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

Today, our world is dangerously similar to the days of Noah. How much time do we try to please God. It's tempting to cover up our culture's obsession with beautiful women and desiring to take them as wives. In my everyday life, I am conscious of a promised Island of Eternity beyond the stormy seas. However, I'm not letting go of the wheel so my Captain can navigate with His knowledge of the hidden reefs/dangers. I steer after treasures floating from busted up ships without regard that the extra weight is going to sink me and all my accumulations. God simply wants us to look to Him in all things. Time is running out for all of us. While God promises never to flood out the life of his Creation, again, His Word says He will come back to judge all. Now is the time to rearrange our life so God is our treasure. It is time to build an unsinkable relationship with Him that will prevent us from sinking to the bottom forever. Shalom.

POP QUIZ Answers on September 2020 “Vestry Voices.”

- How many articles were written for the Vestry Voices? **3**
- The Holy Bible is the written word of God. **True?** or False?
- The authors write stories about their experiences and quote bible verses so others will have a life in the Kingdom of God. **True?** or False?

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4. In all the articles, it mentions we are filled with God’s love and his fruits. **True?** or False?
5. The authors of articles agreed to work together to prove a point before submitting their contributions. True? or **False?**
6. What appears to be a common theme in all the articles?
 - A. The authors believe in spirits and God granted power to help do what we want.
 - B. The authors are full of baloney.
 - C.** The authors are living in a surrealistic world where they can get saved by calling on a Holy Spirit. [*Jesus proclaimed to bring the Kingdom of God to earth and give us a Councilor, aka Holy Spirit.*]
 - D. The authors believe God’s Holy Spirit will spare them grief and trials by praying to Him in all situations.
7. The articles suggest that simply by spending time in the Word opens up an eternity of life. **True?** or False?
8. The articles reveal everything that anyone needs to be successful in this world and live as an heir to a kingdom in the life after. **True?** or False?
9. The articles reassure God loves us so much that He does all the work to give us a kingdom on earth as long as we honor Him on Sunday and give a tithe or whatever He places on our heart. True? or **False?**
10. I believe it will be worth my time to reread the articles to discover the common theme as it may effect my life on earth and where I spend eternity. **True?** or False?

Ah, How’s That Again? ... “Why Are There Seniors?”

By Elin Lee

In June, 1959, three young buddies fresh out of trade school took a break from job hunting and drove into Worcester for a fun day on the town — a sort of last gasp of freedom before confronting the relentless, grim realities of the work place. In their meanderings, they came across a hot-shot Navy recruiter taping new posters on his office windows. Within an hour, they had enlisted — “guaranteed” to serve together on the same ship for four years as they steamed off to new and exciting adventures — via boot camp.

Well, after they left Clinton, the buddies didn’t see each other again for many, many months. They went to three different boot camps and afterward, to three different ships. The sailor who wanted the South Pacific got the Arctic Circle; the one who wanted the Mediterranean got the South Pacific, and the one who wanted Norway got the Med.

The first sailor — I can’t remember which one he was — decreed the Navy wasn’t for him and served only four years — on a supply ship. The second, assigned to a carrier, did another four-year hitch and then left the Navy for a machine shop on dry land in Arizona. The third sailor, who was half-Norwegian and had always wanted to see Norway, stayed in a total of twenty-five years (four active-duty on a destroyer, twenty-one reserves) — and sailed everywhere *but* Norway. His name was Kenneth Lee and in 1988, I married him.

Over the years we spoke often about visiting Northern Europe, specifically Norway for Ken and England and Scot-

land for me. We both wanted to see the lands of our forebears, but times were rough because of sporadic unemployment, and it seemed a waste of critical funds for something that, however lovely, was an indulgence that would be over in a couple of weeks. We were not willing to go into debt for our pleasure, and gradually our hopes of visiting northern Europe fell into the disappointing category of Lost Dreams.

In 2006, distant relatives from Canada planned a reunion for the following summer — to celebrate A Hundred-seventy Years of Robisons on North American Soil. Unbelievably, it would be held in the Border Country of England, in the small but impressive castle where land grants were given to our British and Scottish ancestors in the 1830s. They sailed to New Brunswick on the good ship *Cornelius of Sunderland* in 1837 — and the rest of course is history.

Ken contacted our financial advisor, a biannual visitor to Cork, Ireland, to see if we could afford the reunion trip. He smugly told us he had long since set aside a good lump of money for just such a treat. As we began planning our trip, we realized that for only eleven-hundred dollars more, we could add a week in Norway. Our savings would cover the additional cost, which didn’t seem unreasonable or frivolous. We would be away for nineteen glorious days!

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At 7:00 pm on August 16th, we flew out of Logan, direct to Oslo — and the land of intense colors, tall pines, deep fjords and glacial beauty.

From Oslo a few days later, our trip took us northwest and we stopped for two blissful days in Balestrand, a large town on a spit of land deep inside the Sjonafjord, where substantial pods of dolphins play in water four-thousand feet deep. Our first morning there coincided with the first day of school; over breakfast on our balcony, we watched a man teach Water Safety and Survival to small children tethered behind him in a string of five bright red rowboats. It was a scene of pure delight, but one's imagination ran wild with possibilities if anything at all went wrong.

Now, I'm a Coast of Maine girl, fiercely loyal to its mostly-quiet beauty: I wouldn't give one glimpse of Acadia (even a fuzzy photo of seaweed in a little tidal pool!) for the entire spectacle of our American west coast — but I *never* saw anything that captured and thrilled me as much as the rugged shoreline of Norway. It literally took my breath away. If I could, I'd go back there in a heartbeat.

Our fjord boat to Bergen was due at 2:30 the afternoon we left Balestrand. It was a lovely, mild day, breezy with harmless clouds periodically floating across the sun, and we elected to sit on the long, broad back porch where we could gaze out and try to fix the sights in our memories. We had the porch to ourselves for over an hour, then suddenly, a group of young adults came out and sat about a hundred feet away. The wind was right and even though we weren't trying to listen, their voices carried and it was impossible not to hear them. A girl was leading the discussion, quite forcefully. Ken was playing a game on his iPod and I was memorizing the view when above the murmur of their voices came hers, almost strident:

“Why are there seniors?”

There was stunned silence for a few seconds from her companions and she asked again, “Why — are — there — seniors?” She was determined rather than demanding, but there was no getting around it: she wanted an answer. One of the boys tried.

“Because ... well ... because they've lived longer than we have.”

“Must they continue?” She seemed offended at the thought.

“What do you mean?”

“They're using up the resources of the youth.”

“Why shouldn't they? They're the ones who've earned them!”

“Yesssss,” she agreed with a nod. “But the longer they live, the more they use and that much less will be available for us.”

The boys slumped back in their chairs and stared at her, open-mouthed. One of them recovered quickly, his voice oozing cynicism.

“What do you suggest? What *are* you suggesting?”

She did not reply, or look away and another boy blurted, “But that's *murder!*”

She answered so quietly I almost didn't hear: “Doesn't have to be.”

I turned to Ken and started to get up. “I've got to say something. This is barbaric.”

“And here comes our boat!” he answered, his voice uncharacteristically chipper. (Ken didn't like controversy — or the idea of my minding their business and possibly causing a brawl.)

“I just want to ask them something. Just one simple question.”

“I don't recommend it.” The deck hands of the fjord boat were tying the bow and stern lines to stanchions on the dock but standing close by, ready for departure. Ken nodded toward them. “I think we should go.”

Reluctantly I had to agree. Passengers were already boarding. I glanced back at the young people. Their discussion was louder now, and getting a little heated. Her leadership was obvious: she had recaptured their attention and was once again dynamically holding them in thrall. And most likely, she was readying their minds for the destruction of their values — and the implanting of insatiable, corrupting greed.

I wondered how long it would be before they agreed with her, ready to lobby the National Health Ministers of Norway for euthanasia — not under the guise of loving concern, but rather to save other peoples' precious resources. For themselves whenever possible ...

All the way to Bergen I was troubled, too sidetracked to enjoy the beauty surrounding us. Gradually over the next few

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days, especially after we flew to Northumberland for my family reunion, the distressing tableau on the porch repeated itself over and over: but it grew a little weaker in its urgency each time. When we boarded our flight home it was barely in my thoughts.

But it came roaring back sometime within the next year, after I read about health insurance experiments being conducted in Oregon. It seemed health care officials were seriously considering rationing "certain" medical procedures guided by patient age, ultimately, denying them altogether to the elderly above a particular age. Most chilling of all, there were discussions about euthanasia with a tasteful and compassionate emphasis on sparing the old folks from the mental anguish of dementia, and/or the physical pain of cancer and other terminal diseases.

Now — only a week away — we face a national election and the stakes have never been so high. For decades we've said that in four-year cycles, but at this time, America is so deeply divided that we're talking about settling (or resetting)

our national philosophy. Our great cities are in flames and in some of them, police departments are being defunded and first responders, lauded as self-sacrificing heroes only nineteen years ago, have become the enemy. Crime rates are skyrocketing, and people are fearful.

I was texting my lovely friend, Tammy B. a few days ago, sharing my apprehensions about our society. With her kind permission, here is her reply:

I understand completely about the upcoming election. We are going into the unknown. But what a comfort it is to trust God because He holds the future in His wonderful hands. That is the only way we are able to cope in uncertainty as we await the day of His glorious coming! We are living in stressful and extremely dark times such as our country has never seen. God help our nation and the whole world.

To Tammy's wise words I only want to add one thing:

Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus! ~ Amen



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List for Gifts for Residents of Sterling Village Available Sunday, November 1

Once again members of the FCC family have the opportunity to give Christmas gifts to residents of Sterling Village. In this year when residents have been required to stay in place since March, and family and friends have had limited time to visit, the residents need to be remembered at Christmas more than ever! The list of residents and suggested gifts will be available on Sunday, November 1. The gifts need to be at the church building by Sunday, December 20, for delivery on Wednesday, December 23.

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 Communion Sunday; Sterling Village List (Note #1)  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 (**) | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Sunday Service (Note #2) | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 (**) | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Communion Sunday (Note #3) | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 (**) | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Thanksgiving Service (Note #4) | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Thanksgiving | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Advent Service #1 (Note #5) | 30 | | | | | |
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Calendar Notes:

- #1) 11/01 — Communion Sunday. **Title:** “Jesus came to save sinners”
Also: List for Sterling Village Christmas Presents.
- #2) 11/08 — Sunday Service. **Title:** “Godly people will be persecuted”
- #3) 11/15 — Communion Sunday. **Title:** “Very few people are thankful”
- #4) 11/22 — Thanksgiving Service. **Title:** “Thankful people serve Yahweh with joy”
- #5) 11/29 — Advent Service #1. **Title:** “We watch for the Redeemer’s return”
- (**) Thursday Prayer in Parlor: **4:30 PM** (*but not on 11/26*).



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1st -- please don't forget to "Fall Back!"