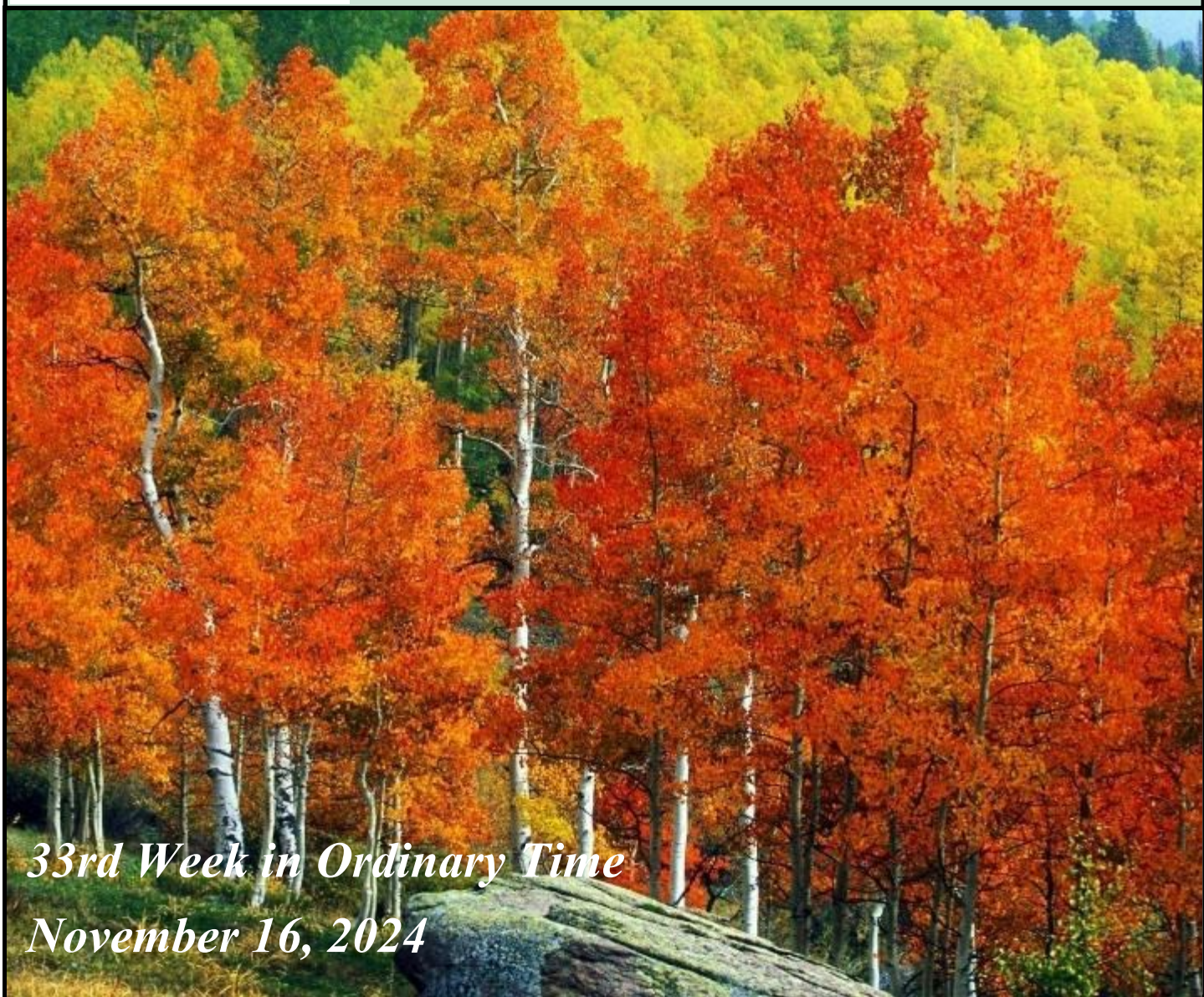




Light of Christ
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH

***Our Mission:** Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

All Are Welcome!



33rd Week in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2024

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Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of November

Saturday (November 16)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (November 19)

10 am - Prayer Shawl committee

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

4 pm - Liturgy committee

Wednesday (November 20)

9 am - Mass (hybrid/Zoom)

1 pm - Adult Formation Committee

Thursday (November 21)

7 pm - Mens Group

Saturday (November 23)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Rosary: As we close out the liturgical year as we live with the rosary, we would ask you to please bring your rosaries on **Saturday, November 23rd.**

We will have rosaries on hand if needed.



T-Shirt Sales: Thanks to your generosity, Light of Christ raised over \$110 as a result of T-shirt sales. If you would like to get a T-shirt or hoodie, you still have the opportunity. Just go to <https://www.bonfire.com/light-of-christ/> to order and they will ship it directly to you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Come and knit or crochet with us. The BL/LOC Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, No-**

vember 19 from **10-11:30 am** in the Fireside Room. Patterns for shawls, scarves and hats will be available or you can work on your own projects. Contact Barb Olander at 303-651-3229 for more information or to learn how you can be part of this ministry even if you can not attend our meetings. All are welcome!

Round Pantry Donations: Once again, we are collecting boxed dessert items (e.g. cake and brownie mixes) for the Round Pantry, the local food bank with which we have a long-standing partnership. These items will be part of the food distribution for Thanksgiving (Nov 26). Between Light of Christ and another local church, Round Pantry would like to collect 500 desserts. Our goal for Light of Christ is 250 dessert items.

At this time, we have received 50 dessert items.

For those of you joining us from out of town that would like to participate, we will be happy to shop for you. You can send us a check with "RP Desserts" designated, and we will purchase the desserts and add them to the collection. A basket will be in the Narthex for donations through **November 23rd**. Thank you for your generosity!



Members of the Rocky Mountain Region

You are invited:

Thursday, November 21st, 6:30 p.m.

ZOOM Presentation: Virtual Communion

“Sacrament in Catholicism has always been about the unity of what is seen and not seen. Come hear how the Catholic imagination can embrace virtual Communion, and just might be some of the new work of the church.”

Fr. Dr. Teri Harroun, an ECC priest and pastor at Light of Christ in Longmont, will share a presentation with the Rocky Mountain Region of the ECC on her 2024 DMin project for Iliff School of Theology entitled: Virtual Communion and Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community During the Covid-19 Pandemic.

All are welcome to learn a little bit more about the *lived experience* of virtual Communion at Light of Christ and the theology and history that Fr. Teri uses to support this new experience of the Real Presence of Christ by some during online liturgies. Her study uses methodologies of practical theology in order to explore what the people of Light of Christ experience at home during Communion. Please note: This presentation is an opportunity to consider virtual Communion in other congregations; it is not a mandate nor proclamation.

The presentation will be recorded.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7195735454?pwd=VTI4V2ZYSVZrSzdSODE0Ull3emRjZz09>

If you would like to dial in by phone without video, call 1 346 248 7799. You will then be asked to enter the Meeting ID: 719 573 5454

Passcode if requested: 10500

Solar Panel update

From our friends at Bethlehem Lutheran:

During Summer of 2024 we formed a small group with the mission to “Empower and protect our world with the light of the Sun.” This group researched and formed a plan for solar energy at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. On November 10, 2024, our congregation voted to support this project out of love for our neighbors and God’s creation. We are glad to announce that fundraising is already well underway!



We have acquired a \$150,000 loan from the Mission Investment Fund to cover part of the project costs. We need to raise another \$58,900, plus fees, to begin the project. Time is of the essence as the sooner we receive the funds, the sooner we can begin the project. Any funds raised beyond this amount will be applied to the loan. We are asking members and friends to make donations. We are encouraging those who can to purchase panels at \$1,000 per panel. Of course, any donation is deeply appreciated and makes a great difference. If you would like to know more about the project, please contact the Solar Energy team leader, Dave Hooley, at dhooley@indra.com.

From Light of Christ:

Our own Helen Majzler served as our representative on the solar panel team and can tell you more about the project itself.

If you would like to make a pledge to the project, please put “solar panel project” in the memo line of any check or online donation. Light of Christ will then donate the collected amount to the project. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tim at the Church Office.

Advent Events

Online Advent Retreat: We will be offering a daily Online Retreat during Advent. This advent, the retreat will focus on “Nurturing the Word”. Each day you will have the opportunity to explore three different offerings. You can do all three or just choose one. Please make the retreat work for you. You will want to have a journal, and access to the internet, but no other special supplies are required.

If you participated in the Lenten retreat this spring, you are already signed up for the Advent retreat and there is nothing else for you to do. If you are interested in joining us, please send an e-mail to Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org by **November 28th**. You will receive the first installment of the Online Advent Daily Retreat on Sunday **December 1st**.

A hard copy of the entire retreat can be provided to anyone who does not have reliable access to the internet, just let Fr. Teri know if that resource would be helpful.

Wednesday Evening Advent Services: Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a supper and service each Wednesday evening with supper at 5:30pm and service at 6:30pm with family-friendly activities to follow. Our theme for this year is “We Need Each Other” and both pastors will take turns reflecting on this. Additionally, December 18th will be the annual caroling.

Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Italian Night Bring salad or garlic bread	Tacos / nachos Bring taco fixings	BYO for caroling



Longest Night Service/Blue Christmas: For some, the holidays are not a time of cheer. Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a combined service of comfort and hope on Saturday, **December 21st** at **7pm**. This service is in addition to our normally scheduled 5pm Mass that day.

A Prayer for the Nation

By the time this finds its way into our bulletin, the 2024 election will be over. There may still be some contested outcomes, legal challenges, and unfounded accusations swirling around. Some unsuccessful candidates may even have refused to concede their races. We can be sure that after the fraught and contentious campaign, candidates and voters will continue to feel unsettled and exhausted, even if their candidates prevail. So, let this be a moment when we try to find the spiritual realities within our human circumstances. Let us bring light and hope where there continues to be fear, anxiety, despair, and violence.

“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” Isaiah 41:13

A prayer for justice

As we look to a future beyond these elections, let us pray:

- That we continue to work collectively and unceasingly to build a government of justice and righteousness in our nation.
- That all forms of injustice and corruption are exposed and destroyed.
- That mercy and compassion for all people are restored in laws, policies, and our hearts.
- That those in our society who are the most marginalized and who face hostility and aggression be protected and cared for.
- That the well being of our planet be the concern of every elected official at every level of government.

Amen

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Pray for the nation;
- Pray for the future;
- Work for justice and fairness

PRAYER CORNER

Dave Barnwell; Gary Tharnish
 Gina Hinnegan; Judith Link;
 Linda Moses; Linda Kay Christon;;
 Matt James; Michael Degnan;
 Natalie Steele; Patrick Degnan;
 Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; Phyllis Enge;
 Rita Rose Bergen; Rosean Amaral;
 Sharon Cramer; Teri Harroun; Wes Evans.



We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the office and we'd be happy to add you.

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP

	October	Year to Date
Donations	\$14,921.67	\$118,750.08
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$1,816.15	\$4,335.79
Total Income	\$16,737.82	\$123,335.87
Expenses	\$13,532.82	\$135,303.76
Balance	\$3,205.00	-\$11,967.89

Additionally, \$920 was received for Synod.

DAILY READINGS

Our online readings this season are from Pearl S. Buck's "The Story Bible". Please join us on Facebook Live every Tuesday at 10AM.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Conference Lectionary for 2024. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

ASSISTANCE

Prayer Partners: These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you.

Home Eucharist Team: If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.

Rite of Reconciliation: The Rite of Reconciliation is available after Mass or by Appointment. Please contact Father Teri or the Church office for more information.

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

HOPE Longmont, located at:

804 Lincoln St.
 Longmont, CO 80501

THE OUR CENTER, located at:

220 Collyer St.
 Longmont, CO 80501

THE ROUND PANTRY, located at:

Westview Presbyterian Church
 1500 Hover St.
 Longmont, CO 80501