



RIVERSIDE CHURCH

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2022 - RIVERSIDE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEWSLETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This eleventh month of our calendar always provides us a fascinating opportunity in the Church to give thanks for God's blessings to us – past, present, and future.

We begin by looking back, remembering the faithfulness of God to His world and His church as we give thanks for those who have walked before us in the faith on All Saints Sunday – those whom God used to lay the foundation of faith for us and who are now with the Lord in heaven.

Then we give thanks for all the ways that God provides for us as we come together for our Thanksgiving celebration.

And we look ahead (even as we look back!) Sunday, November 27 marks the beginning of the Advent season, the time of the year where the Church renews its fervent prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus!" We ask the Holy Spirit to prepare us to receive our returning King when He comes again, even as we prepare to remember and celebrate His coming as the baby of Bethlehem. We thank God for the salvation He has provided us in Jesus, and we thank Him for the hope that is ours – resurrection victory, new heavens and a new earth, and the promise that we will see our God face-to-face and enter into His joy forever.

Looking back, assessing the present, and looking ahead, we find all sorts of reasons to give thanks. God has provided for us. He has blessed and walked with our families. He has been faithful and true to His promises.

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And the final destination for the people of God is utterly glorious, and it is certain. Even if our immediate future may be filled with unknowns, the presence of our King and the power of His Spirit have been promised to us.

Living by faith in the wisdom and power of God, we seek to participate in His mission in a way that blesses others and forms disciples, to His glory.

As part of that process of looking forward and participating faithfully in God's mission, we will be praying for the Holy Spirit's leading as we enjoy the approaching special services with Pastor Nathan Juntunen, as well as another Christ filled Holiday Season.

God's Peace!

Pastor Ray

PRAYER REQUESTS

Safe holiday travels
A healthy Holiday Season for everyone

He is like a tree
planted by water.

Jeremiah 17:8

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 6th - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 12th - 9am - Church Cleaning

Thanksgiving Services Schedule

Friday Nov. 18th - 7:00 PM Service

Saturday Nov. 19th - 6:00 PM

Music and singing w/Refreshments

Sunday Nov. 20th - 10:30 AM Service w/Meal
and 1:30 PM Service w/Refreshments

Our normal second Sunday meal will be cancelled
and replaced with the meal scheduled above.

Dec. 4th - 6pm - Sunday School Christmas program