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September 15, 2024 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost
The liturgy is Setting 12 in the ACS.

PRELUDE - "Largo" -Vivaldi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER DEDICATION - Today's altar flowers are provided by Jim and Anne Emerson in memory of Molly Emerson.

OPENING HYMN ELW #413 - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty" (page 10)

PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection Silence for reflection

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have too often raised our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, and then harshly judged our neighbors with our next breath. Our fears cause conflicts and disputes with people we love and people we meet. You command us to care for the poor, but we often turn away thinking we don't have enough for ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with your grace and mercy and help us to trust you for all we need and to give thanks for all we have. Turn our hearts to follow the ways of Jesus.

God promises to forgive us and to remember our sin no more. By God's grace we have been saved and set free. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of all healing, know that all our sins have been forgiven. Live as forgiven and redeemed people of God.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand and sing)



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



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

This is the good news according to St. Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #676 - "Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak" (page 11)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING - *If you missed placing your offering in the plate when you arrived, there will be another plate by the ushers to leave your offering as you depart. Thank you for your support.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (ELW #191)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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

SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you require gluten-free hosts, please say "no gluten" when you approach the person sharing the host.

The center rings of the trays provided contain grape juice for those desiring it. Cups may be returned to the Acolytes' baskets. The Common Cup is also available.

Children may come forward for a blessing, or to receive communion if they have been through instruction, here, or at another church.

If you wish to still receive the individual communion packet (wafer on top and wine/juice on the bottom), please pick one up as you approach the front.

*If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know.
Welcome!*

COMMUNION HYMN – W&P #67 - “Father I Adore You” (page 11)

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION - 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. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #798 – “Will You Come and Follow Me” (Vss. 1,3,5) (page 12)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Quilter Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, September 22 is Quilter Appreciation Sunday. Between services quilts will be sold, along with Cub Scouts selling their pop corn.

Holiday Wreath Orders

During the Quilter Appreciation Sunday sale, September 22, the Boy Scouts will be taking orders for holiday wreaths.



**Serving you today in
Christ's Love-8:00 Service**

Ushers

8:00 am

Team Paulson

10:30 am

Team Blau

Reader

8:00 am

Tim Gerritsen

10:30 am

Jason Gest

Communion Helpers

8:00 am

Team Nelson

10:30 am

Anne Emerson

Acolyte

8:00 am

Keegan Little

Noah Little

10:30 am

Brinley Schwenn

Tristan Andorfer

Calendar-Week of September 15, 2024

Sun, September 15

8:00 am Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Tues, September 17

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR

4:00 pm Faith Fest after action review meeting - FR

6:30 pm Cub Scouts-Pack Party FH/NK

6:30 pm Bell Practice

Wed, September 18

6:00 pm Confirmation class -NK

6:30 pm Choir

Thurs, September 19

****DOOR POST REMINDER****

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Sat, September 21

9:00 am Ryan's Case for Smiles

Sun, September 22

Quilter Appreciation Sunday

8:00 am Worship Service

9:00 am Quilt Sale -***between services***

Cub Scout Pop Corn Sale

Boy Scout Wreath Orders

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Let's Make Pillowcases!

Join us on Saturday, September 21st, 2024 to make pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. The pillowcases will go to UW Children's Hospital to be given to children battling cancer. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a lunch served and work until about 3:00 or so.

You do not need to know how to sew to help. There will be cutting, pinning and ironing to do in addition to the sewing. Feel free to bring a friend. Confirmation kids will get community service hours for helping. If you are interested in donating fabric for this project the material needs to be 100% cotton with no sparkles on it and material suitable for children including holiday, Packer and Badger material. The main pillowcase takes 3/4 yard fabric and the border fabric takes 1/3 yard.

A money donation for fabric is always appreciated. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room. Please sign up if you will be attending so that we will know how much food we will need for lunch. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382.

OPENING HYMN ELW #413 - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty"



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

CLC Choir Practice Has Begun!

Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. **Practice began on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30PM (NOTE NEW TIME) in the Friendship Room.** We meet once a week and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room as well. Don't worry if you have a busy schedule and can't make every practice. We are happy to have you join us whenever you can! Any questions, please call Anne Emerson (608)846-0898



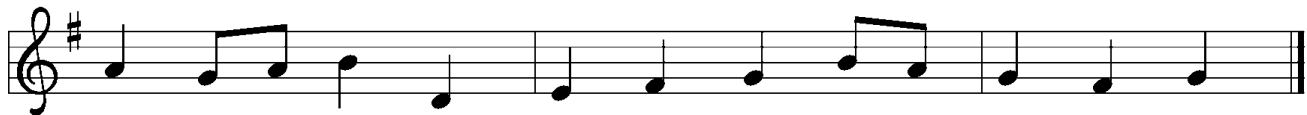
HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #676 - "Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak"



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



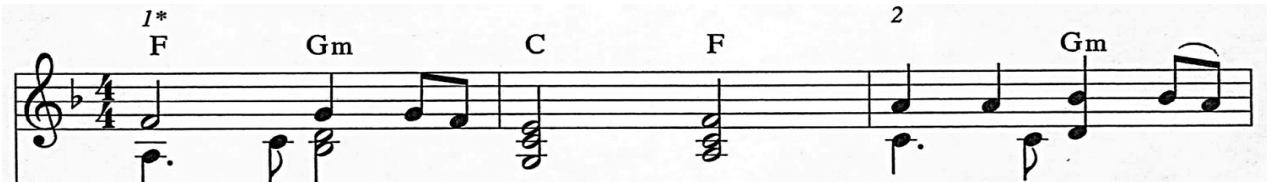
liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

COMMUNION HYMN - W&P #67 - "Father I Adore You"



1 Fa - ther,
 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
 3 Spir - it,



fore you; how I love you.

**may be sung in canon*

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SENDING HYMN ELW #798 - "Will You Come and Follow Me" (Vss. 1.3.5)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



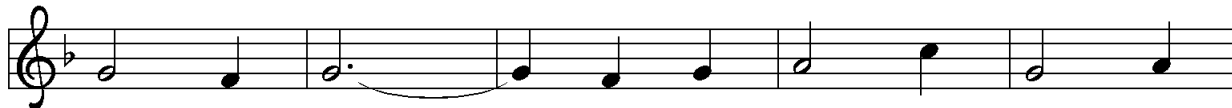
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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It's time to think about the Bazaar and Bake Sale 2024!!

For new members, the Christ Lutheran Church Women hold a Bake Sale and Raffle in the Friendship Room in conjunction with the Lutefisk Dinner. Some members create a variety of yummy treats for the Bake Sale, such as traditional Norwegian treats, brownies, cookies, bars, pastries, breads and canned items, such as jams, jellies, horseradish, relishes, beet pickles, etc.

Other members with different skills and talents create items for the raffle portion of the Bazaar. The sky is the limit! Examples of items raffled in past years are paintings, carvings, table runners, floral arrangements, wood working, homemade cards, quilts and jewelry, just to name a few. Other members have opted to donate gift cards from local establishments.

Money generated from the Bazaar has been used for a wide variety of things both within our walls and throughout the community, state, nation and world!

So start thinking about your talent and what you can contribute. Any questions can be directed to Vicki Sobczak, Bazaar Chair, at 608-444-1804 or email: vsobczak@yahoo.com

2024-25 Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church Signup details, dates, and more!

We offer Sunday School lessons for children from preschool to 6th grade. If you're interested in enrolling your child(ren), please see below for important details.

Sunday school classes began **Sunday, September 15**. Sunday school takes place Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM, between church services. **Registration forms** are available on line or in the Friendship Room that you can fill out. You can return the form by mail or drop it off at church at the front office or in the offering plate. We strive to make Sunday School an interactive and fun experience for children of all ages! They can expect crafts, games, song time, and snacks while learning about Bible lessons and making new friends.

Teachers and classroom helpers needed! We are short-handed this year. Parents, please consider volunteering. We can be flexible with schedules! If you have a high school student, we could use their help—it could count towards their National Honor Society volunteer hours.

Questions? Contact: Kristy Bergeron (kroloff@hotmail.com)
Michelle Gest (mrippgest@gmail.com)

Koats for Kids

Christ Lutheran Church is excited to participate in the Koats for Kids program! This year's collection drive will be held Sunday, September 1st—October 1, 2024. If you have any gently-used winter coats, non-leather hats, scarves and mittens (pinned in pairs please) that you would like to donate, there will be a box in the Friendship Room. Klinke Cleaners will clean all items, then hand them off to the Community Action Coalition for distribution in late October. All sizes are in demand, but there is a particular need for infant and toddler sizes, as well as larger teen sizes (12-22) and larger adult sizes (L-3XL). Please consider going through your closets to check for coats you no longer use and can donate to area residents who are in need.



Time to think about Lutefisk!



Saturday, November 9th will be here soon—Christ Lutheran Church's Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner! We again expect around 1,400 members, friends and neighbors to come to enjoy this delicious meal which includes the area's best-tasting lutefisk, meatballs and lefse with all the trimmings topped off with a piece of tasty pie.

Reservations may be made beginning on September 4 through Friday, November 4 by making reservations online or calling the church office 608-846-4718. Walk-ins and carry-out meals are also possible! Please share the date of dinner with your family, friends and neighbors. In order to help us prepare the meal and serve our guests, we need your help! A sign-up board is up outside the Friendship Room.

Lasagna Love - September

During the month of SEPTEMBER, CLC Social Ministries Committee will be involved with a mission called LASAGNA LOVE. This is an international movement, with thousands of people cooking and delivering lasagna meals to families in need or during a time full of uncertainty and stress. You can find more information on <https://lasagnalove.org> if you are interested.

We will be collecting spaghetti sauce or marinara, lasagna noodles, aluminum foil, aluminum 9 X 13 pans and gift cards from Pick-N-Save, Woodman's or Aldi to purchase the rest of the ingredients to make lasagna. The lasagna will be taken to families identified by Lasagna Love in and around our community.

If you would like to participate, a grocery cart will be placed outside the Friendship Room for you to drop your items off. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Meals For The Hungry

This year we will be donating meals to elderly through the DeForest Area Community Center, donating non-perishable food items to the DeForest Area Food Pantry and also helping the Moravian Church with the Thanksgiving meal they prepare for community members in need. We will be distributing the meals etc. the week of November 18. Bags & shopping lists will be available outside of the Friendship Room on October 27. Each bag will have a number on it. There will be a list next to the bags. Please write your name and phone number next to the number on the list which corresponds with the number on the bag you have taken. There will also be envelopes available if you would like to contribute towards buying turkeys for the meals. Please return the full bags to the Friendship Room no later than noon on November 13th. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382 or the church office. Thank you everyone!!

