



ADVENT



NORTHDALÉ LUTHERAN CHURCH
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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Help us be more welcoming by signing the guest registers in each row.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. ***Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.***
- ❖ Everything you need for worship will be printed in the worship folder.

WORSHIP THEME

Keep watch for the unexpected coming of Christ! The coming of Christ defines our present time because we know that he comes with unexpected judgment the unbelieving world and unexpected grace for his people. We are filled with hope, with love, and with light.



ADVENT

Advent is a Latin word that means “coming.” The season of Advent is the four week period before Christmas that the Church uses to remember the “coming” of the Christ. We celebrate that he came once as a baby in Bethlehem, and that he will come again at the end of time. The color for this season is blue. As we wait for our Savior to return, we do so with our eyes looking to the skies. The blue reminds us to keep looking to the sky for the return of our Savior.

ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is a combination of two very common symbols: light and the fir tree. From the early centuries of Christianity it has been the practice to represent Christ by a burning candle. The fir tree has a long history of religious use. No doubt the Advent Wreath was suggested by the Christmas tree.

It seems that the Advent Wreath originated a few hundred years ago among the Lutherans of eastern Germany. A wreath of evergreens, made in various sizes, was either suspended from the ceiling or placed on a table. Four candles representing the four Sundays of Advent were fastened to the wreath.

Eventually the use of the Advent Wreath became wide spread and moved also from the home into the church. The general symbolism of the Advent Wreath lies in the growing light of the wreath, increasing each week as we approach the birthday of Jesus, the Light of the world.



CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CW #1, "THE ADVENT OF OUR KING"



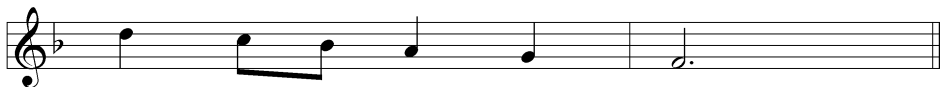
1 The ad - vent of our King Our
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In -
3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing Day Let



prayers must now em - ploy,
car - nate deigns to be,
meet your low - ly King,
soon will come a gain
sin's dark deeds be gone,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To
Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The
And his true mem - bers all u - nite With
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The



strains of ho - ly joy.
set his ser - vants free.
peace he comes to bring.
him in heav'n to reign.
new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you

CONFESSION OF SINS:

M During the season of Advent, we remember how a lowly baby, born in Bethlehem, came to pay for the sins of the entire world. We also rejoice that he is coming again in his power and glory on the last day.

C: With all the prophets and the Apostles we say, “Come, Emmanuel!”

M: Christ, the Light of this world has come once. We prepare for his coming again as we confess our sins.

O Advent King, come free us from the burden of our sins.

C: Reign in our hearts so that sin is not our master.

M: O Word made flesh, give to us the robe of your righteousness.

C: Cleanse us of our sin and cover us with your perfection.

M: O righteous judge, do not cast us away.

C: Be merciful and come to us with your grace, mercy and peace.

M: When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of Sons. God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in him and through him to reconcile all things, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. In Jesus, your sins are forgiven and you are reconciled with God. Go now in the peace of Christ.

C: Amen

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: Sing CW #21, vs. 1 & 3



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na
2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in
3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our
4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and



to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -
this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -
lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls
heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -



ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.
ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.
be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.
ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, abr., alt.

Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH (LM) Schumann, *Geistliche lieder aufs new gebessert*, Leipzig, 1539.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD



THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 13:11-14

Paul encourages us to let the nearness of the kingdom and unexpected nature of its arrival define our present time. Because Christ is coming soon, we live as citizens of his kingdom awaiting his arrival.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.



PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 18*

God turns the darkness into light so we can live as his people.

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



Refrain

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 24:36-44

The certainty of Christ's coming is never in question—only the timing. So Christ tells us to keep watch and to be ready.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

BE SEATED



SERMON HYMN, CW #2, "SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME"



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
 God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
 Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON TEXT: ISAIAH 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In the last days

the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,

so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,

the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,

nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵Come, descendants of Jacob,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

SERMON THEME:

Jesus' Coming Defines You

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

THE NICENE CREED

(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews and pass it to those sitting next to you.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

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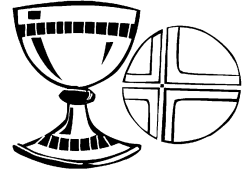
ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:30 A.M.SERVICE)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Northdale Lutheran practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of Northdale Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.

PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this,



C: A - - men.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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

DISTRIBUTION

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

GUESTS: SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

MEMBERS: WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE “PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION” ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CW #8, "COME, O PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME"



1 Come, O pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly Hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail, ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Help, Lord; hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray you. Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let your king - dom, scep - ter, crown



O - pen are to you all por - tals. Come, your beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay you, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion That for - ev - er



let us view; Anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
will be mine When you are my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, your mer - it through your grace.
we may sing Hail, ho - san - na! to our King.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädisches Gesang-Buch*,
Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

CW #7, "REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS"



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the
 3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and
 4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus,



lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,
 Bride - groom near; Go forth, as he ap - proach - es,
 suf - f' rings bore, Shall live and reign for - ev - er
 now ap - pear, The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion



And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom
 With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage
 When sor - row is no more. A - round the
 Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With hearts and



is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
 feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -
 throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In
 hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The



pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
 day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722, abr.; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.
 Tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG (76 76 D) *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901.

PLEASE STAND

SONG OF THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

FINAL PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace



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10 for 10 Video Week 10

Copies of today's sermon and last week's sermon can be found on the table in the narthex on the way out of church. You can also find them on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. In addition, all of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at pastor@northdalelutheran.org and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.



Announcements:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: We continue our Bible Study on the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) in our Sunday Morning Bible Study. We had a great turn out for our first class. We are excited to have so many people eager to learn about the Gospels. This class takes a look at the life of Jesus in a chronological order. It is a great way to become more acquainted with your Savior Jesus and know all that he did to live as your substitute here on this earth. It is through the study of God's Word that we remain connected to our Savior and grow in our faith and godly living. This is a great time for you to begin coming to Bible Study on Sunday. We hope to see you on Sunday morning.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Our annual Fall Food Drive will continue through the first part of December. Every year at this time, we gather food to donate to Metropolitan Ministries to help feed those less fortunate than us. This is a great way for us to put our faith into action and to use what God has given us to his glory and to serve others. While we are not big enough here to host our own pantry, we collect food so that we can direct those who are needy to Metropolitan

ministries to receive the physical help that they need. Please purchase and bring in non-perishable food items.

Women's Bible Study: We have a special Women's Bible Study that meets once a month. This is a great time for our ladies to get to know one another and grow together as they study God's Word. They meet the first Sunday of every month at 12:00 noon after the Sunday Service. They have been studying through the book, Prepared to Answer, which helps to equip people to answer those hard questions that friends and neighbors often ask. Amy Vannieuwenhoven leads this class. We'd love to see this group grow as they begin meeting again. So I encourage all of the ladies to consider participating in this fun, growth group. They Meet after second service today.

Mid-Week Advent Worship: We have the opportunity to gather for a special mid-week Advent worship service on Wednesday, December 11. We will worship at 2:00 and 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to take a few moments during a busy season to pause and reflect on the goodness of our God as we prepare for his second coming. Join us!

Annual Christmas Dinner/White Elephant Gift Auction: Our annual Christmas Dinner/White Elephant gift auction will be held on Sunday, December 15 after our second service. This is an annual gathering that is a blast. We ask each person to bring a gift to auction off and all of the proceeds help to fund our Women of Northdale who take care of the paraments and the decorations in our church. There will be a potluck dinner served that day. We will have a sign up sheet in the entryway if you are planning to attend, just so we know we have a variety of foods available. Set your calendars and plan to attend this great fun activity.

Christmas Worship Schedule: It is time to once again be thinking about our Christmas worship of our Lord and King. What joyous days of celebration these are for God's people as we ponder God's love in the miracle of Jesus becoming flesh. We invite you and any guests you might want to invite and/or bring to join us for each of these special opportunities to gather before God and worship him for his goodness in sending Jesus to be our Savior. Our Christmas Worship is as follows:

Christmas Eve Worship: Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Service

6:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day Festival Service: Wednesday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

Called Staff

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-4854

Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599

Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113

Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283

Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596

Bethany Schwartz: 920-222-9279

Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-5025

This Week:

Sunday (12/1): 12:00pm - Women's Bible Study

Monday (12/2): 6:30pm - Ministry Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday (12/3): 6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (12/4): 6:30-7:30pm - Catechism Class

Sunday (12/18): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:15am – Teen Bible Study and Sunday School for Children

9:25am – Adult Bible Study

11:30am - Fellowship

Serving Today

Music: Dane Mattes

Ushers: 8:00—Rubin Gaviria

10:30 —Chris Haring/Diane Cihlaski

Acolyte: 8:00—Mateo Amaya

10:30—Grace Mosakowski

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00—Rachel Wilson

10:30—Aiden Berg

Ushers: 8:00—Brian Busch

10:30 — Joe Picone/Kim Schacker

Acolyte: 8:00—Daniel Busch

10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough

Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.—33

10:30 a.m.—85

Total: 118

Yearly Average: 103

% of Members in Worship: 42%

Financial Information

Contributions for 11/24: \$2,104.00

Contributions Online through 11/24: \$1,395.00

Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$92,884.68

Contributions received to date: \$92,186.85

Ahead or (Short) through 11/24/19: (\$697.83)

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00

Received Last Week: \$5,360.00

Total received to date: \$326,823.72

Projected Completion date: March 2020