November 1, 2026 @ 10 am

Stewardship Sunday ~ All Saints' Day

Domingo de la Administración ~ Día de Todos los Santos

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Church of The Cross

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Welcome All ~ Share God's Love ~ Offer Hope ...all in Jesus' Name

Bienvenidos todos ~ Compartan el amor de Dios ~ Ofrezcan esperanza... todo en el nombre de Jesús

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WELCOME ALL ~ *Bienvenidos todos*

PRELUDE ~ *Preludio*" "To a Wild Rose" *by Macdowell* Dr. Soyoung K.

WELCOME ~ *Palabras de Bienvenida* Rev. Julie Peterson

INTROIT "O Worship the Lord" *by Robert McCutchan* COTC Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP[1] ~ *Llamado a adorar* Rev. Julie Peterson

God has blessed us with gifts beyond measure— with abilities, resources, opportunities, and grace.
We come with grateful hearts, ready to offer ourselves to God.

God's Word is at work within us, calling us to lives of faithfulness and service.
We are called to share what we have received and to use our gifts for God's purposes.

Come, let us worship the God who gives abundantly!
With gratitude and joy, let us worship God!

Dios nos ha bendecido con dones inconmensurables: habilidades, recursos, oportunidades y gracia.
Venimos con corazones agradecidos, listos para entregarnos a Dios.

La Palabra de Dios obra en nuestro interior, llamándonos a una vida de fidelidad y servicio.
Estamos llamados a compartir lo que hemos recibido y a usar nuestros dones para los propósitos de Dios.

¡Vengan, adoremos al Dios que da en abundancia!
¡Con gratitud y alegría, adoremos a Dios!

*OPENING HYMN ~ *Himn* "Now Thank We All Our God" GTG #643
"Ahora demos todos gracias a nuestro Dios"

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Llamado a la confesión Jim L.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[1] ~ *Oración de confesión al unisono* Jim L.

Generous God, you have entrusted us with so much— our time, abilities, resources, and opportunities to serve. Yet too often, we hold back what you have given.

We allow fear to limit us, comfort to keep us from taking risks, and self-interest to overshadow the needs of others.

Forgive us when we bury our gifts rather than putting them to work for your purposes. Open our hearts to your Word at work within us.

Give us courage to use what we have received, generosity to share it with others, and faith to trust you with what lies ahead.

Dios generoso, nos has confiado tanto: nuestro tiempo, nuestras habilidades, nuestros recursos y las oportunidades de servir. Sin embargo, con demasiada frecuencia retenemos lo que nos has dado.

Permitimos que el miedo nos limite, que la comodidad nos impida tomar riesgos y que nuestro propio interés eclipse las necesidades de los demás.

Perdónanos cuando enterramos nuestros dones en lugar de ponerlos al servicio de tus propósitos. Abre nuestros corazones a tu Palabra que obra en nosotros.

Danos valor para usar lo que hemos recibido, generosidad para compartirlo con los demás y fe para confiar en ti respecto a lo que nos espera.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION ~ *Nuestra confesión silenciosa*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ~ *Garantía de perdón* Rev. Julie Peterson

*SUNG RESPONSE ~ *Respuesta cantada* "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" *(Chorus 2x) GTG #591*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST ~ *Pasando la Paz de Cristo*

*SING "Jesus Loves Me" ~ *Jesús me ama*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE ~ *Comparte el amor de Dios*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ~ *Oración de Iluminación* Jim L.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Jim L. / José S.

This is the word of God for the people of God. ~ *Esta es la palabra de Dios para el pueblo de Dios.*
Thanks be to God. ***(Gracias a Dios.)***

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-20 Rev. Julie Peterson / José S.

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SERMON Entrusted with Possibility Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME ~ *Ofrezca esperanza... en el nombre de Jesús*

*HYMN ~ *Himno* "For All The Saints" ~ "Para todos los santos" (vs1, 3, 5) GTG #326

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ~ *En memoria de los santos* Rev. Julie Peterson / Jim L.

On All Saints Day, we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us in faith, whose lives have touched our own, and whose love continues to shape who we are.

Today, we remember members of our congregation, along with family and friends who now live in the heart of God's eternal love. We give thanks for their lives and the ways God's grace was made visible through them.

As we hold together both grief and gratitude, we trust God's promise that in life and in death, we belong to God.

<u>*Reading of Names</u>

Mary Ann Buckner
Mark Carlson
Hank Morgan

~ others you may wish to name ~

En el Día de Todos los Santos, recordamos con gratitud a quienes nos han precedido en la fe, cuyas vidas han marcado las nuestras y cuyo amor sigue moldeando quiénes somos.

Hoy recordamos a los miembros de nuestra congregación, junto con familiares y amigos que ahora viven en el corazón del amor eterno de Dios. Damos gracias por sus vidas y por las formas en que la gracia de Dios se hizo visible a través de ellos.

Mientras abrazamos tanto el dolor como la gratitud, confiamos en la promesa de Dios de que, tanto en la vida como en la muerte, pertenecemos a Él.

<u>*Lectura de nombres</u>

Mary Ann Buckner
Mark Carlson
Hank Morgan

~ otros que tal vez quieras mencionar ~

*Unison Prayer of Remembrance

Faithful and loving God, we thank you for those we remember today, for the faith they lived, the love they shared, and the ways they touched our lives.

We cherish the memories of times shared, the friendships formed, and the ways their presence enriched our lives. Comfort all who grieve

Strengthen us to continue your work of love and service, trusting in your faithfulness from one generation to the next. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, in whom we have the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

*Oración de recuerdo al unísono

Dios fiel y amoroso, te damos gracias por aquellos a quienes recordamos hoy, por la fe que vivieron, el amor que compartieron y las formas en que tocaron nuestras vidas.

Atesoramos los recuerdos de los momentos compartidos, las amistades forjadas y la forma en que su presencia enriqueció nuestras vidas. Consuela a todos los que están de luto.

Danos fuerzas para continuar tu obra de amor y servicio, confiando en tu fidelidad de generación en generación. Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor resucitado, en quien tenemos la promesa de la vida eterna. Amén.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD — Jim L
Presentando nuestros Diezmos y Ofrendas a Dios

OFFERTORY — "What Feast Will You Bring?" *by Charles McCartha* — COTC Choir

*DOXOLOGY ~ *Doxología* — ***~ COMMUNION SUNDAY WORDS ~*** — GTG #606

Praise God, who fills each cup and plate, Whose table's wide and love is great,
From broken bread, may all be fed, And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen.

Alabado sea Dios, que llena cada copa y plato, cuya mesa es amplia y su amor es grande, que del pan partido todos se alimenten, y que la justicia surja donde se ha extendido el miedo. Amén.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ~ *Oración de dedicación* — Jim L.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER — Rev. Julie Peterson
Oraciones del Pueblo y el Padrenuestro

*HYMN OF PREPARATION — "Come to the Table of Grace" *(vs 1, 3)* GTG 507
Himno de preparación — "Ven a la Mesa de la Gracia"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ *Sacramento de la Cena del Señor*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE ~ *Invitación a la Mesa* — Rev. Julie Peterson

We come to this Table grateful for God's generosity, the grace we have received, and the love our Lord Jesus continues to share with us. Here, we remember God's grace, freely given beyond anything we could earn or repay. Here, we are strengthened to share that love with others, using the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Nos acercamos a esta Mesa agradecidos por la generosidad de Dios, la gracia que hemos recibido y el amor que nuestro Señor Jesús sigue compartiendo con nosotros. Aquí recordamos la gracia de Dios, otorgada gratuitamente, más allá de lo que pudiéramos ganarnos o devolver. Aquí recibimos fuerzas para compartir ese amor con los demás, utilizando los dones que Dios nos ha confiado.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING[1] ~ *Gran Oración de Acción de Gracias*

The God who entrusts us with abundant gifts is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts to the One who gives us life!

We lift them with gratitude and joy!

Let us give thanks to God, whose grace is at work within us.

With grateful hearts, we give our thanks and praise!

Generous and loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of life, for the abundance of your creation, and for the many ways your grace sustains us. Throughout the generations, you have remained faithful, calling your people to trust you and share your goodness with others.

In Jesus Christ, you have shown us the fullness of your love. He welcomed the forgotten, fed the hungry, healed the hurting, and gave himself for the life of the world.

For the abundance of your grace and the joy of belonging to you, we give thanks! And with your people in every time and place, we lift our voices in praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Unite us with Christ and with one another as you nourish us with your grace. Continue your work within us, strengthening our faith, deepening our generosity, and giving us courage to serve you with joy.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

¡El Dios que nos confía dones abundantes está contigo!

¡Y también contigo!

¡Elevemos nuestros corazones a Aquel que nos da la vida!

¡Los elevamos con gratitud y alegría!

Demos gracias a Dios, cuya gracia obra en nosotros.

¡Con corazones agradecidos, te damos gracias y alabanza!

Dios generoso y amoroso, te damos gracias por el don de la vida, por la abundancia de tu creación y por las muchas formas en que tu gracia nos sostiene. A lo largo de las generaciones, te has mantenido fiel, llamando a tu pueblo a confiar en ti y a compartir tu bondad con los demás.

En Jesucristo, nos has mostrado la plenitud de tu amor. Él acogió a los olvidados, alimentó a los hambrientos, sanó a los que sufrían y se entregó a sí mismo por la vida del mundo.

¡Por la abundancia de tu gracia y la alegría de pertenecerte, te damos gracias! Y junto con tu pueblo en todo tiempo y lugar, alzamos nuestras voces en alabanza:

Santo, santo, santo Señor,
Dios de poder y fuerza,
el cielo y la tierra están llenos de tu gloria.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!
Bendito el que viene en el
nombre del Señor.
¡Hosanna en las alturas!

Dios santo, derrama tu Espíritu Santo sobre nosotros y sobre estos dones del pan y la copa. Únenos a Cristo y entre nosotros mientras nos alimentas con tu gracia. Continúa tu obra en nosotros, fortaleciendo nuestra fe, profundizando nuestra generosidad y dándonos valor para servirte con alegría.

Por Cristo, con Cristo y en Cristo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, toda la gloria y el honor son tuyos, Dios Todopoderoso, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~ *Las palabras de la institución*

La noche en que fue traicionado, nuestro Señor tomó pan, lo bendijo, lo partió y se lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo: "Tomen, coman. Este es mi cuerpo entregado por ti. Cuando comáis de esto, hacedlo en

memoria de mí". De la misma manera tomó la copa diciendo: "Esta copa es el nuevo pacto sellado en mi sangre, derramado por ustedes para perdón de los pecados. Cuando bebáis de él, hacedlo en memoria de mí". Cada vez que comemos este pan y bebemos esta copa, proclamamos la muerte salvadora del Señor resucitado, hasta el día de su regreso. Y hasta ese día, seguiremos reuniéndonos en santuarios, cocinas, salas de estar y parques para celebrar la gracia del profundo amor de Dios por nosotros. Amados Hijos de Dios, esta es la fiesta gozosa del pueblo de Dios. Reunámonos y compartamos esta fiesta que nuestro Señor ha preparado.

COMMUNING TOGETHER ~ *Comunión juntos*

We celebrate Holy Communion by intinction. All who believe in Jesus the Christ are invited to come forward to receive the elements. ***The bread is gluten free.*** *If you prefer to use prepacked cups, they are available in the narthex. And, please come forward with the others for your blessing.*

Celebramos la Sagrada Comunión por intinción. Todos los que creen en Jesús el Cristo están invitados a pasar al frente para recibir los elementos. ***El pan no contiene gluten.*** *Si prefiere utilizar vasos preenvasados, están disponibles en el nártex. Y, por favor, acérquense con los demás para recibir su bendición.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ~ *Oración después de la Comunión*

Holy One, we thank you for welcoming us to your Table and nourishing us with the gifts of your grace.

As we go from this place, strengthen us to live as faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us recognize your presence in the people we meet, respond generously to the needs around us, and trust your guidance in the days ahead.

Let the grace we have received here become visible in the lives we live, as we share your love and offer hope in Jesus' name. Amen.

Santo, te damos gracias por recibirnos en tu Mesa y alimentarnos con los dones de tu gracia.

Al partir de este lugar, fortalécenos para vivir como fieles administradores de todo lo que nos has confiado.

Ayúdanos a reconocer tu presencia en las personas con las que nos cruzamos, a responder generosamente a las necesidades que nos rodean y a confiar en tu guía en los días venideros.

Que la gracia que hemos recibido aquí se haga visible en nuestras vidas, al compartir tu amor y ofrecer esperanza en el nombre de Jesús. Amén.

*CLOSING HYMN ~ *Himno* "Go to the World" ~ "Ve al mundo" *(vs 1-2, 4)* GTG 295

*BENEDICTION ~ *Bendición*

La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con ustedes. Es con los que amas, y es con los que nadie ama. Salgamos al mundo y compartamos el amor de Dios. Amén y amén.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the Grace of God our Savior" – *by John Stainer* COTC Choir

POSTLUDE "Rainbow Splendor" *by Faber* Dr. Soyoung K.

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Welcome, Dr. Soyoung Kee!

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Soyoung Kee as our new pianist at Church of the Cross! Dr. Kee brings exceptional musical gifts, extensive experience, and a love of music which will enrich our worship and congregational life.

We look forward to getting to know her and sharing in the ministry of music together. Please join us in extending a warm Church of the Cross welcome to Dr. Kee as she begins this new chapter with us!

Dr. Soyoung Kee is an accomplished pianist whose musical career began at age twelve when she debuted with the West Suburban Symphony, performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4. Since then, she has performed with numerous orchestras, including the Northwest Indiana Philharmonic, Elmhurst Symphony, and Northwestern Symphony Orchestra. She has received recognition and awards in national and international piano competitions.

Dr. Kee graduated with high distinction from the Eastman School of Music and earned her Master of Music and Artist Diploma from Indiana University, followed by a doctorate from Northwestern University. Her studies also took her to the Gnessin Conservatory in Moscow. She currently serves as Piano Chair at Elmhurst University.

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For Session: **Gary Fleenor, Jane Lesch**

For Deacons: **Julie Giegler, Lismar Moya Marcano, Laurie Ulrich**

Prayer Requests

- Debbie A (Jim/Sue's friend)
- Emmalyn (great-niece of Laurie U)
- Beth B (Stu R's sister)
- Becky B (Cathy W's sister-in-law)
- Mike B (Cathy W's brother-in-law)
- Rick B (friend of John H)
- Robert B (Jim B's father)
- Brenden (family of Laura D's co-worker)
- Celica (Elizabeth/José granddaughter)
- Tom C (friend of Karen)
- Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
- Patti C (Karen's friend)
- Sabine C (Adelaide's sister)
- Chuck/Renee (Laura's brother/wife)
- Linda D (Jim/Sue's relative)
- Elise (Family friend of Laura D)
- Steven E (Karen's friend)
- Betty F (Chris L's mother)
- Karen F & her daughter Lisa M
- Nick F (Mike/Chris' family member)
- Marilyn (Stu T's sister)
- Adelaide, Baaba C, & Naana G
- Harriet (kin of John/Cheryl)
- Jennifer, Matt & family (friends-John/Cheryl)
- Jessica (Nancy/Charlie's family member)
- Ken H (Cathy W's brother-in-law)
- Terri H
- Nicole K (Stu/Marie's friend)
- Luz (Terry/Susan's daughter-in-law)
- Mike L (Mike/Chris' nephew)
- Sheila L (Donna's family member)
- Diane M (George/Mary's friend)
- Judy McC
- Fay M
- Michael (friend of Donna/Ron)
- Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
- Don M (Hank/Glenna's son)
- Glenna M
- Mary M (John H's friend)
- Steve M
- Terry & Susan M
- Marcia O (Karen's friend)
- Lamar R (John/Cheryl's friend)
- Ray (Laura's friend's brother)
- George/Mary R
- Tom R (Sue Li's brother)
- Doris S (Cathy W's mom)
- Joe S (José son)
- Martha S (John/Cheryl's friend)
- Shannon (Laura's niece)
- Laurie U & Jon (her brother)
- Carol W (Karen's friend)

- Caregivers
- Our country, people devastated by terrorism, war, natural disasters, and fires
- For people in war zone, especially children
- Students/Teachers/Schools
- People in need of employment
- Families who grieve the loss of loved ones
  - Family of Hank Morgan
  - Family of Joyce V (Mike/Chris' daughter Jen's friend)
  - Family of Caitlyn (Karen's son's niece)

Announcements & Upcoming Events

	November 1	November 8		November 15		November 22	
	Stewardship Sunday					Christ the King	
	Rev. Julie Peterson	Rev. Julie Peterson		Rev. Julie Peterson		Rev. Julie Peterson	
Worship Leader	Jim L	Jim B		Stu R			
Disciple on Duty [4]							
Usher [5]							
Counter [6]							
Greeter [7]							
Communion Set Up		n/a		n/a		n/a	
Flowers for Worship [1]							
- Dedication (memory/honor/celebration) [9]							
Coffee Hour Coordinator	Stewardship Team	Judie		Corp OPS		Karen	
- Food Contributors [11]		Cheese & Crackers	Judie	Fruits	Charlie		
Select item from list and then enter your name to the right		Reg. Cookies	Judie				
	Stewardship Lunch	Coffee Cake	Stu				
Sound [2]	Jim	Jim		Jim		Jim	
Streaming [12]	Stu	Cathy		Stu		Cathy	

Sunday, November 1

Stewardship Dedication Sunday & All Saints Day

Flowers are from the Groenewolds in Celebration of Stewardship
10 am ~ Worship Service with Rev. Julie Peterson
11 am ~ A special lunch to thank you for your generosity and to celebrate God's blessings!
NO Adult Sunday Class

Tuesday, November 3

11 am ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
11 am ~ Zoom Gathering with Pastor Julie
6:30 pm ~ Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, November 4

12 noon ~ Bible Study Lunch with Pastor Julie

Thursday, November 5

4–6 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
6 pm ~ Micah Team Meeting
7 pm ~ Choir Practice

Sunday, November 8

10 am ~ Worship Service with Rev. Julie Peterson
11 am ~ Coffee Hour
11:45 am ~ Adult Sunday Class

Tuesday Zoom Gathering

Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 11 am. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access details to join.

Tuesday ESL Classes

ESL (English as Second Language) Classes are held every Tuesday at 12 noon in the basement library. This is during regular Tuesday Clothes Closet Hours.

Wednesday Bible Study Lunch

Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study. We discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information.

Wednesday Book Club

Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Contact Judie T. for the Zoom access details. Schedule for meetings:

November 18: The Things We Never Say by Elizabeth Stroud
December 9: The Book Club for Troublesome Women
January 13: The Mountains We Call Home by Kim Michelle Richardson

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

The group meets Wednesdays at 7 pm. Contact Stu Rutter for more details.

Thursday Coffee & Conversation

This is a relaxed time to gather with Pastor Julie over coffee to share conversation and enjoy each other's company. Gatherings will be held at COTC about twice a month on Thursdays at 10 am.
Next meeting – November 5

Congregational Meeting

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Adult Sunday School

The group meets on Sundays at 11:45 am. Everyone is invited to join in the study in the Gathering Place.

Donate to Food Pantry

Please bring items for the Schaumburg Food Pantry to Church of the Cross on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Sunday Coffee Hour Sign Up

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting coffee hour! Please sign up to donate items in the coming weeks, and also to host coffee hour.

Parking Valet Volunteers

Volunteers are needed on Sundays.
Sign up on the Worship Schedule online.

Community Clothes Closet

Items needed:

- Seasonally Appropriate Clothing
- **Toiletries – needed now**
- New Socks and Underwear
- English and Spanish Children's Books

Stewardship Sunday

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" - 1 Peter 4:10

Join us on Sunday, November 1 for our Annual Stewardship Service & Lunch.

Join us on **Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Prince of Peace** for our community's annual Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Eve Gathering. Each year, neighbors from many traditions set aside what divides us for one evening to do something we all share: giving thanks.

This year we are honored to welcome **Rabbi Steven Bob** as our speaker. The evening will also include prayers, readings, and music from the participating congregations, offered side by side. You don't need to know the words or the customs to belong here. Come as you are, listen with an open heart, and you'll find that gratitude sounds familiar in every language.

Thanksgiving has always been about more than a meal. It's a chance to notice the gifts we've been given and to remember those still waiting at the edges of the table. This year's offering will support as always the Schaumburg Food Pantry.

Afterward, stay for our beloved annual **Pie Fellowship**! It's one of the sweetest traditions of the season, with plenty of slices, coffee, and conversation. If you'd like to contribute a homemade or store-bought pie, we'd be delighted to add it to the table.

In a season when so much seems to pull communities apart, this gathering is a quiet, hopeful witness that people of different faiths can sit together, pray together, and share pie together. Bring your family, invite a friend, and begin your Thanksgiving celebration with us.