

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of November 3,2024

First Reading Rev.7: 9-17

Epistle –1 John 3: 1-3

Holy Gospel –Matt. 5: 1-12

**Ctrl+Click this link for the Shadow of the
Cross website:**

SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG

Worship service livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>

Worship Service: Sunday 9:45 am **Holy Communion** every Sunday.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1-425-436-6395 dial 341-364 #

Fellowship hours with refreshments will follow service.

Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study begin at 11:00 am.

Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:00 am.

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Thurs, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you.

“Giving Thanks”

“Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” -Psalm 30:4-5 ESV

How fitting it is that we have a holiday called Thanksgiving! We who live in this country have much to be thankful for. God has richly blessed our nation and it is easy to see the favor He showered upon us. Despite all our flaws, we are still the largest Christian nation in the world. Despite our struggles, we still have world class medical facilities and educational institutions. And despite our financial woes, we are still one of the wealthiest nations on the planet. The daily bread that God has given us, He has given in abundance!

Let us not forget however, that God does not have to do this for us. He is under no obligation to take care of us and supply us as He does. It is not a “have to” with Him. It is a “get to”. He is honored and glorified to provide for His saints, we who believe and trust in Him, and call upon His name in every time of trouble. Therefore giving thanks to God shouldn’t feel like an obligation or a “have to”. We should be honored and humbled that we have such a loving, good, gracious and merciful Father in heaven that wants to take care of us just because we belong to Him. Giving thanks to God should fill us with joy because we “get to”.

Some 400+ years ago, the pilgrims came to this country and along with the native Americans already here, celebrated the first American Thanksgiving holiday with food. This was their way of thanking God for providing them with a bountiful harvest. Initially the colonist didn’t have enough food to feed themselves, but the Native Americans gave them seeds to plant and taught them to hunt and fish. God provided them with an occasion for giving thanks. It wasn’t about politics then and it’s not about politics now. It’s about God and His great Fatherly divine goodness that sustains us, nothing more and nothing less.

The truth is God provides us with occasions for giving thanks every day. Most of us wake up healthy and in our right minds. We have clean water, secure shelter, family and friends who love us. Even so life is not perfect. We are still surrounded by sin and evil. But God’s grace and mercy and love are greater than His anger. *“Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning!”* Remember Jesus died that we might live! Christ has conquered sin, Satan, death and hell! For that reason alone we should sing praises to the Lord with shouts of thanksgiving; for whether we live or die, God has richly provided for us! God Bless you all! –Pastor Dupre

SOTC Zoom Account

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.



Sunday school is back, and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. If you

have any questions regarding our Sunday school please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Lainia Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83332323924?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

Meeting ID:83332323924 Passcode: 525750



Holiday Cherry Pie

Ingredients

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon packed brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked deep dish pie crust
- 1 (21 ounce) can cherry pie filling
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sliced almonds

Directions

1. Preheat an oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. Whisk together the flour, white sugar, brown sugar, nutmeg, and salt in a bowl. Cut the softened butter into the flour mixture using a pastry blender until crumbly; set aside.

3. Bake the pie crust in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Remove from oven; reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
4. Stir together the cherry pie filling and cinnamon. Pour into the prepared pie crust. Sprinkle crumb topping over the pie, then sprinkle with the sliced almonds.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until crumb topping is lightly browned, about 45 minutes. Allow it to cool for about 30 minutes before slicing. Serve warmly.

Prep Time: 10 min Cook Time 55 min Additional Time: 30 min.

Total TIME 1hr 35 min Serving 6 Yield: 1 9-inch-deep dish pie.

HUMOR JOKES

A drunk staggers out of a bar and runs into two priests. He goes over to the first priest and says, "Dude, I'm Jesus Christ!" And the priest says, "No son, you're not." So the drunk goes over to the second priest and says, "Man, I'm Jesus Christ!" Then the priest says, "No son, you're not." Finally, the drunk had enough and said, "Here, I'll prove it." He walks back into the bar with both priests and the bartender looks up and sees the drunk and says, "Jesus Christ, you're back AGAIN?"

One Sunday morning, Satan appeared before a small-town congregation. Everyone started screaming and running for the front church door, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away. Soon, everyone was gone, except for an elderly gentleman who sat calmly. Satan walked up to the man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." Satan asked, "Aren't you going to run?" "Nope, sure ain't," said the man. Perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?" The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."

Three Christian boys live in a church. One day the boys say, "Pastor! Pastor! We have done no bad deed." The pastor replies, "Very good. Now each of you are granted one bad deed." One boy comes back and says, "Pastor! Pastor! I broke a car window." The pastor tells him, "Go to the back, pray, and drink some holy water." The second boy comes back saying, "Pastor! Pastor! I

punched a woman in the face." The pastor replies, "Go to the back, pray, and drink some holy water." The third boy comes in and says, "Pastor! Pastor! I peed in the holy water!"

A Baptist, a Catholic, and a Mormon are in the maternity ward. The Baptist says, "One more son and I have a basketball team." The Catholic says, "That's nothing, one more kid and I have a baseball team." The Mormon guy says, "That's nothing, one more wife and I have a golf course."

Bishop TD Jakes is returning to Texas after a speaking engagement. When his plane arrives, there is a limousine there to transport him to his home in Dallas. As he prepares to get into the limo, he stops and speaks to the driver. "You know," he says, "I am almost 50 years old, and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?" The driver says, "No problem." Bishop TD Jakes gets into the driver's seat, and they head off down the highway. A short distance away sits a rookie state trooper operating his first speed trap. The long black limo goes by him doing 70 in a 55-mph zone. The trooper pulls out, easily catches the limo, and gets out of his patrol car to begin the procedure. The young trooper walks up to the driver's door, and when the glass is rolled down, he is surprised to see who is driving. He immediately excuses himself, goes back to his car, and calls his supervisor. He tells the supervisor, "I know we are supposed to enforce the law, but I also know that important people are sometimes given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person." The supervisor asks, "Is it the Governor?" The young trooper says, "No, he's more important than that." The supervisor says, "Oh, so it's the President." The young trooper says, "No, he's even more important than that." The supervisor finally asks, "Well then, who is it?" The young trooper says, "I think it's Jesus, because he's got TD Jakes for a chauffeur!!!"

Bible Trivia Questions

Q. Who was the prophet that confronted King David about his sin with Bathsheba?

A) Samuel B) Nathan C) Elijah D) Isaiah

A. B) Nathan 2 Samuel 12

Q. Who interpreted Pharaoh's dreams about seven fat and seven thin cows and seven healthy and seven withered ears of grain?

A) Joseph B) Moses C) Aaron D) Daniel

A. Joseph Genesis 41:1-36

Q. Which Old Testament book tells the story of Esther, a Jewish queen who saved her people from destruction?

A) Ruth B) Nehemiah C) Esther D) Judith

A. C) Esther Book of Esther

Q. What is the central theme of the book of Ecclesiastes?

A) Wisdom B) Love C) Vanity or Meaninglessness D) Justice

A. C) Vanity or Meaninglessness Book of Ecclesiastes

Q. Who was the first martyr of the Christian faith, stoned to death for his beliefs?

A) Peter B) Paul C) Stephen D) Timothy

A. C) Stephen Acts 7:54-60

Q. In the book of Revelation, how many seals are there on the scroll that only the Lamb of God can open?

A) 3 B) 5 C) 7 D) 12

A. C) 7 Revelation 5:1-14



Thanksgiving Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

Publisher's note: If you have information, prayer requests, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Veronica's email

sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com or Dawn's email
sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com

Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20th of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS****

You can use a credit card or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ www.shadowofthecrosslc.org and click on donate in the upper right corner. Please write checks to church in black or blue ink. Do not make cross-outs on checks. These are not acceptable to the credit union. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Financial Information as 09/30/24 YTD Actual Income \$61,879 and YTD Budgeted Expenses \$84,736.

Shadow of the Cross is now live streaming the Church Services again. Please join us.

The Board of Elders invite guests to fill in the welcome cards on the back of the pews. Please place them in the plate during the collection of offerings. Thank You.

BodySoulSpirit Blood Pressure is taken the 4th Sunday of the month strictly confidential.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1-425-436-6395 dial 341-364 #not on zoom.

Fall Rummage Sale Last Day is November 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a \$5 bag sale. Clean-up starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 2.

Coming Soon Youth / Young Adult Center

Our Dearborn fundraiser is fast approaching, their lots of Ham, Turkey, Bacon and Sausages. Please sign up for your heart's desires. The money is due Sunday November 10, 2024, and pick up will be Tuesday November 25 and 26 after 12 noon here at SOTC. Please see Linda Wilcoxson or one of the secretaries if you need additional help. Thank you for all your help with SOTC Youth fundraising Staff. Signup sheet on table in narthex.

Weekly line dance class for all ages. Every Tuesday afternoon 12:45 -1:45 p.m. Fun to exercise, great for socializing and making new friends. Shadow of the Cross Lutheran church Farmington Hills, Michigan. Call for details: 248-474- 0675. Come join us. We hope to see you soon! Cost is \$2 for each class.

Andrea Ballantine plays in two orchestras and invites you to attend!

Redford Civic Symphony concerts are FREE! Mark your calendars for concert on dates are Dec 15, Mar 9, May 18, and the outdoor concert on June 24 at St James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, www.redfordsymphony.org

Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra is the winner of the Detroit Music Award for Best Outstanding Community Orchestra in 2020 and 2022! All ROSO concerts are at Royal Oak Middle School (Dondero Auditorium). Other concert dates are Dec 6, Mar 14, and May 9. www.royaloakorchestra.com

Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Each must enroll individually. Once you have enrolled, every time you use your Kroger card, a portion of the money is rebated to SOTC ever so often in the form of a check payable to SOTC. We have been assigned the following NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number: **QA495** To enroll login to <http://www.kroger.com> and then search by either Shadow of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church or by our NPO QA495 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account requiring some basic information, a valid email address and a Kroger rewards card.

City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts

Margo Dupre has two artworks on loan to the City of Farmington Hills for two years: 2024-2025. Please visit the city hall main floor on Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake.

Gifts for All God's Children is currently accepting applications for the 2024 Holiday Gift Exchange. For SOTC Families in need, please provide via text or email to Lainya Burk at (313) 587-5289 or lainya1@hotmail.com. Additional information is coming soon for sponsorship and Wishlist fulfillment. Please see Lainya Burk, Barbara Hatcher or a member of the Unity Ministry for additional information.

Cathleen Flinchum and Gloria Marchand are still collecting bottles and cans this time for audio upgrade for the church we need your support thanking in advance.

Please shop for our **pantry grocery list** on the bulletin board or see Dawn for the list.

PRAISE CHOIR - 1st and 2nd Tuesdays in November at 5:30 p.m.

SOTC CHOIR - Tuesdays at 7 p.m

MEN'S CHOIR - Sundays after the worship service

BOARD OF PROPERTIES is in need of help with cleanup around the building.

Money Donated during coffee hour at the desert table is used to buy kitchen supplies.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					All Saint's Day	10:00am Adult Sunday School Zoom Noon properties cleanup.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Saint's Day. (observed) 9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study	Bd of properties 6p meeting Elders 7pm meeting 6:00pm Trustee Meeting.	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study Line dance 12:45-1:45 5:30 pm Praise Choir Election Day 7pm SOTC Choir				10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 12 to 1pm Prayer Journey Noon properties cleanup.
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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