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Atascocita Lutheran Church

*We seek to make Christ known in our community through
reflecting Christ in our lives.*



November 6, 2025

Thursday Seeds

A Resurrection!

Seven years ago this week, I was getting ready to help Resurrection Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Illinois hold its final service before closing their doors and no longer existing as a congregation. As we know, resurrection means new life – a new beginning – and yet, there we were about to end a congregation named Resurrection. Doesn't it seem odd that God would allow something named Resurrection to end?

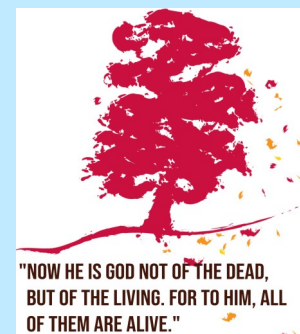
This week I find myself pondering our gospel text (Luke 20:27-38) for this Sunday. Jesus is engaged with a group of Sadducees over a question they asked about resurrection. Part of Jesus's answer to them is, "Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

And here I am, once again, wondering why God allowed a congregation of the church named Resurrection to end. Where was the new life that the name implied? If God is the God of the living, what was it about the congregation that was dead?

If our understanding of resurrection is that something that is "dead" comes back to life, or our old ways of living are refreshed and all pain and sorrow will be gone, then maybe our understanding of resurrection is not quite right. What we find as we hear Jesus speak about resurrection is that, in the big picture of life, there is no way we can define ourselves that is more important than our primary mode of existence: we are children of God. That is who we are, and that means that even now, the God who is God of the living, wants us to live as though our first identity is a child of God.

This is not just some future state once Christ has come again or we have ended our earthly journey. It is a new understanding, a resurrection given to us as we live and breathe. In claiming our resurrection as a child of God, each day is made new and we have the chance to view each new day in a different light. That is the good news of the gospel and truly something we can rejoice and give thanks for, not only in this upcoming season, but each and every day of our lives.

God's peace,
Pastor Brian



Children's Sunday School held during worship

Children's Sunday School is held DURING worship time.

9:30 am - Children begin worship with parents

9:45 am - Children move to Sunday School (room 106) after Children's sermon

10:20 am - Children return to parents in pews (before Holy Communion)



Adult Forum

Adult Forum meets every Sunday after worship in room 105. Pastor Brian guides the group through the upcoming lessons to learn what they may have to say to us in worship the next Sunday and for the week ahead. Join us.



Noisy Offering

Noisy offerings donated this month will go to the Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Relief fund. Thank you for your continued generous support!



Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor leads a Bible study every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in his office. All are welcome!! Our focus is on the book of Daniel.



'From Toasty to Frosty' Capital Campaign Update

Can you feel the breeze beginning? \$6900 has been given towards the HVAC campaign! Thank you generous members and friends!



Greetings ALC Decorating Angels

Believe it or not, it's almost that time of year when we prepare the church for Advent and Christmas.

This year the first Sunday in Advent is November 30th. I know it seems really impossible that it's almost upon us!! With your kind assistance we'll plan on decorating the Sanctuary right after church on Sunday November 23rd (yes even before Thanksgiving)!

Please plan to stay an hour after church on November 23rd to help. This year we'll be placing the Big Tree in the Bell choir loft to allow for more space in altar area.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Have a blessed day,

Peg Swavely - Word & Sacrament Leader



That's a Wrap! November 9, 2025

You don't need to travel to Hollywood to enjoy a wrap party. We are hosting one right here at Atascocita Lutheran! Join us after worship on Sunday, November 9 to wrap the boxes of goodies that we have been collecting for the seafarers and mariners. And, while we're busy wrapping and rapping, we'll enjoy some delicious wraps for lunch. We hope you'll join us for this fun fellowship event and kick-off the season of giving. There is a sign-up sheet by the bulletin board. Please let us know if you will be there.



ALC Book Club's Final Read of the Year

We invite all who are interested to join us for the next meeting of the ALC Book Club on Monday, **November 10 at 7 p.m.** at the church. We will be discussing "A Place for Us"

by Fatima Farheen Mirza. This story of an Indian Muslim family – from the bonds that hold them together to the differences that pull them apart – should make for a very interesting discussion. We hope you'll join the chat.



The Book Club will host its annual Movie Night in December in lieu of a book discussion. It will take place on Monday, December 8 and all are invited. The movie has not yet been

Supporting Family Promise of Lake Houston (FPLH)

Each year, FPLH collects gift cards from Target and Walmart (\$25-\$50 value) to enable the families they support to purchase holiday gifts. These are not just in-shelter families, but also non-shelter clients and families that have recently graduated and just need a little extra help. Please consider whether you can help support Family Promise with a gift card or two as well. You can give these to either of our FPLH coordinators, Judy Cargill or Judy Johnson. Thank you!



Lutheran World Relief Appeal

Our team is working now to assess needs and prepare our emergency response for those affected by Hurricane Melissa. Your congregation's love is needed to help us respond quickly.

Your gifts will meet families affected by Hurricane Melissa with **urgently needed care like food, water, shelter and essential supplies**. As our response unfolds, we will share updates about the ways your faith in action is reaching our neighbors. Thank you.



Family Promise

ALC's hosts Family Promise clients November 30 to December 7.

Volunteers are still needed to help provide meals for and overnight stays for the Family Promise clients.

Please sign up on the bulletin board sheets next to the coffee pot. For any questions, please contact Judy Cargill or Judy Johnson.



HAAM's Holiday Food Bags

FOOD DONATION ITEMS:

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| 2 Boxes of Stuffing Mix | 2 Turkey Gravy Packets |
| 2 Boxes of Jiffy Corn Bread | 1 Yams/Cranberry Sauce |
| 2 Boxes of Mac & Cheese | 1 Box of Mashed Potatoes |
| 2 Canned Vegetables | 2 Canned Fruit |
| 2 Canned Protein | 1 Box of Brownie Mix |

Cash or checks are always welcome. Any cash or check made out to HAAM that we receive at ALC will be given to HAAM so HAAM can purchase food only cards from Kroger to add to families' food bags. This will allow the families to buy fresh items like milk, meat and vegetables.

HAAM's Holiday Gift Cards

HAAM is accepting gift cards from Target and Walmart for their Empty Stocking Toy Drive. Donations of gift cards will be accepted through December 7.



HAAM's Community-Wide Empty Stocking Toy Drive

Shop By Age – Toy Drive Gift Ideas

(These are just a few gift suggestions to get you started)

Infant – Age 6			
Children's Books	Toy Trucks	Activity Blankets	Shape Sorters
Play dough Sets	Crib Sheets	Plush Animals	Coloring Books
Building Sets & Blocks	Musical Toys	Multicultural Dolls	Baby Blankets
Push/Pull Toys	Little Purses	Doll Strollers	Large Piece Puzzles
Ages 7 – 12			
Drawing Sets	Puzzles	Sports Equipment	Play Make Up
Board Games	Model Sets	Books	Arts & Crafts Sets
Bead Sets	Lego Sets	Action Figures	DVD's
Barbie Dolls	CD's	Collectables	Remote Control Cars
Age 13 – 16			
Board Games	Back Packs	CD's	Costume Jewelry
Sports Equipment	Sports Team Clothing	DVD's	Purses/Wallets
Cologne/Perfume	Electronics	Gift Cards	Make Up

Gift Card Suggestions:
 Target
 Walmart
 Starbucks
 Restaurants
 Fast Food/Drive Thru

You can also volunteer your time to help out in the food pantry or the holiday store. Call HAAM directly to sign up for a time, or call Pastor Brian and he will give you the contact name and number at HAAM to volunteer.



We remember in Prayer

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."— Philippians 4:6



**Jose Alfaro
Carol Appleby
Vincent Barajas
Jennifer Bruce
Miguel Carlos
Bri Carrington
Carolyn Gardella
Justin Gardella
James & Brenda Harp
Vernon Harris
Islett Family
Jean Johnson
Judy Johnson
Ann Keller
Donna Kelling**

**Michael Kelling
Patrick Konikoff
Marilyn Konikoff
Darrell Kresta
Mary Sue Lee
Laurie McDonald
Ken Meyer
Sue Murtaugh
Donna Nice
Billy & Barbara Phillips
Bret & Vanesa Roe
Joy Sisler
Sam Sledge
Sharon Sledge**

**Tanya Stuart
Fred Swavely
Alan Wade
Rita Wade
Gabriel Walton
Don Wilcox
John Wilkerson
Verlyn Williams
Lori Austin Wilson
Mark Wilson
Pauline Wiseman
Dan Wright
People affected by
Hurricane Melissa**

**Please keep those who are in active duty with
the U.S. Military in your prayers, especially
Christian Anderson, Caleb Gomez & Brady Mikesell.**

*If you or someone you requested prayer for has
recovered or can be removed from the list, please let us know.*



11/02 - Kennedy Townsend
 11/05 - Donna Nice
 11/08 - Courtenay Helis
 11/09 - Noel Benavidez
 11/10 - Vivian Garcia
 11/19 - Kristin Rentrop
 11/20 - Paul Augustowski
 11/24 - Tim Stine
 11/25 - Vernon Harris

11/5 - Fred & Peg Swavely
 11/6 - Rodney & Geri Maxwell
 11/14 - Michael & Katherine Poxon
 11/29 - Leo & Nancy Bonser
 11/29 - Matthew & Chelsea Tieman

November Worship Team

	Greeter	Lector	Counter	Usher
Nov. 2	Joy Berthold	Logan Tieman	Robin Crizer	Robin Crizer & Tim Garcia
Nov. 9	Sid Nice	Stephanie Fowler	Judy Cargill	
Nov. 16	Laurie & Tom McDonald	Nancy Garcia	Sue Murtaugh	
Nov. 23	Robin Crizer & Judy Johnson	Aiden Sampson	Joy Berthold	
Nov. 30	Joy Berthold	Judy Cargill	Randy Gray	

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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				30	31	NOV 1 9:00 am City On The Hill
2 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time ends 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	3	4	5 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	6 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	7 3:30 pm Tai Chi with Peg	8 9:00 am City On The Hill
9 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Wrap Party & Adult Forum	10 7:00 pm Book Club	11	12 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	13	14 3:30 pm Tai Chi with Peg	15 9:00 am City On The Hill 6:00 pm Bunco
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