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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16th, 2025 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

HOLY COMMUNION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

***GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

Ratisbon

setting C. S. Lang

***ORDER FOR 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 in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance,

trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
+ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* ELW 553

*GREETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hallelujah

ACS 1088



Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah,
hal - le-lu-jah. Hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah, hal - le-lu-jah!

Text: Traditional

Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. John Gerike

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Love, O King of Peace

ELW 749

***CREED**

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters in Alaska, California, and the Caribbean. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind especially... . Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers may be offered in speech and in silence.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness especially... . Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

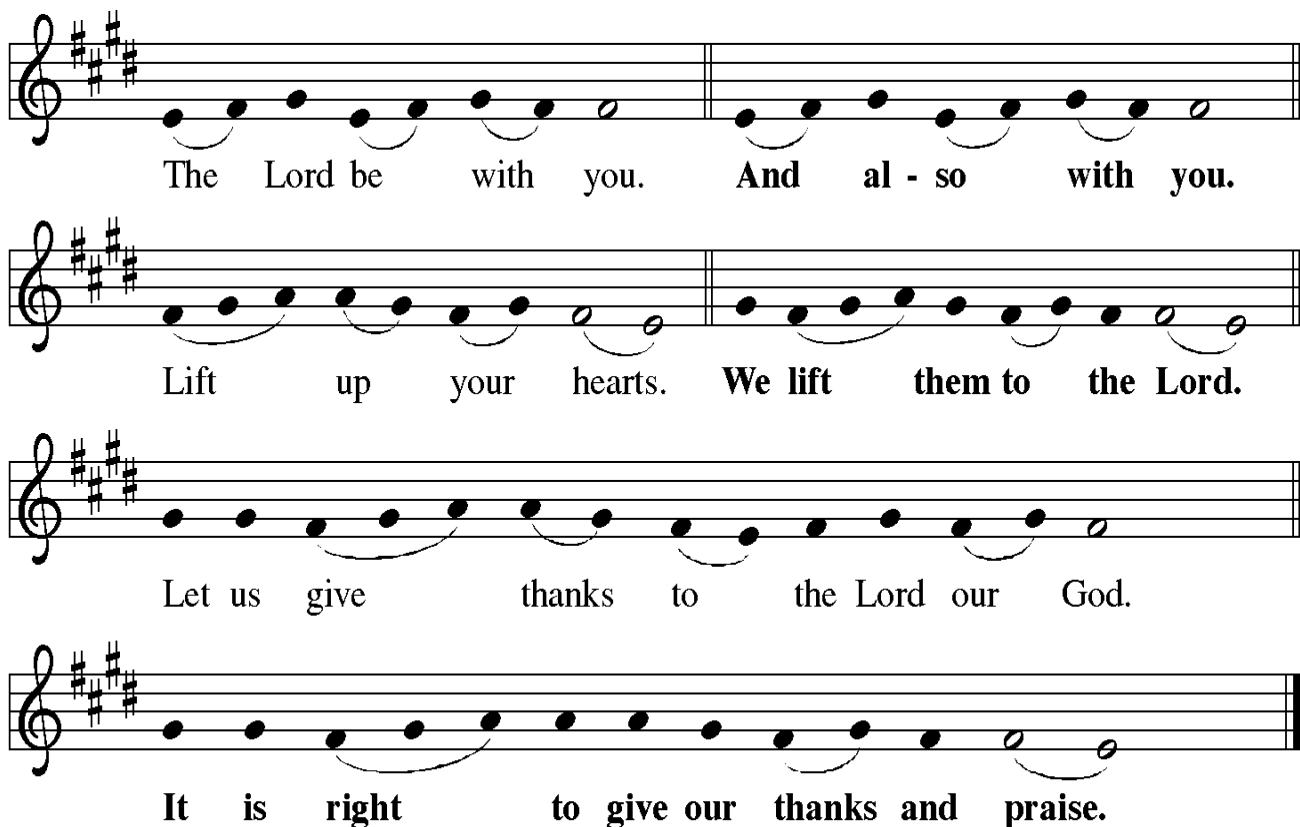
OFFERING OF GIFTS

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

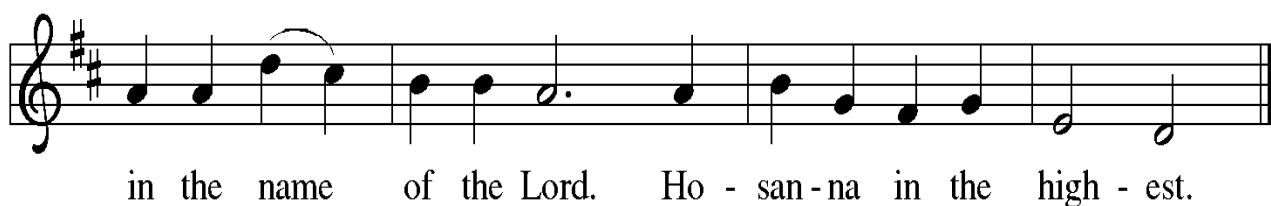
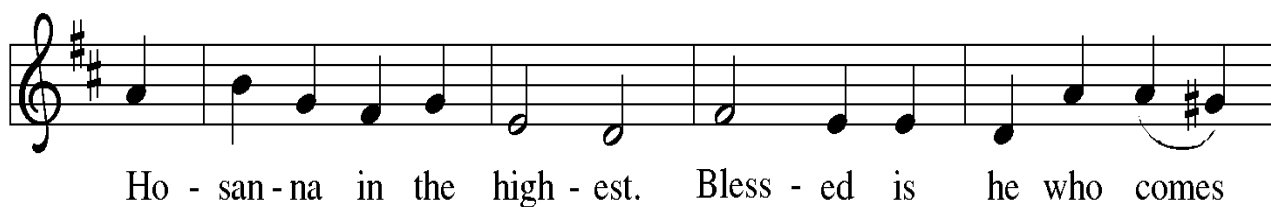
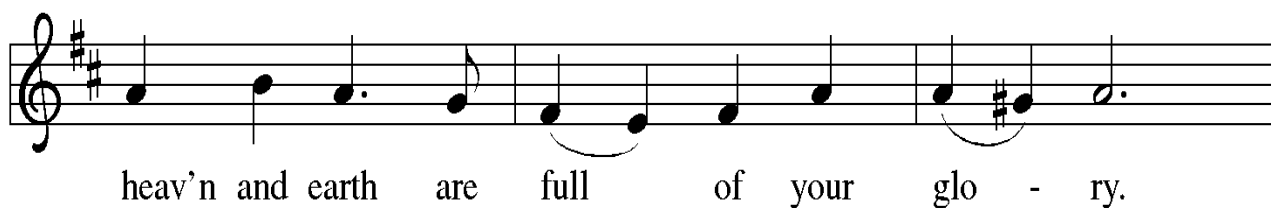
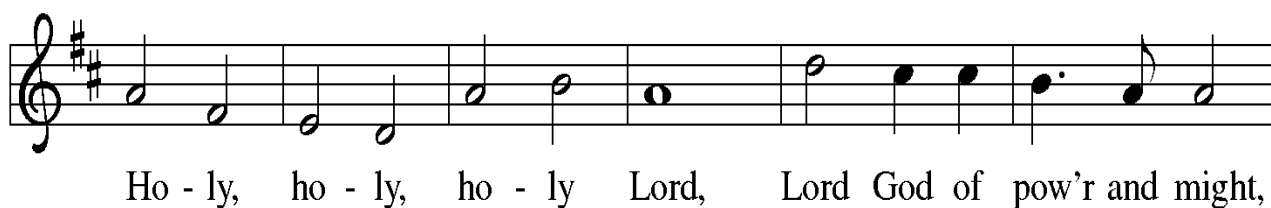
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen



*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BENEDICTION

The love of God, the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

When Peace like a River

ELW 785

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Moderato e grazioso

Beethoven

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. John Gerike

ASSISTING MINISTER

Vicki Michaels

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Carrie Watkiss

LECTOR

John Broussard

GREETER

Karyn Bute

LIVE STREAM

John Broussard

USHER

Janet Broussard

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Beverly Tarbox

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation: Elaine Haase, Staci Harden, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Fred Kuzel, Lois Mika, Mary Sasuta, Edward Sefara, and Gregg Valek. **Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:** Ann Boor, Rich Caliendo, Dan Costello, Becky Dice, Tom Doran, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Michael Kerney, Jeff Kubik, Lisa Martin, Marcia Matthies, Artem Molovkina, Greg Schaefer, Peter Spilotro, Marta Vrtichova, Geoff Vana, and Tom Zajac.

Welcome back and thank you to **Rev. John Gerike** for serving as the preaching and presiding minister in the liturgy this morning during our time of transition.

Homebound members wishing a visit from **Pastor Ken Johnson** can use the contact information below to arrange an in-person or phone visit. Pastor Johnson will serve as the presiding minister at our services on the second Sunday of the month as well as Christmas Eve. In the event of a pastoral emergency Pastor Johnson can be reached via e-mail or mobile phone at Ken6168@sbcglobal.net of 773-947-4488, or his home at 708-442-8511.

Thanksgiving Day

November 27th at 10:15 a.m.

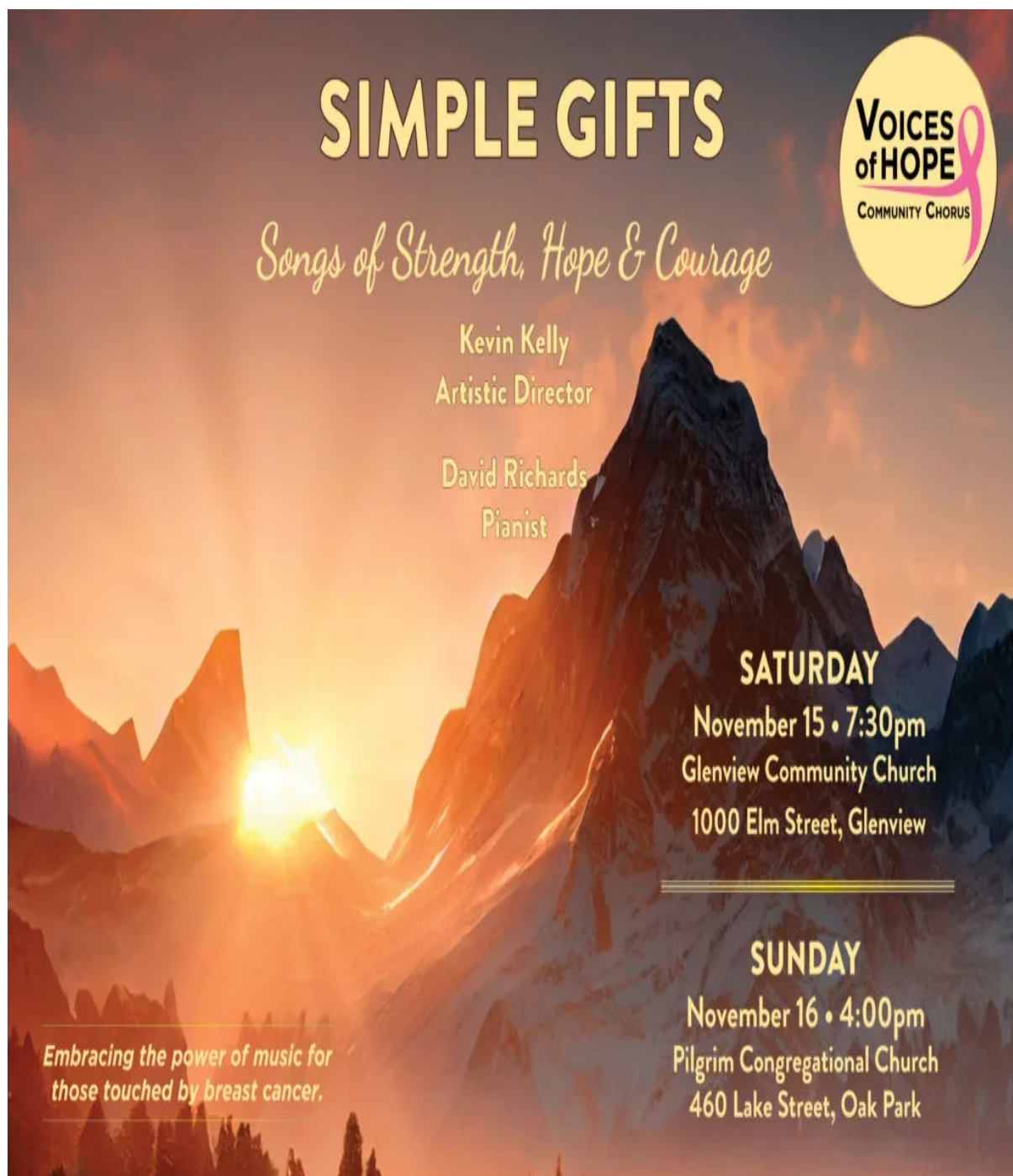
A Service of the Word and Prayers of Thanksgiving

*The monetary offering will benefit the
Chicago Food Depository.*



Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering November 9th, 2025

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2025:</i>	\$2,615.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$ 712.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$1,903.00



Our parish musician, David Richards is the piano accompanist for this community choir. With an eclectic program that includes folk music, show tunes, songs from the Beatles, Motown and the disco era, and music by contemporary artists, this concert will encourage us in the face of challenge, inspire us to reach for our dreams, and remind us to savor the things that make life sweet.

Ticket prices:	\$25.00
Seniors:	\$20.00
Tickets at the Door:	\$30.00
Breast Cancer Survivors:	\$20.00

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231

Monday, November 17, 2025

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.



Send Our Troops a Little Taste of Home for the Holidays

Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home is proud to be participating in the

“Christmas Stockings for Soldiers”

initiative. Starting today, you may stop in to pick-up a Christmas stocking to take home, decorate and stuff with Christmas cheer. You will receive a list of recommended items along with the stocking.

Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home

will then ship the stockings at their expense, to troops abroad in time for Christmas.

Please return your stuffed stocking(s) to us no later than Friday, December 5th.

Thank you!

Pick up/Drop Off Hours

Monday - Saturday | 10:00am - 4:00pm
2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue - North Riverside.

For more information, please call (708) 447-2500

Thank you for helping to make this program a success!





List of Recommended Items:

Food:

Candy / Gum	Granola bars	Beef jerky	Mac&Cheese Singles
Poptarts	Snack pack pudding	Trail mix	Peanuts
Individual cerals boxes	Tuna Packets	Hot cocoa	Coffee / Tea
Candy canes	Keurig coffee k-cups	Flavored creams	Protein powder / bars
Workout supplements	Vitamins	BBQ sauce / Hot sauce	Microwave popcorn
Seasonings	Peanut butter / Nutella	Sugar / Salt / Pepper	Ramen noodles
Crackers / Chips	Campbells soup-on-the-go	Individual powdered drink mixes	

*Toiletries – *Travel Size Preferred:*

Shampoo / Conditioner*	Body wash*	Dental Floss	Sun block*
Toothpaste / Toothbrush	Mouthwash*	Foot / Body powder*	Vicks vapor rub
Cough drops	Lip balm	Eye glass cleaner	Eye glass repair kit
Eye drops	Saline soulution*	Toilet paper	Feminine products
Small sewing kit	Wash clothes	Febreeze / Air fresheners	Travel kleenex
Laundry soap / Pods*	Clorox wipes	Hand / Toe warmers	
Dryer sheets	Dish soap		

Clothing / Linens:

Mens underwear	Mens t-shirts (L & XL)	Shoe insoles	Gloves
Warm socks	Washcloths	Flip flops / Shower shoes	Towels

Just for Fun:

Beanie Babies	Batteries (AA & AAA)	Playing cards	Crossword puzzles
Sudoku	Magazines / Comics	Mechanical pencils	Pens / Markers
Small ornaments	iTunes gift card	Letters & cards	Post-its
Holiday decorations	Tableware	Pre-paid phone cards	Board games
Flashlights/small	Blender bottles	Coloring Books / Crayons	Movies
Speakers / Headphones	Amazon gift cards	Insulated tumblers	Zip Lock bags

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Please do not mix food items with non-food items.

When mixing soaps and other toiletries with food, the food begins to smell and taste like the soap it is boxed with. Although the soldiers appreciate everything we send, they would probably not rather have their food taste like soap. Thank you!

