All Saints Day November 6, 2022

The Blessings of the Saints

As We Gather- In our Confessions, we say that we remember the saints so we may give thanks for them and their witness, so we might be strengthened by their example, and so we might be moved to follow them as they followed Christ. This is not about hero worship, but it is about recognizing the faithful who went before us, who trusted in Christ, and who were received into His mercy. It is about being encouraged as we fight the good fight here and now. It is also about looking to the great reunion when finally all the faithful will be together forever in the marriage supper of the Lamb without end.

Offering: Offerings will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

The Wearing of Masks: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 are highly encouraged to wear a mask or stay home. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

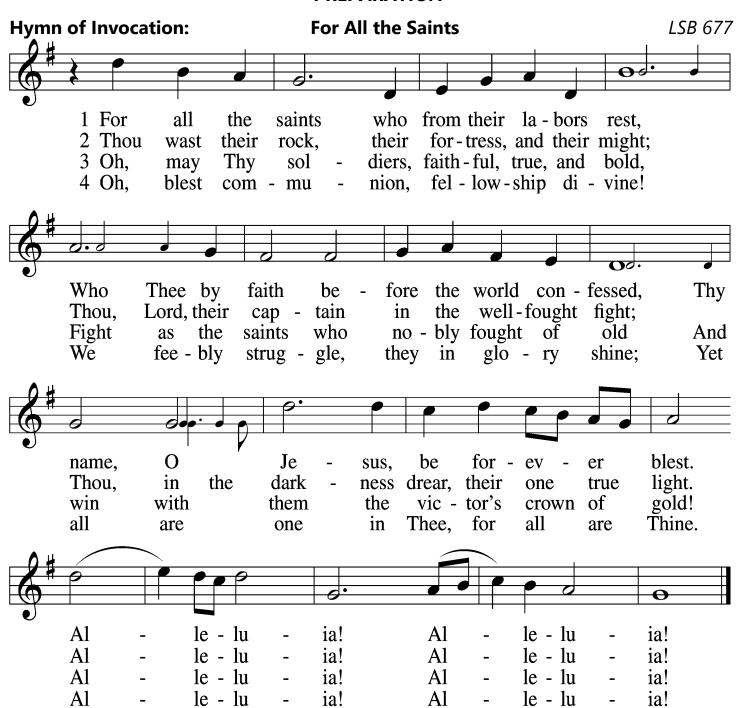
GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION



5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- \triangle Please stand after a brief interlude
- △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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.

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Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

512,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 612,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 712,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
17For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

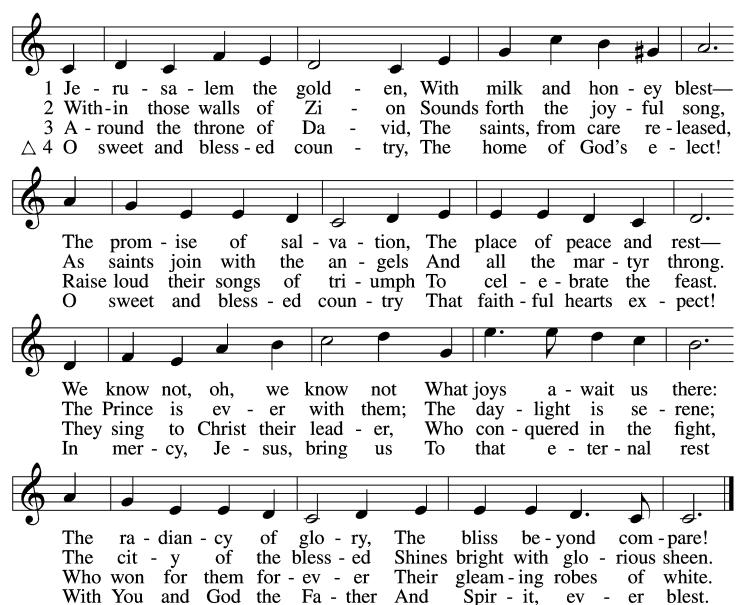
⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

 \triangle Please stand after a brief interlude



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Sit

Sermon: "A Vision of your Future"
Revelation 7:9-12

Apostles' Creed

Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in the faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

Arnie Beyer, Joan Hanke, Connie Nyholm, Gary Snook, Fred Foster, Mildred Witte, Roger Urlaub, Paul Horning, Harvett Hughes, Joyce Blackwell, Carol Caughey, J.B. Hahn, and Craig Case

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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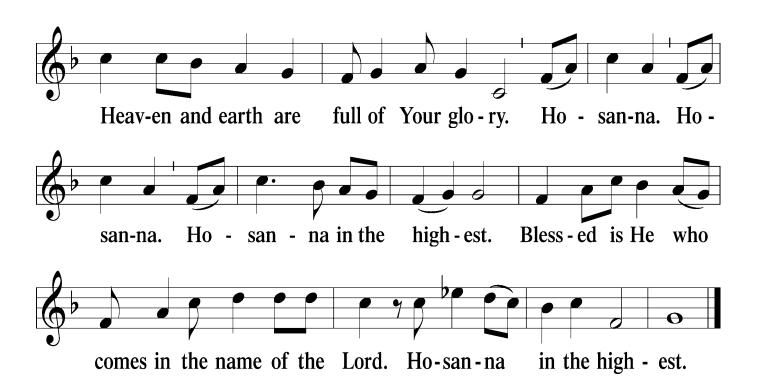
Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

You are worthy of all honor, praise, glory, and worship, O Lord, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, but especially do we give You thanks for the great crowd of witnesses throughout every age and generation, who knew the mystery of Christ by faith and give testament to His saving Gospel in word and work but now rest from their labors. With them we join the great company of the prophets, apostles, evangelists, and all the saints in heaven, with angels and archangels, and laud Your glory and sing their unending hymn:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, who from the foundation of the world did prepare for salvation to be revealed in Your Son and who did elect us according to Your mercy to be His own, now and forevermore. Recalling with joy His one, all-sufficient sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross, we gather in His name to receive the fruits of His redeeming work in the Holy Sacrament He instituted, of which He is both host and food, according to His own testament:

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** Amen.



Distribution:

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 982 Blest Are They (Printed inside back cover) LSB 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Stand

(Saturday)

- **P** Let us pray together.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, grace and blessing surround us, and the lives of the company of the saints give testament to Your mercy. Guard what You have begun in us at our Baptism, that we may be a blessing to those who come after us, and at the last, reunite us together before Your throne on high, where there is no night, no sorrow, and no death anymore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

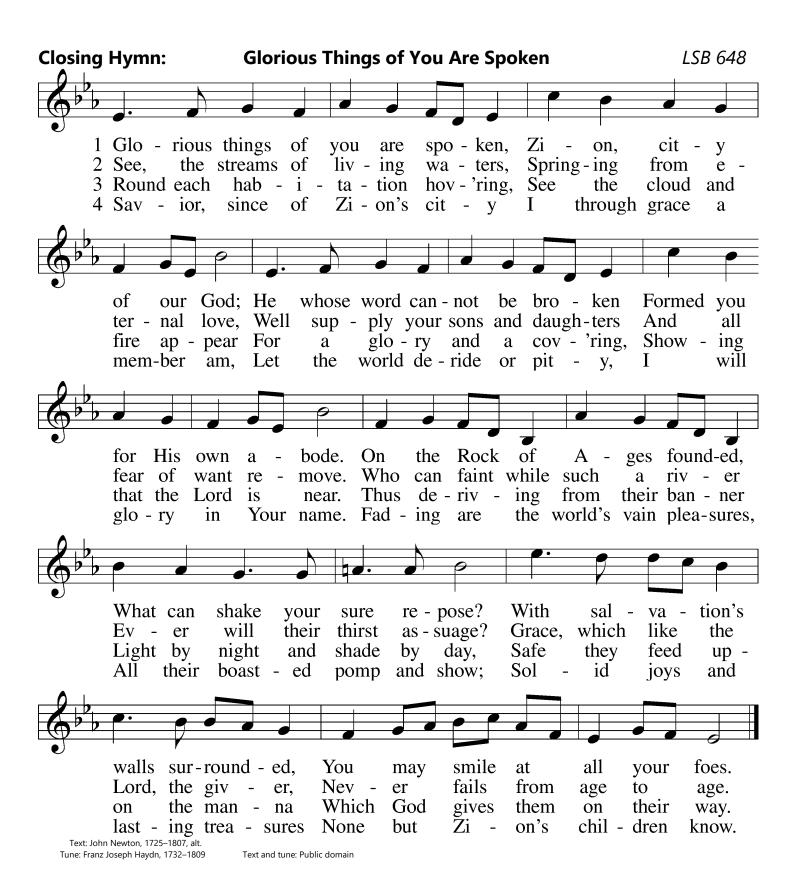
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

Amen.



Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Carol Ceaglske
Saturday	
Elder	Lee Crapo
	Geri Slaten/Rick Smith
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox
Sunday	
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	
Greeter	Joann Shepker
	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Barbara and Alfred Miller and Ken and Janette Williams

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	Lee Crapo
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Greeter	Pat Hurd
Audio	Kyle Welch
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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	16
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$550.00
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	\$3,807.00
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$5.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Pentecost XXII – God intends and imparts life (Luke 20:38). He wills life for every human being. He wills life even where the world witnesses only darkness, despair, and dying (Luke 20:29-32). He works life no matter how young or how old a person may be (Psalm 148:12). He works life that neither we nor anyone and anything else may end. Why would we not want to uncover, approach, and announce such a holy ground (Exodus 3:5) to everybody?

FLOWER SPONSOR- No Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR –Team 6 is serving today; team 1 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

ELDERS MEETING TODAY – There is an Elders meeting today after the service.

PAPER PUMPKIN CLUB MEETS TODAY – The October 27th meeting has been moved to today, November 6, at 12:30 pm after Worship and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall! Our regular November meeting, which falls on Thanksgiving, will be postponed by a week, to December 1, a regular Thursday night meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm! All ladies are invited to join us at any time!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13th, after the service. Please plan to attend.

MARY MARTHA MEETING – The Mary Marthas will meet this Wednesday, November 9th, at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

WINTER HAVEN ZONE RALLY - The Winter Haven Zone Rally will be held at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, November 12 from 9 am- 1pm. Our speaker will be Cheryl Taylor who is with "Moving Hope," a mobile food bank ministry from St Paul, Lakeland and Hope Lutheran, Plant City. We will assemble the comfort kits. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for us to know how many lunches to prepare. A light breakfast and boxed lunch will be provided. The cost of the Rally is \$8.00 and a suggested \$2 donation for the Young women Alive. We will also have a door prize with tickets to be sold for \$1 or 6/\$5. Hope to see you there!

STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS – Statements for 1/1/2022 – 9/30/2022 are in your church mailboxes. If you have requested a packet of Contribution envelopes, please check in the church mailbox room. Please contact Diane Bickart if you have any questions.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Choir Practice has started back on Wednesdays, at 7 pm. Anyone interested in being a part of the Choir is welcome to attend. See you there!

HURRICANE IAN SPECIAL OFFERRINGS - In the aftermath of Ian, the Lord has blessed us with additional opportunities to serve. Perhaps the best way to serve is to make a donation directly to the Florida Georgia District LCMS disaster relief fund at this link: https://flgadistrict.org/give/. We will also continue to accept door offerings at services this weekend. There are also opportunities to provide hands on labor at https://www.lcms-lert.org/event/detail/?event_id=87758. If you would like to travel for service as part of a group from this congregation, please contact John Freer to coordinate travel. See last page of the bulletin for more information.

COMFORT KITS- Mary Martha has placed a box in the narthex to collect items for "Moving Hope," a mobile food pantry that is ministries of St Paul Lutheran, Lakeland and Hope Lutheran, Plant City. At our November LWML zone rally, we are making comfort kits for this ministry to give out to those in need. We are collecting personal hygiene items for the kits; Toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, etc. We will use all that is donated. If possible, bring travel or sample sized products. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to donate, whether or not a member of Mary Martha!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! - A reminder that we are asking for ornaments with your family name on them. There is a special collection box for these in the Fellowship Hall. These ornaments will go on the Christmas tree there in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that the ornaments be unbreakable and that you write your name on the ornament with a sharpie. Looking forward to seeing all of these new ornaments!

CLC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PREPARATIONS – It's time again to reserve a space for the Christ Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale. This year the sale will be on Saturday, December 3, 2022 8:30A – 1:00P. The non-refundable fee for inside the Fellowship Hall is still just \$25.00 which includes two chairs and an approx. 8X6 space which is air conditioned or if you would rather be outside in the courtyard a space is \$20. Both options have electricity available, you will need to supply your own extension cord. You can bring your own table but it must fit in the 8X6 space or you can rent a table from Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) for \$10.00, please let me know if you want a table when you reserve your space. Space is first come first serve. Make checks payable to CLC Church with "Bazaar" written in the memo line. Each vendor is ask to donate one item from their table for the Door Prize table. For more information or questions, please contact Belinda Freer at johnjuke2@aol.com or call 863-602-5159. Proceeds will be given to a local non-profit.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit. The deadline for submitting recipes is December 31st.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- All Saints' Day, Matthew 5:6 – "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness – His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Quilters @ 10 am
	Trustee/Volunteer Work Day 9 am-Noon
Wednesday	Mary Martha Meeting @ 9am
	In Person and ZOOM Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Choir Practice @ 7 pm
Friday	Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	LWML Zone Rally @ 9 am
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Congregational Meeting

