

**All Saints' Day
November 5, 2023**

Blessed Are You

As We Gather - Today is bittersweet. Bitter, because some of us will be remembering someone we love who died recently, and we are still grieving. Yet sweet, because that loved one was also loved by God, redeemed by Jesus, and lives in that place Jesus went ahead to prepare. We grieve, as Paul says, but not "as others do who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We also hear the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes, where Jesus blesses people not usually considered blessed: the poor in spirit, the mourning, the meek, peacemakers, the persecuted. The broken circumstances of your life do not define you entirely; Jesus defines you as blessed because He has taken hold of you in love and mercy and will never let you go. Blessed are you.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards 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.

About Protecting the Healthy: 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 of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms 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
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace *(stand)*

PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation:

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

LSB 670

△ Please stand after a brief interlude



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
△ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - a - phs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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Remain Standing

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Lord, on this All Saints' Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.

C **We remember the ones we love—ones loved also by You.**

P We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace, and filled them with faith.

C **We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.**

P We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.

C **We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.**

P We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us nor forsake us.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 3:1

P In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.

C **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**

P Today we hear these beautiful words from John: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

WORD

Introit

P 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.

C **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.**

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

C **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.**

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.**

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to
the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

Refrain



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith, You showed them grace, and in their lives You have shown us examples of good works that are the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **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:

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.

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.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the victor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

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Sermon:

**“What Can We Say?”
I John 3:1-3**

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus 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 As loved and redeemed children of God and in communion with all the saints, let the incense of our prayer ascend to God.

A time of silence.

P That the Church, called from death to life by our Lord Jesus, would follow in the footsteps of all the saints who by God’s grace were agents of Christ’s life-giving service in the world, and for pastors, church workers, and all people of the Church, that they proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of our salvation with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the leaders of the world and of this nation; for all voters and for those elected, that they will respect the truth of the God-given dignity of every man, woman, and child; for all who serve in the armed forces; for victims of violence and war; and for our enemies, Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all those in any kind of need, those whom we have named and whom we name silently before You. *[Time of silence]*. Bring peace to the dying and comfort the bereaved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Additional bids may be added.

P For all the households of this congregation, that they be havens of peace and lively places of faith in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For this holy assembly, that, setting our hope on Christ, we live to the praise of His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In remembrance of all those who have died in the communion of Your Church:

David Sawyer, Charlotte Burbrink, George Miller, Sally Henning, Vern Rudolph, Emil Verbeke, P.J. Nunez, Ken Williams, Kenny Ditton, Connie Timmons, Edna Wright, Carol Krock, Bill Lesser, and Nell Morgan

P With thanks and praise, along with heavy hearts, we remember these loved ones. Having hope in Christ, we await the day we shall sing our praise reunited with the faithful, gathered before the throne of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear us when we call upon You, most merciful Father, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to Your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only)

Gather At The River

by Joseph Martin

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – *Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.*

SACRAMENT

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sustains us with faith, fills us with undeserved grace, and works in us to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** God of grace and glory, in love You created us and all living creatures.
- C** **You called Abraham and Sarah to follow Your guidance in a confusing world.**
- P** You fed the Israelites in the wilderness.
- C** **You fed Elijah the prophet in a time of drought.**
- P** Now, in the fulness of time, You sent Jesus, our Lord, who now feeds us with His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.
- C** **Thank You, Lord.**
- P** We give You thanks for this gift of Christ's body and blood, shared at this altar with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven. Feed our faith, fill us with Your grace, and guide us by Your Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** 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

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **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

C 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.

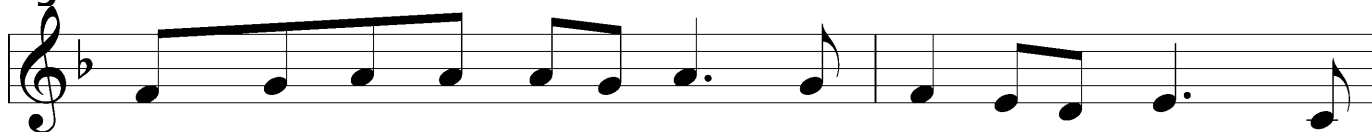
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

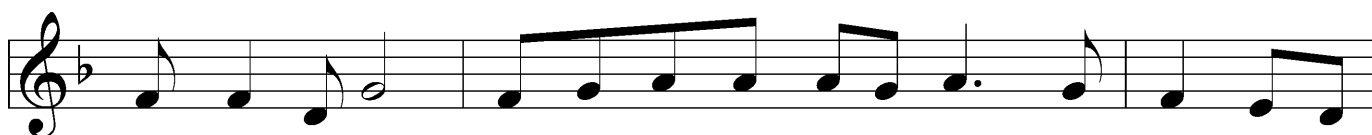
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

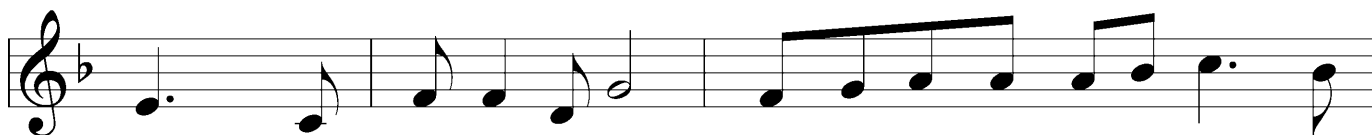
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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution:

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Stand

Hymn:

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving *(Saturday)*

P Let us pray together.

C 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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Closing Sentences

P Blessed are you

C when we are poor in spirit.

P Blessed are you

C when we mourn.

P Blessed are you

C **when we are meek.**

P Blessed are you

C **when we hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

P Blessed are you

C **when we are merciful.**

P Blessed are you

C **when our hearts are right within us.**

P Blessed are you

C **when we struggle to make peace.**

P Blessed are you

C **when we are reviled for trusting in Christ.**

P Blessed are you.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of God!

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

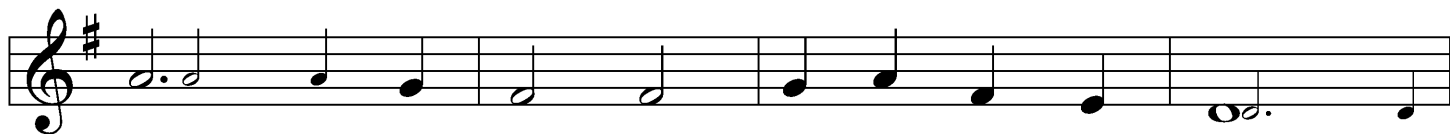
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For All the Saints

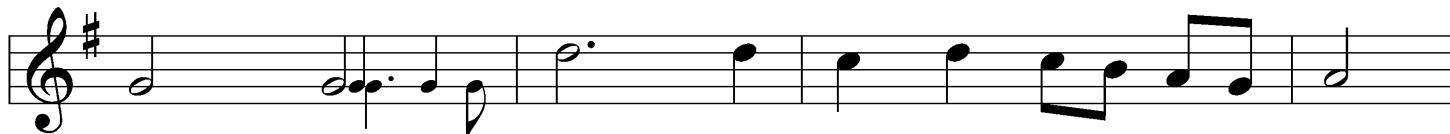
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7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor.....Pastor Thomas Block

Organist.....Elena Miraztchiyska

Saturday

Elder Lee Crapo
Lector Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson

Sunday

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector George Czanko
Greeter Joanne Shepker
Audio Maria Hazzard
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild Rita and George Czanko

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder Lee Crapo
Lector Jon Lindstrom
Greeter
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild Rita and George Czanko

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance 24
Sunday Worship Attendance 83
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings \$0
Simply Giving/Vanco \$0
Paypal Offerings \$0
Website (ShareFaith) \$0
Total of Offerings Received \$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts \$0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Pentecost XXIII – The Lord our God has given us sexuality for relationship, family, and community. These matters cannot become merely private choices or personal preferences. What we do with our bodies also affects our neighbors (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6). Abortion reveals that lust always leads to destruction. Marriage and parenting prove we do not need abortion – indeed, these gifts leave us no room for it!

FLOWER SPONSOR– Richard Caughey is the Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – Dave and Lora Wacker are the Bulletin Sponsors this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – 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 (SUNDAY) - The Elders will be meeting today, November 5th after service.

OUTREACH MEETING – The Outreach Committee will meet this Tuesday, November 7th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – Starting this Tuesday during the month of November from 6 -8 pm by ZOOM or in person, there will be a New Member Class for anyone interested in joining our congregation, have never had confirmation instruction in a Lutheran church or for those looking for a refresher about the key things of faith. Please contact the church office to register.

MARY MARTHA MEETING – The Mary Martha's will meet this Wednesday, November 8th at 9AM. Refreshments will be available. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE - The Endowment Fund Committee will be having their next meeting on Sunday, November 12th following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Choir Room. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Committee. Helen Borgwardt, Chairperson

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR ENDOWMENT FUND - The Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee will be having our annual fundraising drive on Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th. We ask the congregation to prayerfully consider making a donation to support the Endowment Fund. You may designate it as a memorial gift to your loved one if you desire. We will have a separate offering plate in the back and we ask that you make your check payable to Christ Lutheran

Church Endowment Fund which is a separate account from the church's general fund. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call Helen Borgwardt at (863) 660-0055.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19th, after the service.

VISTE DONATIONS - VISTE is in need of cans of Jellied Cranberry Sauce for their Thanksgiving Dinner boxes they give out each year. This year over 2000 boxes have been requested. Please put your cans of cranberry sauce in the box Outreach has placed in the Narthex.

2024 FLOWER CHART - The new Flower Chart will be posted in the Narthex starting in November. You can sign up for flowers for the new year. Please write your name and what occasion is being celebrated. If you would like real flowers, please let us know, otherwise they will be silk flowers. When you donate money for the flowers, please mark it for the Flower Fund. The monies in the Flower Fund pay for the Christmas and Easter flowers that are put in the church. If you have any questions, you can call me. Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

UNUSED HEARING AIDS: Unused hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you. Recently someone asked for a tax donation receipt, but Pastor Munz has forgotten who asked. He is holding your tax donation receipt.

CLC BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW CANCELLED- Due to the lack of participation, the Bazaar and Craft show has been cancelled.

UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE –We have been blessed with people willing to use their talents to serve as President and Vice President of our congregation. However, we still need to fill the following positions of Treasurer (2 Year Term), Christian Education (1 Year Term), and Youth (1 Year Term). Elections will be during the November Voters' meeting. The new officers will begin serving in January 2024. For more information, please contact Pastor Thomas Block (863-853-9792) or Carol Ceaglske (863-660-2426). This is a blessed opportunity to use your talents helping with God's work.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS – The Mary Martha Quilters meet each Tuesday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Anyone who would like to join them is welcomed.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

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.

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.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – Every Tuesday from 9 am – 1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

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.

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.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

THANK YOU – Thank you for all the gifts and well wishes during Pastor Appreciation month. They are all appreciated. Pastor Chris

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

TuesdayTrustee Workday @ 9 am
Quilters @ 10 am
Outreach Meeting @ 5:30 pm
New Member Class @ 6 pm

Wednesday..... Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
Mary Martha @ 9 am
Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Jr. Confirmation Class @ 7 pm
Choir @ 7 pm

Thursday In Person and ZOOM Bible Study@ 10 am

Friday..... Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off

Saturday.....Bible Study @ 4 pm
Worship @ 5:30 pm

Sunday.....Bible Study @ 8:30 am
Worship Service @ 10 am
Bible Study @ 11:15 am
Endowment Committee Meeting