All Saints Day November 3, 2024

As We Gather - We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (12:1) and tells of "the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven" and "the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that "the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake" (*TLH* 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God's grace we, too, will be "numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting" (*LSB*, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

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.

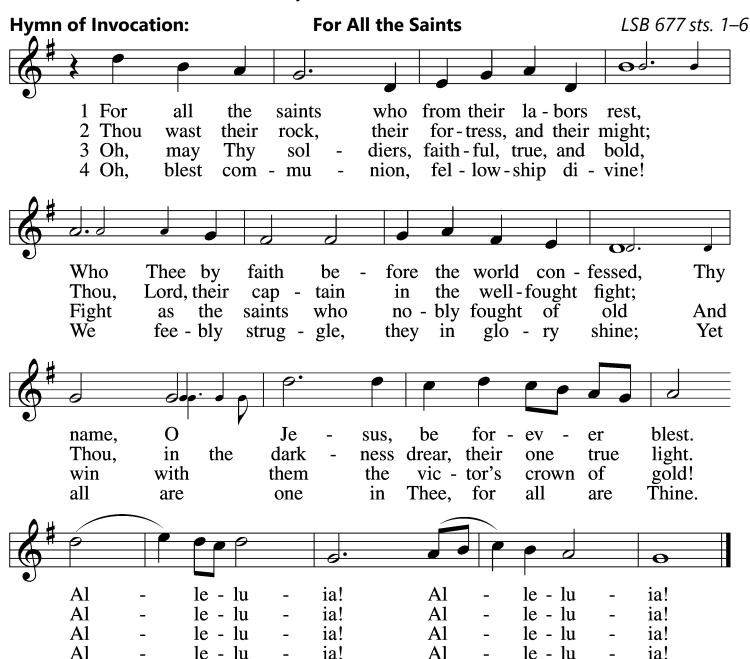
GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

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)

Confession and Absolution



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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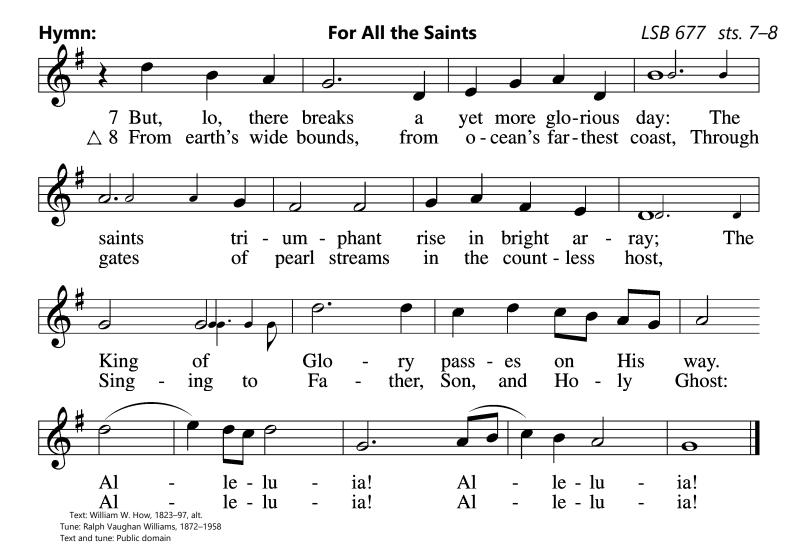
Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- $lap{P}$ In the name of the Father and of the $lap{H}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

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

- These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

 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 de- | liver me.
- For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

 and for your name's sake you lead me and | quide 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 be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

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.



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



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.



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



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



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



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.



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.
- Thanks be to God.

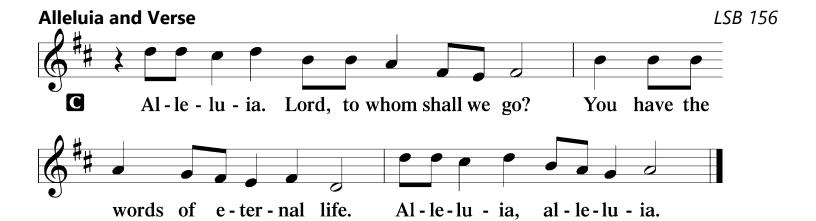
Epistle 1 John 3:1–3

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.
- **I** 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.



- 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

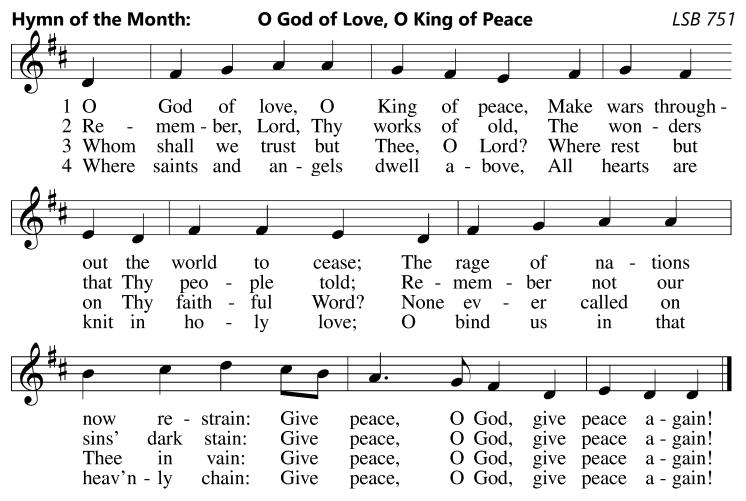
against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Sermon:



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Sermon: "Blessed Be" Matthew 5:1-12

Stand

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed

Michael Cavanaugh, Barbara Bolton, LaVern Austin, Pat Swope, Al Herman, Al Cahman, Donald Matter, Sen Campbell, Richard Hanson, and George Czanko

Sit

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "Down To The River To Pray"

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

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

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



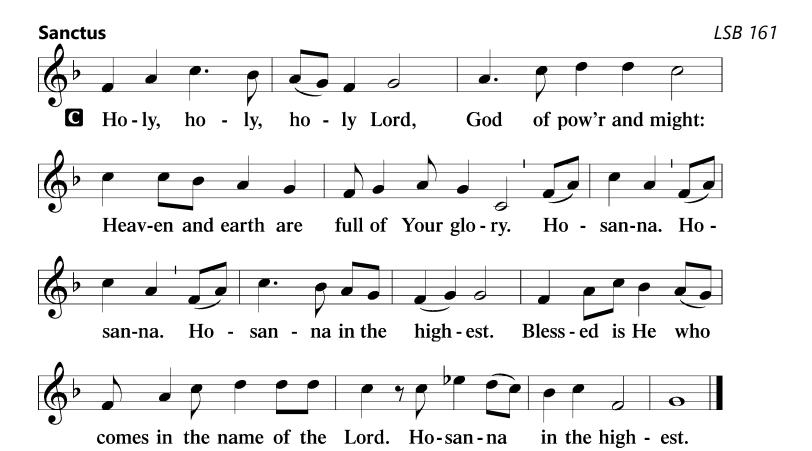
P Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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."

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

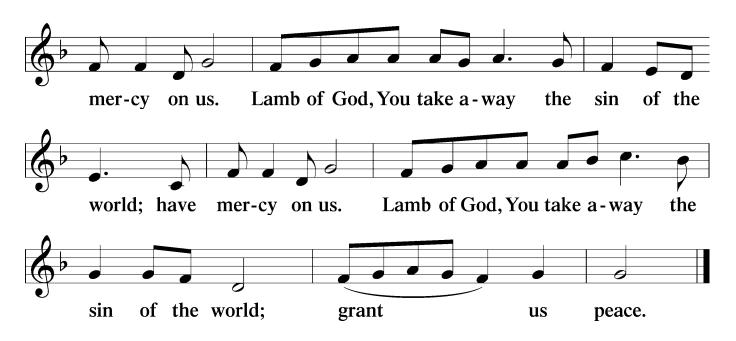
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





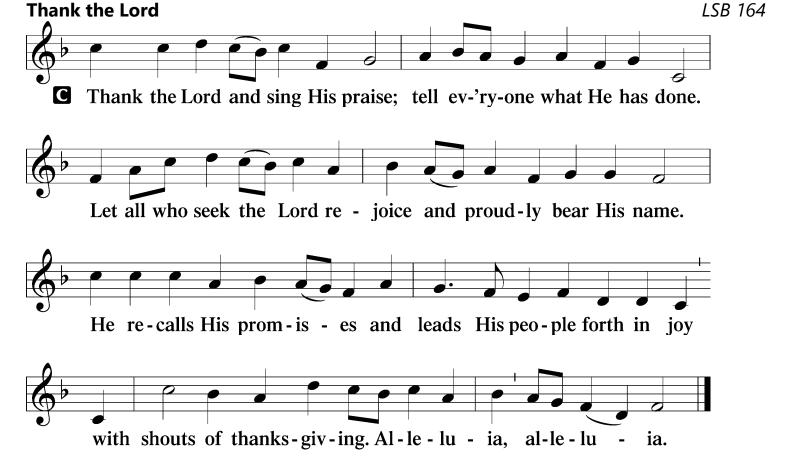


Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only) LSB 672 Jerusalem the Golden LSB 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

(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.

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.



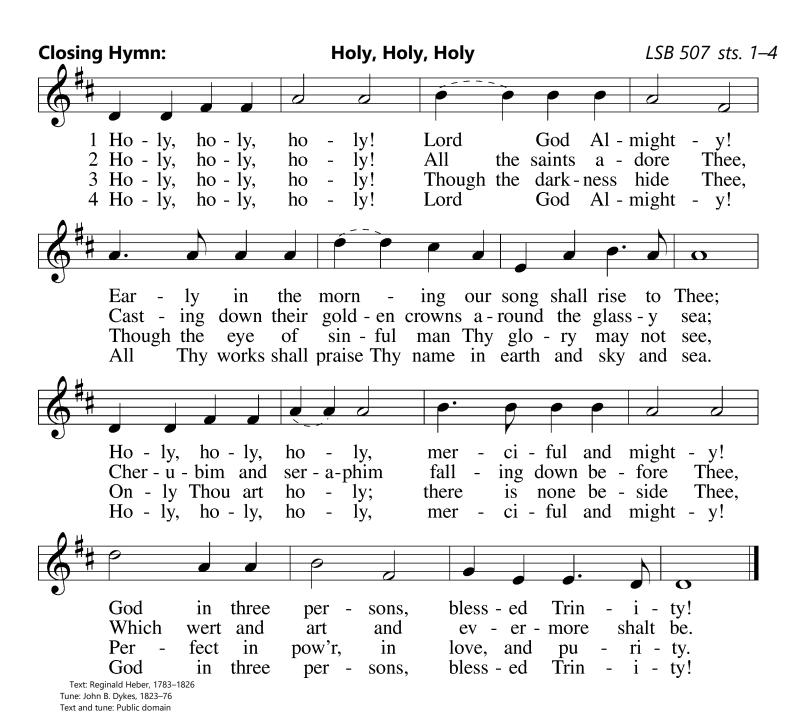
Benediction LSB 166

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.





Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Saturday Elder Lector Audio	Gerie Slaten/Carlos Orellana
Sunday Elder Lector Greeter Audio Video	
Altar Guild	
Pastor Organist Preacher	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder Lector	Kim Kaniecki
Greeter Audio Video Altar Guild	Judy Rudolph Wideo TD: Kris Welch GFX: / Stream: Cheryl Erwin
ATTENDANCE AND OFFE	RINGS FROM <u>LAST WEEK</u>
Saturday Worship Attendance	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Pentecost XXIV– Almighty God has given us solemn privilege and responsibility to instruct children about their Heavenly Father (Deuteronomy 6:7). This absolutely includes recognizing Him alone as Lord over life-and-death decisions as well as receiving every neighbor as a blessing (Mark 12:29-31). They need to know the power and presence and compassion of Christ Jesus is sufficient (Hebrews 9:14), even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.

FLOWER SPONSOR – No Flower Sponsor this week. **BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR *(SUNDAY)* – Team 4 is serving today; team 5 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary. November freewill offerings will go to the Gideons.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – There will be an Altar Guild meeting today, Sunday, November 3rd, in the church, immediately following the service. All current Altar Guild members are encouraged to attend. If anyone is interested in learning more about serving on the Altar Guild, please join us for this meeting as well, to ask questions and see if this is a place you feel called to serve.

ELDERS MEETING – The Elders will meet today, Sunday, November 3rd, after service.

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

MARY MARTHA MEETING – The Mary Marthas will meet this Wednesday, November 6th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

LWML FALL RALLY – The LWML Winter Haven Zone Rally will be held this Saturday, November 9th, at Grace Lutheran, Winter Haven, at 9 am.

ENDOWMENT FUND - The Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is having our annual fundraising drive on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH. 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 have a separate offering plate in the back and 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 17th, after service in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH POTLUCK – Our church potluck is coming up on Sunday, November 17th. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in Narthex.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The Nominating Committee has filled all positions except for the Youth Board. Anyone interested in the position, please contact Pastor Block, Pastor Hazzard, or anyone on the Nominating Committee.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS – CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY'S -The Mary Martha Quilters meet on Wednesday's each week at 10 AM. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

HELP WANTED- The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership, and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

ADOPT-A-BLOCK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. 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.

USED HEARING AIDS: Used 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.

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.

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

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.

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 - "With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ..." When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His house, we pray and praise God with "all the company of heaven." Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us — they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away — everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Adopt-A-Block @ 11 am
	Jr. Confirmation @ 5:15 pm
	Outreach Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Mary Martha @ 9:30 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Choir @ 7 pm
Thursday	Bible Study @ 10 am
	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	LWML Winter Haven Zone Fall Rally/Grace/Winter Haven
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship @ 10 am