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November 1, 2026 — All Saints Day (Pentecost 23)

"Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.
We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.
We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.
If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✞ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 149 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✞

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 671 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* *LSB 671*

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(LSB p. 184; TLH page 15)

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

C **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.**

℗ Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" **(LSB p. 186; TLH page 16)**



THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

℗ The Lord be with you.

ℂ **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

℗ We pray:

O Almighty God, who has knit together Your children in one communion and fellowship in the body of Your Son Jesus Christ, we pray that You would give us grace to follow the examples of godly living displayed by the believers who have gone before us—the saints who are now triumphant. We also pray that when our last day comes by Your grace through Christ You would take us to be with them in the unspeakable joys of heaven which You have prepared for all those who love You.. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God speaks to us.

First Reading ***Hebrews 11:1-19, 32-40 (NKJV)***

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude -- innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

[17] By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, [18] of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," [19] concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense…

[32] And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: [33] who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, [34] quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. [35] Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. [36] Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. [37] They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented --
[38] of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. [39] And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, [40] God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Hallelujah!"—meaning "Praise the Lord!"
(LSB p. 190; TLH p. 20)

P Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



P The second reading is from Revelation 7:9-17.



Second Reading ***Revelation 7:9-17 (EHV)***

9 After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the
Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. 10 They called out
with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

11 All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They
fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and
power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

13 One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who
are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

14 And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
16 They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.
The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

℗ Here ends our second reading.



THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. **(LSB p. 191; TLH p. 22)**

C 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.

Hymn of the Day: 672 *Jerusalem the Golden* *LSB 672*

Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:23-25 (EHV)

23 Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.
24 Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works.
25 Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

<u>Sermon Theme</u>: Keep Meeting Together!

- ✞ What reasons does our text give as encouragement for us to keep **"meeting together"?**

- ✞ Whatever your individual and family situation is, let's all ask ourselves honestly, "How can I participate in this congregation and in the work of the Lord?

  "Am I doing all I can to encourage my fellow believers, our teachers, and our pastor?"

- ✞ Remember also: Our congregation and our pastor are here for <u>you</u>! Are you in need of help? Talk with our pastor, or one of your trusted brothers or sisters in Christ this week.

<u>THE OFFERTORY</u>

(LSB p. 192-193; TLH p. 22-23)



Sermon Hymn: *"For All the Saints"* (v. 1-4)

463 v. 1-4 TLH



THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

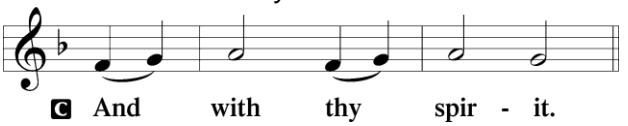
THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

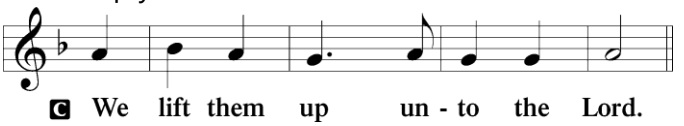
THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the Sacrament, the Lord's Supper, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. **(LSB p. 194; TLH p. 24-25)**

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"

(LSB p. 195; TLH p. 26)



THE 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor)

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

PAX DOMINI

Latin: "The Peace of the Lord." **(LSB p. 197; TLH p. 28)**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. **(LSB p. 198; TLH p. 27)**





THE DISTRIBUTION

✞ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our usher.

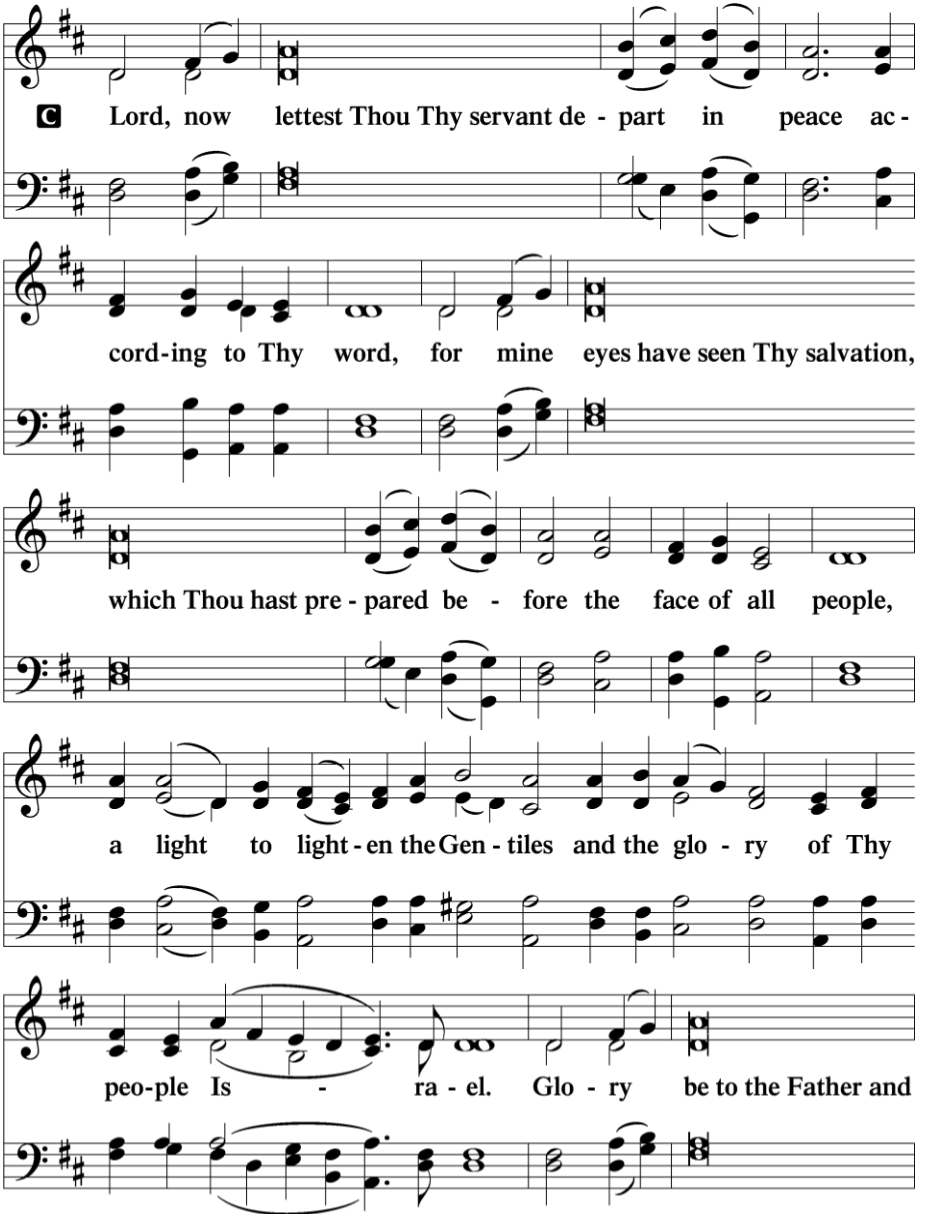
Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world, "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymns: 636 LSB; 628 LSB; 632 LSB

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

(LSB p. 199-200; TLH p. 29)





THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26). **(LSB p. 202; TLH p. 31)**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: ***"For All the Saints"*** **(v. 5-8)** *463 v. 5-8 TLH* *(please stand for last verse)*

5 And when the strife 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 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!

7 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!

8 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today: **Worship w/ Communion – 9am**
11/1/26 **Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

This Week: Tuesday – *Election Day – Vote!*
Ladies Group – Topic: *Forgiveness* – 6:30pm
Wednesday - **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Church Cleaning: Team #4 (10/31-11/6); Team #5 (11/7-11/13)

Next Sunday: **Worship w/ Baptism** (Liam Kinney) **– 9am**
11/8/26 **Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

In Your Mailbox – Messiah Calendar - *November*
Daily Rest - Daily Devotional Booklet (extra copies on counter in hallway)



Baptism of Liam Kinney – Next Sunday 11/8 – We are pleased to announce that Liam Kinney will be baptized during our worship service next Sunday (11/8). Liam is currently taking Bible Instruction classes. We praise God that He has moved Liam's heart to believe in Jesus his Savior and be baptized into God's family. ***"In fact, you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ."*** **(Galatians 3:26-27 EHV)**

Ladies Group this Tues. November 3rd - Our October Ladies Group has been rescheduled for this **Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm.** Our discussion and study schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, November 3rd @ 6:30pm - Forgiveness

Tuesday, November 17th @ 6:30pm - Showing Grace

We hope you can make it! Please reach out to Lisa Lisak or Pastor Luke with any questions.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We are continuing our study of **2 Peter.** To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333

CLC News - Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has **returned** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has **returned** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has **accepted** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.



Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day is coming up on **Friday, November 13th** on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 A.M. in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *The Sound of Music*. Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu

CLC Midwest Women's Retreat: Registration is now open for the 2027 CLC Midwest Women's Retreat. Theme: "Planted in the House of the Lord" (Psalm 92:12-14). Dates: April 23-25, 2027. Location: Banquets of Minnesota, Fridley, MN. Host Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church (Fridley). Cost: $100 before February 15. Register at: https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens-retreat/. Questions? Contact Annette Kuehne at: womensretreat.midwest@gmail.com.

Bible Readings:

11/1	Rev. 7:9-17 Ps. 149 1 John 3:1-3 Matt. 5:1-12
11/2	1 Chron. 14 Psalm 118 Mark 14:3-21
11/3	1 Chron. 15:1-15 Psalm 119:1-8 Mark 14:22-42
11/4	1 Chron. 15:16-29 Psalm 119:9-16 Mark 14:43-72
11/5	1 Chron. 16:1-36 Psalm 119:17-24 Mark 15:1-20
11/6	1 Chron. 16:37-43 Psalm 119:25-32 Mark 15:21-47
11/7	1 Chron. 17:1-15 Psalm 119:33-40 Mark 16

SCAN FOR ONLINE OFFERING

November Ushers

Mike Traub
Kenny Winters
Tim Koch

November Slideshow

Sam Lisak

Cleaning Team 11/7-11/13

<u>Team 5</u>
S/E Lisak
J/H Barthels
J/S Serba
L/J Bernthal

Fruits of Faith October 16-31:

General Offerings:	$16,347.54
Budgetary Needs:	$19,370.92
Over (Under) Budget:	($3,023.38)
CDSIF:	$100.00
MSAF:	$25.00
Missions:	$75.00
MDF:	$115.00
ILCSAF:	$125.00
Kinship:	$50.00

YTD (thru 10/31)	***Received***	***Difference***
Budget *$154,967*	*$120,882*	*-$34,085*

Norm Mackensen Mem.: $310 | Ray Zechel Mem.: $785
Laura Stutzman Mem: $100

Attendance Last Week (10/25): 126

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