

ALL SAINTS' DAY OBSERVED

November 3, 2024



M A T T H E W 5 : 3

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

2024 THEME: JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

*For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5 (ESV)*

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do *not* believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically “change” into something other than bread and wine, *nor* do we believe that the bread and wine merely “represents” Christ’s body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He said “Take eat, this is my body” and “Take drink, this is my blood.” We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine Word.) We also believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is our belief and confession regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and if you have any questions or concerns about our Communion practices and desire to partake of Holy Communion, will you please consult with the pastor beforehand. *Gluten free communion wafers are available* by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container. *Non-alcoholic wine* (clear liquid) *is available* in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid). Having read this Communion Statement and prayerfully considered what you believe and confess, please complete the Pew Card found in the pew rack. After you place your tithes and gifts in the offering plate, please pass your Pew Card to the center aisle and the ushers will pick them up. May God truly bless our Communion Service this day.

COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

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!

OPENING HYMN

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

LSB 673 sts. 1–2, 4–6



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit
5 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs, proph - ets, there
6 O Christ, do Thou my soul pre - pare

When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the
A - round my Sav - ior stand; And soon my friends in
For that bright home of love That I may see Thee

have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.
Christ be - low Will join the glo - rious band.
and a - dore With all Thy saints a - bove.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

C **Amen.**

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

C **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

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.**

(Please be seated)

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 1 John 3:1 “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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Ɀ Service of the Word Ɀ

SAINTS CELEBRATION

Part 1 Psalm 27:13; 37:28

- P The words of the Lutheran Confessions give three specific reasons for remembering and honoring the saints. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession states: “Our Confession approves honoring the saints in three ways. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church” (Ap XXI 4). Some of the saints listed in the commemorations section of the hymnal lived long earthly lives. Others, especially some of the martyrs who died on account of their faith in the first centuries of the Christian Church, did not. Today we bring to our remembrance someone old and someone young from the legions of saints from past centuries.
- P St. Polycarp, who was born less than four decades after Jesus ascended into heaven, had a long and impactful ministry. As a young man, he knew and studied under St. John, the disciple of Jesus. For over fifty years, he cared for the church at Smyrna, which is now in the land of Turkey. During the time of his leadership, there was continuing persecution of Christians by the governing authorities. During the time when Marcus Aurelius was Roman Emperor, Polycarp was arrested and taken to the local stadium, where he was ordered to renounce his faith in Christ. In response to that order, Polycarp replied: “Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong, and can I revile my king that saved me?” St. Polycarp, whose name translates as “much fruit” labored fruitfully for his Lord. He is remembered as a martyr on the church calendar each year on February 23.
- P St. Katherine of Alexandria lived in Egypt in the last years of the third century and the first years of the fourth. Raised in a wealthy and educated family, she came to know of Jesus through her course of studies as a teenager. Although by this time in history Roman state persecution of Christians was subsiding, there were still times when admitting to being a follower of Jesus Christ could bring a sentence of death. Courageously confessing her firmly held belief, Katherine went before the Roman Emperor Maxentius and requested that the persecutions and executions of Christian people for their faith stop. Refusing to give up her faith, Katherine calmly faced a prison sentence that was ultimately followed by her execution. During her time of captivity she continued her Christian witness, leading to the conversion of soldiers sent to guard her and scholars sent to dissuade her from her beliefs and even the empress, who had come to visit her. In the book of Revelation, St. John gave these words of encouragement from the Lord: “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (2:10). From her few years of earthly life, Katherine left a lasting spiritual legacy.

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
C **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

P Many Christian hymns give us special ways of commemorating the saints. The hymn “By All Your Saints in Warfare” includes individual stanzas of remembrance as well as general ones that are most appropriate as we observe All Saints’ Day.

HYMN By All Your Saints in Warfare *LSB 517sts. 1, 4, 3*

1. By all Your saints in warfare, For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory Reflected from Your throne.

4. Apostles, prophets, martyrs, And all the noble throng
Who wear the spotless raiment And raise the ceaseless song—
For these, passed on before us, We offer praises due
And, walking in their footsteps, Would live our lives for You.

3. Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow’r and glory And praise to God alone.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

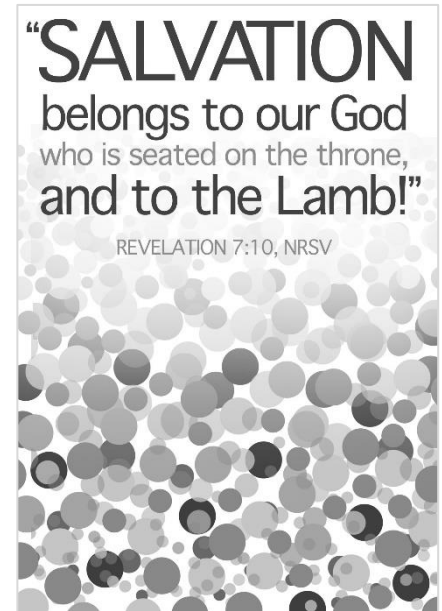
C **Amen.**

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30AM)

Blessed Redeemer

Joyful Ringers

arr by Dan R. Edwards (ASCAP)

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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 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
 Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
 Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
 waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
 known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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SERMON

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NICENE CREED

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.

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For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.



OFFERING HYMN (7:30AM) God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It *LSB 594 sts. 1-3*



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've trav - eled, All your might has



more than an - y That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!

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SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30AM)

Blest Are They

Vocal Choir

INSTALLATION OF WINTER PASTOR

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.

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 before You [*especially...Carol Burgess, Ann Hagey, Brenda Hanak (friend of LCC), Phil Miller, Tom Rittenhouse*]. Bring peace to the dying and comfort the bereaved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all the households of this congregation, that they be havens of peace and lively places of faith in Jesus. For those who celebrate birthdays this month (80+ years) [*especially...Ann Curley-LaFave, Gloria Cvelbar, Barb Durst, Lillian Fitzwater, Bruce, Kirkland, Arnie Piering, Sharon Tewes, Chris Wrightsman*] and for those celebrating anniversaries [*especially...Jim & Margaret Andrews, Bruce & Judy Kirkland, Phil & Mary Woodruff*] 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, especially Doris Duebel, Lois Kooista, Dee Maris, Walter Rothenberger, Evelyn Walberg, Darold Wegner.

Tolling of the Bell

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.**



T Service of the Sacrament T

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

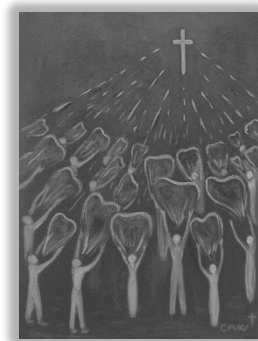
C **And also with you.**

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.**



LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 OUR LORD

*Mathew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

(Only by the almighty creative Word of God are we able to believe that the blessed sacrament delivers what God promises, the forgiveness for our sins. Mt. 26:28)

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 T 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 My T blood in the new testament which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

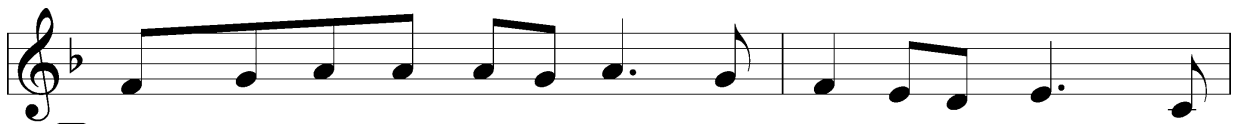


C A - men.

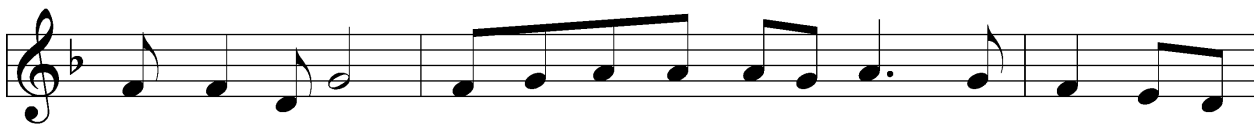
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(Latin term means Lamb of God) John 1:29

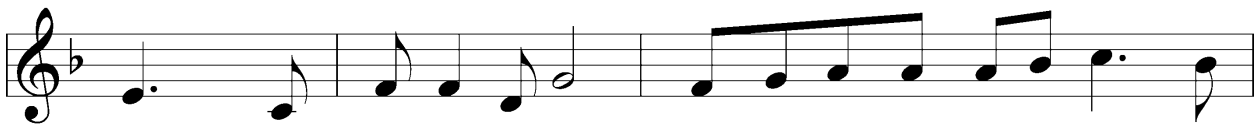
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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

(Be seated)

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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!
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!

**For All the Saints**

1. Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.
2. Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.
3. O blessèd saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
5. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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SAINTS CELEBRATION

Part 2 Psalm 28:8; 97:11–12

- P Two other reasons for commemorating the saints noted in the Lutheran Confessions are the strengthening of our faith and the imitation, first of faith, then of other virtues. The calendar of the saints includes both men and women from every era of history and from many lands. In a hymn from the very end of the nineteenth century, writer Lesbia Scott penned these words: “I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.” So now we meet two saints:
- P Often showing up first on an alphabetical list of the saints, Ambrose lived in northern Italy in the fourth century. As a child, he proudly announced on one occasion, “I shall one day be bishop.” His studies and experiences, however, took his life in a different direction and eventually he became a governor in northern Italy, ruling from the city of Milan. When the local bishop of that region died, conflict broke out in Milan between two possible successors. When crowds of supporters of both sides gathered in conflict in the city center, Ambrose, as governor, went to keep order. The result of his peace-keeping efforts was that he was acclaimed as bishop by the crowd. He was the right man at the right time. He served the people and congregations at Milan tirelessly for almost a quarter of a century and used all his talents in the service of the Lord. Each Advent we sing one of his many hymns: “Savior of the Nations, Come.” The day on the church calendar associated with St. Ambrose is December 7—the day in the year 374 that he was named bishop of Milan.
- P Some of the lesser-known saints turn out to be the most influential. One of those remarkable people is St. Hilda. Born in Great Britain shortly after the year 600, she lived her life in an era that is not often remembered. During the seventh-century, battles, feuds, and wars made life in England and Scotland unsettled and challenging. As the leader of a religious house for both women and men at Whitby, England, Hilda made it her vocation to bring Christian educational opportunity to her remote part of the world. She sought to develop the talents of people around her however she could. One of the people she influenced greatly was Caedmon, who was a herdsman and keeper of the abbey grounds at Whitby. With her encouragement, he became a noted minstrel and is viewed by many as the father of English language poetry. St. Hilda brought disparate groups in the British church together and continually sought to accentuate and develop the gifts of God she discovered in His people.
- P The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
- C **Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!**

BENEDICTION

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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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

LSB 667 sts. 1, 3-4



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

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DEPARTING PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS VOTERS MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

Under our bylaws, President William Heffernan has the ability to call a special meeting of the Voters Assembly for a specific purpose. This is notice that he has called a Special Meeting of the Voters Assembly for **TODAY**, immediately following the 10:30 AM service at Noon. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, not in the Fellowship and Ministry Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to advise the congregation of the status of our Hurricane Ian claim with the progress of the insurance settlement as well as additional November Voter’s Meeting business items. Please be sure to put this meeting on your calendars and attend. Thank you!

The originally planned meeting set for November 17th will not take place as these items will be covered at this meeting.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk ~ Winter Assistant Pastor: Rev. Jerry Menk
Organist: Stephen Kopp III
Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman
Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman ~ Flute: Raymond Stolarczyk
Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

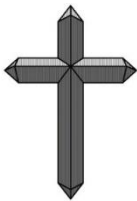
November 3, 2024

Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by Steve & Lori Nelson in remembrance of fathers; Edward Nelson & Donald Pioch.
The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by Gloria Cvelbar in loving memory of mother, Anne Lechleiter's birthday.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Luke Stolarczyk, Bill Trueman
Elders on Duty	Jim McCabe, Wayn Nelson
Communion Assistants	Tim Boisseau, Richard Fasnacht, Ron McCormick
Greeters/Ushers	Gary Fleming, Key Helgerson, Donna Leach, RoseMarie McCormick
Altar Servers	Suzanne Fadely, Donna Leach, Lori Nelson, Joyce Spier
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Kay Helgerson, Wayn Nelson, Alex Scherer



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	<u>Pastor Menk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-327-9453</u>

IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Ann La Fave, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Dale Kuhn, Dale Sawicki, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Fran Boatwright	Recovery
Carol Burgess	Strength & healing
Ann Hagey	Strength & healing
Brenda Hanak	Friend of LCC; strength & God's Plan
Sue Heim	Healing
Val Korman	Hospice Care
Phil Miller	Strength & comfort
Tom Rittenhouse	Pain relief & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Dale Sawicki	Healing & comfort
Phil Woodruff	Medical guidance, strength & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
Eric Sr.	Family of Rene & Sue Richard; terminal cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Karen	Daughter Ann LaFave; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Cate Bocassi	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Diana Chesen	Battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Mack Gonzales	Battling cancer
Steve Kirkland	Brother of Bruce Kirkland; battling cancer
Todd Kliez	Battling cancer
Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
Phil Miller	Battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Kathy Sanders	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lisa Sayers	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Barb Sullivan	Friend of LCC; diagnosed with cancer

Carmen Torres
 Lori Truelove
 Connie Warner

Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Shawn Golembieski
 US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF A1C Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort Bragg

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2024

Week Of: 10/20/2024			
On-Site Attendance 50 / 97	Weekly Contributions		
	Income:	\$ 15,636	
	Expense:	\$ 13,846	



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS: December

There is currently no one signed up for flowers on the altar for **December 8th**. The cost of flowers is \$30.00 per week. If you are interested please complete a flower request card which can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If paying by a check please make payable to Ladies Parish Guild. If you have any questions about requesting flowers or the eternal light, please call the church office at (941) 627-6060.

LCC Things to Note!

† **MILITARY APPRECIATION COLLECTION** is underway! Cash donations, cards and general well wishes are being collected to send to those soldiers whom we pray for each and every week! We would also like to encourage veterans and families of active military personnel to submit photos and/or sign their names on posters that are displayed in the Narthex! Please see the flyer in the Narthex or reach out to Nancy Carter, Dorothy Christman or Marita Noe or for questions on this outreach event!



† **OUR NEXT POTLUCK LUNCH IS COMING UP!**

We will be having a Military Appreciation Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, November 10th immediately following the late worship service in the FMC! Please be sure to sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend and indicate on the sign-up what dish you will be supplying – but please note – a dish is not required to attend! We hope to see you there!

† **SAVE THE DATE!**

On Saturday November 23rd we will need the help of some volunteers to set up the LCC Annual Nativity Display. Set up will begin at 10:00am and we will need some men and a few strong arms to get this display put in place! The more hands available makes for lighter work for all!

† **2025 FLOWER / ETERNAL LIGHT CHART**

Sign-ups for the 2025 Altar Flower / Eternal Light are now available in the Narthex hallway bulletin board. Please be sure when signing up that you note your name on the chart next to the date which you are signing up for *AND* that you grab one of the available order forms to the left of the chart. Once you have completed the order form, return it and your payment (**checks made payable to the Ladies Parish Guild**) in the flower box located on the Narthex cubbies. Dates go fast, so be sure to sign up today! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.



THANK YOU to anyone and everyone who welcomed us back so warmly and/or who gave cards/gifts for Pastor Appreciation month, know that your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

... Pastor & Mary Menk



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

<u>Tues. Nov 5</u>	Sarasota Circuit Meeting @ 1:00pm - LCC Campus/Sanctuary
<u>Thurs. Nov 7</u>	LifeLight: Life of David Begins @ 10:00am - FMC
<u>Sat. Nov 9</u>	LWML Parish Guild Meeting @ 1:00pm - FMC
<u>Sun. Nov 10</u>	Stephen Ministry Supervision @ 9:00am – FMC
<u>Tues. Nov 12</u>	Military Appreciation Sunday
<u>Wed. Nov 13</u>	Military Appreciation Pot Luck Luncheon @ 11:45am - FMC
<u>Thurs. Nov 14</u>	Board of Christian Education Meeting @ 3:30pm – FMC
<u>Sat. Nov 16</u>	Board of Elders Meeting @ 3:30pm - OFH
<u>Tues. Nov 19</u>	Altar Communion Set Up @ 9:00am – Sacristy/Sanctuary
<u>Sat. Nov 23</u>	Shepherding Leaders Meeting @ 9:00am – FMC
<u>Thurs. Nov 28</u>	LWML Fall Rally @ 9:00am – Faith Lutheran, Punta Gorda
	Church Council Meeting @ 6:00pm - OFH
	LCC Nativity Scene Set Up @ 10:00am – Outdoor Campus
	Thanksgiving Worship Service @ 10:30am - Sanctuary

WEEKLY RE-OCCURRING CAMPUS EVENTS:

- ✠ **AA Meetings:** Meets weekly in the FMC @ 7:00pm
 Monday (Women Only)
 Tuesday & Wednesday (Open to all)
- ✠ **Christian Education & Fellowship:** Every Sunday in the FMC @ 9:00am
- ✠ **LifeLight Bible Class:** Life of David meets Thursday in the FMC @ 10:00am
- ✠ **Handbell Choir Rehearsal:** Meets every Thursday in the Sanctuary @ 4:30pm
- ✠ **LCC Garden Committee:** Meets every Wednesday in the Prayer Park @ 9:30am
- ✠ **Raise Right Fundraising Team:** Meets every Sunday in the FMC
 Operates at 9:00am & after the 10:30am services
- ✠ **SON-Seekers Bible Study:** Meets every Monday in the FMC @ 11:30am
- ✠ **Vocal Choir Rehearsal:** Meets every Thursday in the Sanctuary @ 5:45pm
- ✠ **Youth Confirmation Class:** Meets select nights in Pastor's Study @ 6:30pm