

All Saints' Day
A Celebration of New Life in Christ
& A Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Since the persecution of the Early Church, those who have died in the faith have been remembered. The custom of a formal commemoration of all the martyrs on a single "memorial day" goes back to at least the third century.

"Saint" means "sacred one" or "holy one." All those who are in Christ are holy, in heaven and on earth.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther taught that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint; a sinner because of our sinful nature and a saint because of the love, forgiveness, and eternal life Jesus Christ has already attained for each of us.

Even in a world where accidents, disease, and violence are all around, death can find us unprepared. The remembrance of loved ones lost to this life takes on added significance. The promise of eternal life in Christ gives this present life purpose and hope. That purpose and hope in Christ is the focus of our worship and celebration.



Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

Welcome

Sing with All the Saints of Glory

LSB 671 (tune 686)

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

- 3 Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

Invocation

- P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

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

Opening

Psalm 31:1,3,5; antiphon: Revelation 7:13-14

- P** Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?”
C I answered, “Sir, you know.”
P And he said, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”
P In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
C in your righteousness deliver me.
P For you are my rock and my fortress;
C and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
P Into your hand I commit my spirit;
C You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C and to the Holy Spirit;
P as it was in the beginning,
C is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.

- P** Most merciful God,
C We confess that we are guilty of many sins. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor in what we have thought, said, and done. We have sinned through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive our sins. Lead us out of darkness to walk as children of your light. Amen.
P In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are a chosen race, a

royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the God who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (*1 Peter 2:9-10*)

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P We share Christ's peace with one another.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Nursery care for small children is offered from this point in the service through Holy Communion. Children may meet their caregiver in the back of the sanctuary.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come 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.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,’
nor 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.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory Reading

1 John 3:1–3

L See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;

C and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

L Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears

C we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

L And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:11-14

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:23-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. ²⁴ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his

brother. ²⁶ The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. ²⁷ Finally, the woman died. ²⁸ Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. ³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. ³¹ But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?" He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

³³ When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

For All the Saints

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- 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 was 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!**

Homily

For All the Saints

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- 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!

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 Catholic 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.**

Prayers of the Church

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with him at your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks for all the departed Saints and for the blessings you bestowed on them in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with them we may see you face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks that by his death he destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the

kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

Time of Remembrance
Sharlene Holmquist Cernohous
April 14, 1939 – July 24, 2023

Dorothy Cross
August 14, 1924 – May 21, 2023

Pearl Moldenhauer Foth
September 23, 1925 – March 5, 2023

Don Nelson
October 29, 1930 – October 1, 2023

Judith Wilson Paretchan
July 18, 1944 – February 4, 2023

Dale Schwartz
March 1, 1955 – August 12, 2023

Kathleen Hasburgen Spadgenske
July 23, 1943 – March 23, 2023

Richard (Red) Spadgenske
November 21, 1938 – June 3, 2023

Ronald Totman
December 17, 1949 - October 23, 2023

Matthew Zdon
July 1, 1986 – May 5, 2023

Preface

spoken

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.

Sanctus

LSB 507

- C** Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit.

Choir

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

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- 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!

We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

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- 1 We sing for all the unsung saints,
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong
Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.

- 2 Though unscribed with date or place,
With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join
To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst:
The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death,
The wounded, risen Christ.

- 3 So we take heart from unknown saints
Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received
A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes
When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be
The vessels of God's grace.

From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713 v 1-3, 5 (tune 354)

- 1 From God can nothing move me;
He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
And be my constant guide.
He stretches out his hand
In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning
Wherever I may stand.

- 2 When those whom I regarded
As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed,
God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin
And breaks the chains that bind me.

**I leave death's fear behind me;
His peace I have within.**

**3 The Lord my life arranges;
Who can his work destroy?
In his good time he changes
All sorrow into joy.
So let me then be still:
My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit
According to his will.**

**5 Praise God with acclamation
And in his gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to his voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of his coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Dismissal

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

C Amen.

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

LSB 670

**1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs,**

Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

Sending

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Serving in worship today

November 5, 2023

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Phil Marquardt
Kevin Zimmerman

Reader:

Peggy Peterson

Usher:

Sandy Elhardt

Acolyte:

Zach Weinhold

Organist:

Karine Platt

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Everett Zimmerman 11/7, Jude Miller 11/8, Phil Marquardt 11/9, Curt Olson 11/10, Robin Green 11/11, Sue Anderson 11/11, Sara Anderson 11/11 and Barb Bassing 11/11.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Lily Kuntz 11/11.

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher's Meeting
	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Notes of Information:

Women's Bible Study: Ladies- Come and join us in fellowship and The Word on Tuesday, November 7th at 10:30 A.M. The study is call "Grace-Full Women."

Youth Fundraising Calendars and Christmas Greeting Cards: 2024 calendars, Christmas greeting cards and magnetic notepads are here. Cost of Calendars is \$10, cost for cards is \$10, and cost for magnetic note pads \$5. Items will be available in the Narthex following service.

Volunteer Opportunities at Hope4Youth: HOPE 4 Youth provides meaningful one-time and long-term volunteer opportunities that allow you to make a difference in the lives of the young people we serve. We welcome your help with donating meals, sorting supplies, mentoring and more. For more information on volunteering at HOPE 4 Youth please visit www.hope4youthmn.org/volunteer-3/ or contact Beth Gerard at 763-228-2077 or rgberard@comcast.net

Notice of Congregational Meeting: There will be a quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday November 19, 2023, following worship service. At this meeting the yearly work plan will be ratified.

Operation Christmas Child: On November 12, 2023, at 11:30 (following education hour) the congregation is invited to help fill Christmas shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to contribute money towards the shipping costs it would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Kati Schoenbauer 651-302-2824

Nursery Staff and Greeters Needed: We need volunteers to greet people at the door and provide hospitality prior to worship service and volunteers to staff the nursery during a part of worship service. If you are interested in serving in either of these roles, please reach out to Kevin Zimmerman.

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf needs cereal and boxed side such as Mac and Cheese, Rice a Roni, potatoes, and pasta. NACE is collecting items that can be included in their Thanksgiving Dinner baskets, especially stuffing. They need gently used, clean winter coats. Items for donation to NACE can be left in the box in the Narthex. For more information reach out to Toni Peterson at 763-434-5665

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you are eligible, you can specifically choose an organization, such as Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church. Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year. To direct those dollars, log onto <http://www.thrivent.com>.

Under **What We Offer**, choose the **Generosity** tab. Then choose **Choice Dollars**.

Spirit of Christ Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

November 27 *Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

December The book club does not meet.

January 22 – Zorro: A Novel by Isabel Allende

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

Sermons and bulletins posted online: Audio and video recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly. Bulletins and past sermons can be found at **www.spiritofchristhamlake.org**.

Offerings via Give+: Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at soclc.org to sign up or learn more.

Average Weekly Offering	\$5904
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	<i>\$6662</i>

Readings for next week:

Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13



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