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November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

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All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome

Gathering Music

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☞ The love of God, made known in Christ Jesus our Lord and poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Arise in body or Spirit

Gathering Song

For All the Saints
Stanzas 1,2,6 &7

ELW 422

All Saints Litany

- ☞ O God of the pilgrim's way,
- ☑ **we give thanks for those in generations past who were examples of God's love.**
- ☞ We give you praise, that we too are walking in your way of love.
- ☑ **Send your Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey.**
- ☞ Help us work in the world as people who show love to all.
- ☑ **Give us compassion for those who are poor, hungry, and suffering.**
- ☞ We rejoice that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
- ☑ **Let us be aware of their presence among us, as we stand on the promise of the resurrection.**
- ☞ Guide us to celebrate the love we share, as the saints did before us.
- ☑ **We celebrate that we are in communion with all your saints by the gift of grace. Amen.**



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Prayer of the Day

- ▣ Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ▣ Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

📖 A reading from **Revelation**.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

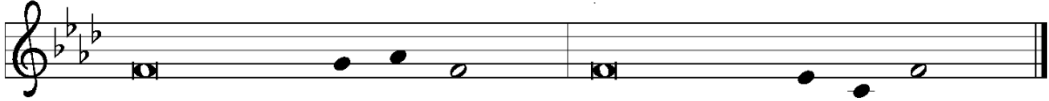
¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

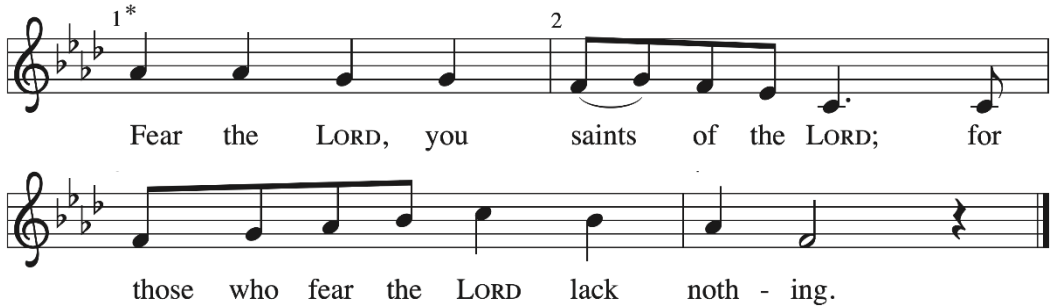
📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 2



Refrain



**May be sung in canon.*

¹ I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

² **I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. 

³ Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

⁵ Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶ **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles. 

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰ **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

²² O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. 

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

📖 A reading from **1 John**.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak 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 will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Please arise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

Blessed Are They

ELW 728

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **God in your mercy**, The assembly sings:* **ACS 1035**



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa-ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na-tions war, though the peo-ples bat-tle,



though the em-pire fal-ters, we will not fear.

- ▲ United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- ▲ Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. Bless our leaders and partners, *including Bishops Yehiel and Julie, Assistants Scott and Kate, our synod companion Trinity Lutheran Church in Battle Creek; Our Lady of Great Oak Church in Bellevue; Parmelee United Methodist Church in Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* God, in your mercy,

☐ *(sung response)*

- ▲ Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways (*local places may be named*). Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy

☐ *(sung response)*

A Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. Be with those who safeguard the world, *including Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), Hudson Schick (Markwart) and Leopold Schick (Markwart)*. God in your mercy,

C *(sung response)*

A Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, *especially Jennie Anderson, Vickey Argo, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, John Charles, Cherie Clements, Kay Corrigan, Byron Cramsie, Kim Domke, Celina Eichler, Greg Franks, Melanie Franks, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Bill Halstead, Amy Hansen, Aurora Hawkins, Jamie Heise (pregnancy), Walker Heise, Autum Henion, Christine Jenkins, Joy Jenks, Martha Klenk, Gabby Kriebiehl, Ricky Long, Joe Longcor, Ed Markwart, Cathy Martell, Larry Maupin, Dick Melcher, Carrie Miller, Virginia Moomey, Jody Neagle, Corey Normandin, Bob Power, Lincoln Osborn, Samantha Replogle, Steve Sensiba, Rob Smelker, Payton Stancil, Kathy Surratt, Gary Teegardin, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, Linda Trongo, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, Ron Waege, and Clyde Watson Jr.* God in your mercy,

C *(sung response)*

A Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

C *(sung response)*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, especially those we name out loud or in our hearts at this time. *After the saints are named...* Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

C *(sung response)*

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C **Amen.**

Please arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Offering Song

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

Refrain / Estribillo

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a three-part setting of the first line of the verse and a final line of the verse. The key signature changes to F major (one flat) for the final line of the verse and the refrain.

Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -
Refrain / Estribillo
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.
- Ⓑ **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

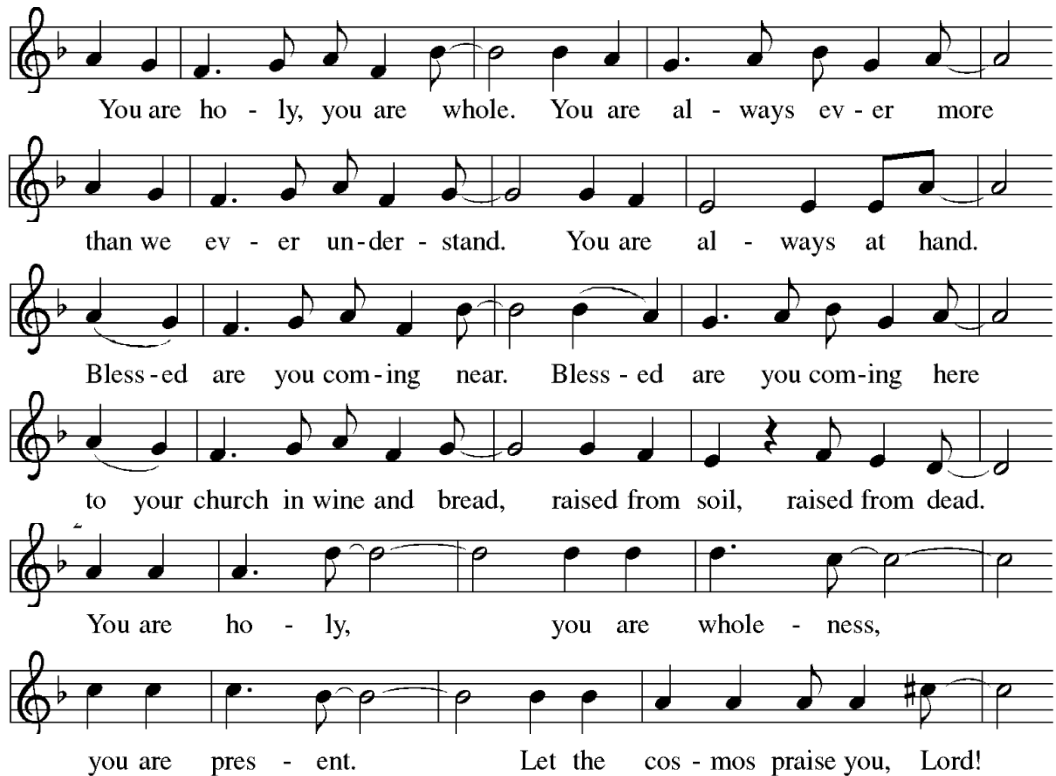
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed our duty and delight that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW 525



The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness, you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!' The score ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign on the final note.

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Table Prayer

- ☞ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- ☞ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- ☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

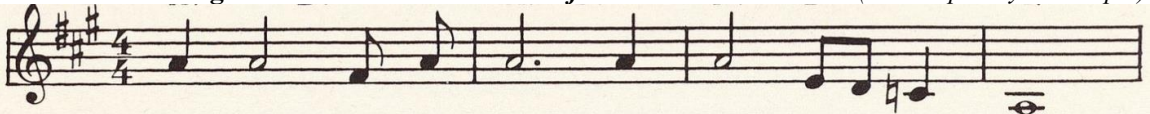
☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

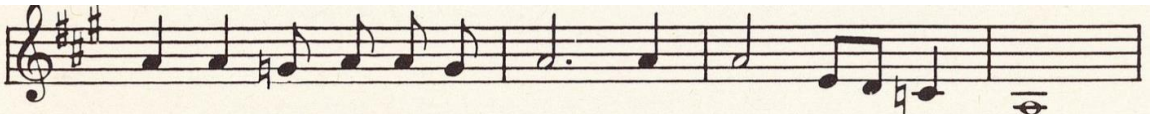
Communion Songs:

Lamb of God

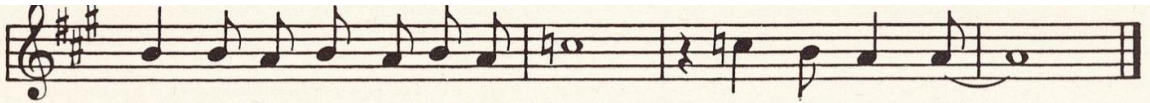
(Contemporary Worship 2)



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

ELW 441

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- ☑ Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit

Blessing

- Ⓐ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

Sending Song

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

Sending

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- ☑ Thanks be to God.

Postlude

9:30 am

Assisting Minister – Anna Scheck

Lector – Gwen Hansen

Musician – Cindy Olson

Cantor – Mark Anton

Cup Bearer - Vickey Argo

Usher – Deb Watson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Fellowship Hour – Diane Neeb

The two pillar candles lit on the altar are in celebration of Ed McManaway and Shirley Beck, who have entered the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Day.

The Church Triumphant

Today the church remembers those who are now in the realm of God, at rest from their earthly labors. Their baptism is complete, and they feast eternally at Jesus' welcome table.

As we speak or hear the names of deceased loved ones today, let us give thanks for the ways in which they shared the gospel with us. None of us would be following Jesus now without a faithful saint or two who told us their favorite Bible passages and stories, shared their favorite hymns with us, and exemplified faithful witness and service. Who was most instrumental in your faith development? Thank them today or, if they have died, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their enduring legacy of faith.

Jesus prepares a place of inexpressible joy for us. Only good things await beyond the door we call death. Abundant blessings are in store for those who once were poor in spirit, mourning, or meek; for those who longed for justice and righteousness; and for the peacemakers and pure of heart. These saints are wrapped in the love of God for all eternity. They no longer experience hunger, thirst, tears, pain, suffering, or sorrow. The former things have passed away. All things have been made new!

While here we grieve the death of our beloved ones, we also take heart, knowing that one day we will join the church triumphant and unite our voices with the faithful of every time and place. Alleluia, thanks be to God!

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The Social Activities Committee meets tomorrow at 1:30 pm.

There will be a HAMA (Hastings Area Ministerial Association) Community Thanksgiving Service held at Hope United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 pm.

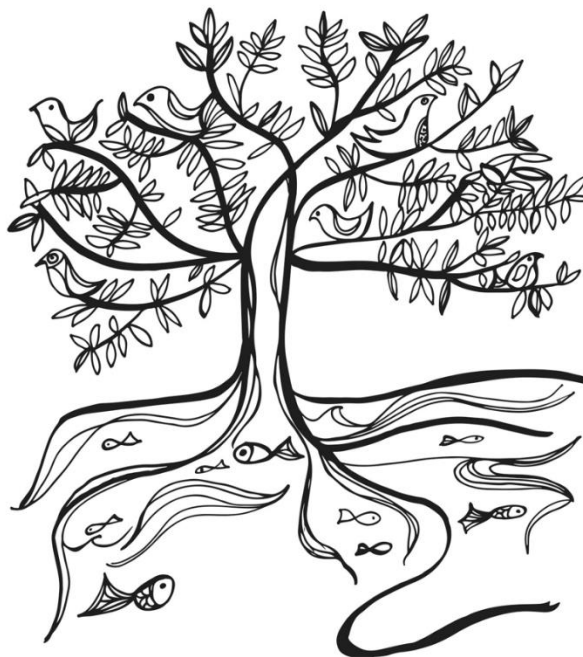
A Game Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 after the worship service. Some games are provided but bring one along! Round up a group for cards - card table and chairs available. Hope to see you there!

The **Hand2Hand Program** helps to provide needs for 76 local students each weekend. **The foods being collected are:** Microwave popcorn, Protein bars, Trail mix, Raisins, Slim Jims, Individual cereal & oatmeal, Cheez-its, Fruit snacks, Fruit cups, Individual Applesauce, Mac 'N Cheese Cups or boxes, Ramen Noodles, Granola bars, and Cereal bars. **Any amount of any of these items is greatly appreciated.** This list is expected to remain pretty much the same throughout the school year. We will know soon how many students are in need. These food items help students who may otherwise be HUNGRY during the weekend when not receiving meals at the schools. **Items are due today. Thank You!!** - Outreach Committee

“God’s Creation” 2027 wall calendars are available for \$10 each. (Get yours soon – when they’re gone, they’re gone.)

Parish Administrator Cindy Olson’s office hours are 10 am to 2:30 pm Mon – Wed.

Pastor Ken’s office hours are 10 am to 12 noon Mon & Wed.



Tree of Life

Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We witness God’s power which gives us life, in the midst of death. Even though we are sinners, God has made us saints.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 46	Views: 208
Weekly Giving: Not available	Budget Amount: Not available
at the time of print	
Offerings received to date through October 11	\$ Not
Offerings received on October 18	+ \$ <u>available</u>
Year to date total offerings (<i>fiscal year</i>)	\$ Not available
at the time of print	
Non-Budget (Grace Projects): Not available at the time of print	

Budget Focus Item

Snow Plow	\$ 1,500.00
Given toward line	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Needed still to meet goal	\$ 1,500.00

It’s time for a new photo directory! Plans are made for a photographer to be at Grace after church **today.** (Backup date: November 22nd) A directory will be created from these pictures and available for purchase, as desired. If you aren’t an “official” member of Grace, but think of Grace as your home congregation, please have your photo taken!

The nursery is available during the worship service. Our Attendant is Aurora Hawkins.

Pasty Sale November 7: Unbaked \$7.00 & Baked \$8.00. Dough making is Wednesday, November 4. Signup sheets for helping and ordering are on the bulletin board.

Women of Faith (WOF) meets on Tuesdays from 11am – noon. We have started a new Bible Study: Spiritual Gifts. All women are welcome.

Brown Bag Bible Study is on Thursdays, Noon – 1pm. We will not meet this Thursday, November 5, or Thanksgiving Day. Come join us as we study the first book of the Bible: Genesis. Remember communion is offered before the study begins.

AED Training is being offered on **November 2 at 6:00 pm.** If you are interested in learning how to use this saving device, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area.