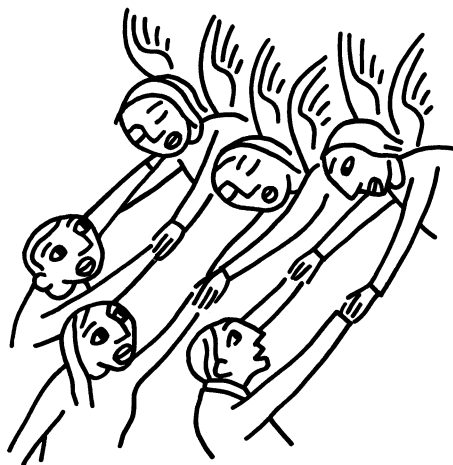




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All Saints Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Our Mission is to be a Caring Inclusive Christian Community responding to God's grace through Worship, Service, and Sharing the Gospel.



RECONCILING *in* CHRIST



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

WELCOME TO APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH!

It is an honor to worship God with you this morning. We pray you experience the loving presence of the Spirit as we share our words, our actions, and the Holy Meal.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out a card in the pew rack with your contact information. A restroom can be found by exiting the rear door of the worship space. It is directly in front of you to the right. Additional restrooms can be found in the back corner of the fellowship area, near the Pastor's office.

RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

We, the people of Apostles Lutheran Church, follow Paul's message to the Galatians (3:28): "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Believing that because we are all one in Christ, and created in God's image, all are welcome as beloved children of God. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. Rejoicing in God's amazing diversity, we welcome people of all ages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, and physical and mental abilities. Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where all are beloved.

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

*Martin Luther said of music: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." Please take a moment to **silence all cell phones**.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise in body or in spirit

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #422, VERSES 1, 2, 6, 7

"For All the Saints"



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.

6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Sit

FIRST LESSON

JOB 19:23-27A

I know that my Redeemer lives and I shall see God

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Response after the First Lesson

Word of the Spirit, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

¹Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed ¹ to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from ¹ lying lips.

²**Let my vindication come forth ¹ from your presence;
let your eyes be ¹ fixed on justice.**

³Examine my heart, visit ¹ me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- ¹ ty in me.

⁴**I have not regarded what ¹ others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the violent. R**

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your ¹ well-worn path;
and my feet ¹ do not slip.

⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will ¹ answer me;
incline your ear to me and ¹ hear my words.**

⁷Show me your marvelous ¹ lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who ¹ rise
against them.

⁸**Keep me as the apple ¹ of your eye;
hide me under the shadow ¹ of your wings,**

⁹from the wicked ¹ who assault me,
from my deadly enemies ¹ who surround me. R

SECOND LESSON

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

The coming of the Lord Jesus

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by

word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Response after the Second Lesson

Word of the Spirit, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit. The gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

LUKE 20:27-38

Jesus speaks of the resurrection; the God of the living

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there

were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel concludes:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

REFLECTION

DR. PETER LILJEBERG

Silence is kept after the reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #423

"Shall We Gather at the River"



- 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.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us to life, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need ...

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unlimited capacity for love and mercy, through your grace.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share a distanced sign of Peace with our neighbors saying
Peace be with you to which we respond **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. To give online:

✚ Visit apostles-elca.org/contributions

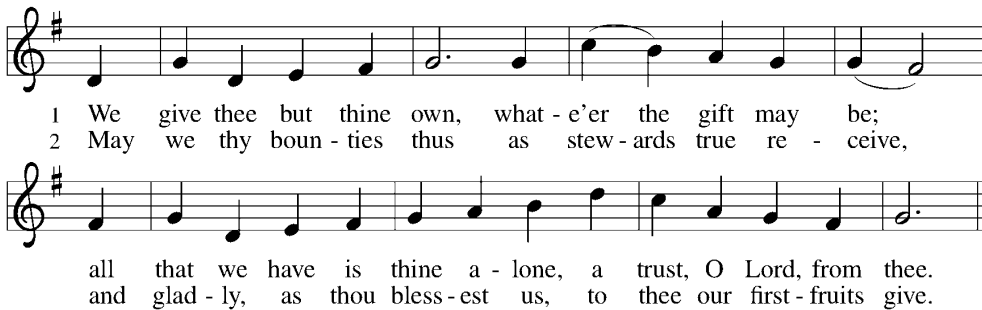
✚ From your mobile phone, text the word *GIVE* to 844-215-5453

Please rise in body or in spirit

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

ELW #686

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

During the song, please come forward, if you wish, light a candle and place it in the crossbox.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission back into the world.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #424

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ÉRFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
 Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Serving Today	Serving Next Week
Worship Leader	Dr. Pete Liljeberg	Ingrid Peterson
Accompanist	Janet Gomez	Janet Gomez
Acolyte	Jade Hawkins	Chase Ambrose
Greeter/Usher	Heinz Albert	Judy Wright
Lector	David Leunig	Teresa Grantham

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Lesson:
Malachi 4:1-2a
*A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of
 healing sun for the righteous*

Psalm 98
In righteousness will the Lord judge the world.
 (Ps. 98:9)

Second Lesson:
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
*Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake
 of Christ*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
*Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and
 suffering for his sake*

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Please take a minute to sign up to provide flowers for our altar – you can make your own arrangements from your garden – if you need vases, we have them. The signup sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Janet Gomez.

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a book located at the rear of the worship space for you to write any prayer requests you have for today. Fill out a “Prayer Request” (on the back of each pew) and place it in the offering plate to add a prayer request to the “Prayer List” included in the bulletin and the newsletter. **Please print legibly!**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, **November 20th**, after the 10:00 AM worship service to discuss and approve a ministry spending plan for 2023. Please make plans to attend – we need your voice and vote!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chris Liljeberg – November 8 | Jim Wright, Sr. – November 9 | David Luenig – November 10 | Joan Podd, Matthew Hautz and Jerry Woodlief – November 11

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kayla and Matthew Hautz – November 9

HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

None This Week

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Opal Baker, Eddie Freeman, Manning Freeman, Don Garfield, Betty Hauch, Michael Schlemmer, George Thomas, Jewel Thomas, Sue and George Turner, and Jerry and Lena Woodlief

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Patricia Armentor, family of Sharon Bagley (friends of Judy Wright), **Paul Bauer, Karen Bell** (Pam Moore's sister), **Sally Burkholder, Amy Carter, the Clements family, Laura Clodfelter, Family of Kimberly Conine, Ben Davis** (friend of Donna Ambrose), **Tommy and Kathie Davis, Mary Divelbiss, Colton Elliot** (Michael Schlemmer's cousin), **Laura Fleige, Teresa Floersheim- Miller** (Ingrid Peterson's mother), **Michelle Fowler** (Reida Avery's daughter), **Dana Goodwin** (Juanita Sturdy's daughter), **Shirley Grimes** (Ben Grimes' mother), **family of Shirlean Hackman, Mike Hall, Chaneice Hayden** (Daniel Hayden) **Carl and Kaleb Hess, Adam Hewko** (nephew of the Hansons), **Aris Hibbs** (friend of Ray Scholz), **Diane Hill** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **the Little Family, Lorraine Malkemus, Lotte Mathias, Wayne Mathews, Jean McKee** (Lilly Frost's grandmother), **Sylvia Midgett** (grandmother of Krystle McMahan), **Keith Morgan, Jamie Mullaney, Carol Pascale** (Lynn Jaeger's mother), **Brad Person** (Lilly Frost's uncle), **Dick Peterson and his brother, Carol Schlemmer, James Schollian** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Michael Scholz** (nephew of Ray Scholz), **Erin Seamonson** (Lara Jaeger), **Kathy Shackleford, Fred Smith, Tammy Smith, Linda Sutterfield, Dave Wagner** (husband of Nancy), **Chuck Webb** (Tina Britt's father), **Makenzie Webb** (niece of Tina Britt), **Elizabeth and Steven White, Kitty Witty, Cory Woodlief, Jim and Carol Wolf, Greg Yvonovich** (friend of Margaret and Ben Grimes), **Derek Zwiers** (friend of CK Ambrose)

OUR SPONSORED CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA

Amayra, Hugolino and Manuela

THIS WEEK AT APOSTLES

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – NOVEMBER 13, 2022

TODAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	First Sunday Potluck Fellowship
	3:00 PM	Caring Community Outing to see "Matilda, The Musical"
MONDAY	7:00 PM	Men's AA
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
THURSDAY	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:00 PM	LIGHT DAWNS BIBLE STUDY - ZOOM
SATURDAY	6:30 PM	AA Young and Sober
SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship