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All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2024

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –10:00AM

***Congregation Standing**

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

* A Call to Worship

P: Like the faithful ones who have gone before us, let us keep our eyes focused on Jesus,

C: Our hearts set on God's love,

P: Our hands ready to bind up the hurts of creation and all people,

C: Our feet ready to go the extra mile.

P: Let our eyes see light even within darkness and glimpse potential where others see dead ends.

C: Give us mouths eager to sing God's praise and hearts yearning to rejoice.

P: Like the ones who have gone before us.

C: Let us follow as part of the communion of saints.

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives**

for the good of your world

and the care of our neighbors,

following in the servant way of Jesus.

Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✚ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn 422**

“For All the Saints”

* Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

* Gloria

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* 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.

First Lesson: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalms 24*

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all ¹ that is in it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

² **For the LORD has founded it up- ¹ on the seas
and established it up- ¹ on the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is
false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

⁸ **Who is this | King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this | King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.**

Second Lesson: *Revelation 21:1-6a*

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

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P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *John 11:32-44*

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.”⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Martha MacGill

Hymn 362 (Verses 1, 2, 6, 8) **“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

* Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty.
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayer of the Church

Remembering the Faithful Departed

P: O God, we thank and praise you for your saints of every time and place.
Thank you for all who placed their hope in you Lord Jesus and now rest
in your peace and joy. Today we remember with thanksgiving to you
brothers and sisters who gone to be with you during the past year. We
remember before you this day:

**William “Billy” Brotemarkle, Jr., Patricia Crawford, Larry Zajdel,
Garrett W. Buser, Terry C. Tedrow, Rebecca Zajdel, Karen Failinger,
Mary Keifer, Janice Whitney, Laura Wilson, Doris Burley,
Richard Pesta, Roxie Moon DeMonbrun, Susan Rene Balentine,
Kim Fisher, Paul E. Green, John Bradfield, Kim Jackson,
Donald Robertson, Cassie Rice, Ralph Dietle, Beth Grayson,**

**Judy Dawson Moncovich, Harry Iser, James Marshall, Bob Raymond,
Emma Mae Williams, Mary Elizabeth Knight Goode,
Joyce Terry Carter, McArthur ‘Mack’ Royster, Lorena Royster,
Carnell N. Marable, Jr., Michael Conrad Perry,
Jacob Fitzgerald Wills, James Donnell Royster,
Dr. Preston Mckee Royster, Marc Okiaya Butler, Jr.,
Dr. Norvell ‘Van’ Coots, Dr. John Gallin, Tatiana Marshall**

P: As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn 674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

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**Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain***

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* Offertory Prayer

L: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: Amen.

* The 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 God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightand join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy)

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* The Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

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.

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

This week –

This Sunday –Worship & Holy Communion – Guest Preacher, Rev. Martha MacGill –
10:00am

Monday – Soup making starting at 8:30am

Tuesday – General Election Day – Reach Committee selling Soup 9:00am

Wednesday – Worship with Holy Communion – 6:30pm, Chancel Choir – 7:30pm

Thursday – Red Cross Blood Drive – 12:30-6:00PM

Next Sunday – Worship & Holy Communion – 10:00am, followed by Adult SCS in upper
kitchen

Fall seasonal EMR Campaign: "**Abundant Gifts from Autumn**" *As a sign of our abundant gifts this Autumn, please* pick up a pumpkin (Mission and Generosity) from the narthex today and enjoy at your home this fall! Maybe a pumpkin pie! *There will be a free will offering basket, all proceeds will go towards the holiday baskets.*

If you have not pick-up your packet with Pledge card, time and talent sheets and your new 2025 offering envelopes, they are available in the narthex. Please return your Pledge card and Time & Talents by November 10th.

Your Social Ministry team is preparing to distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to 25 or more needy households in our area. We began the collection of cash and food items and will conclude when we assemble the food baskets on Sunday, November 17th. Our plan is to use cash donations to purchase grocery store gift cards (for a main course like ham or turkey) and perishable items for the baskets. We're also hoping for donations of non-perishable items that we're collecting on a table in the Narthex (under the bulletin board). **Sign-up sheets** are present for each of the requested non-perishable items, which need to be brought to church no later than Sunday, November 17th. Cash donations can be sent to the office marked "**Thanksgiving basket.**" A donation of \$55 would cover the cost of a whole basket, but cash donations in any amount are appreciated. If you have any questions, or would like to help us shop for groceries and assemble the food baskets, please reach out to Ruth Chiarenza at 301-729-5070. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Social Ministry working on the ever-growing needs of the **LaVale Food Pantry**. Please consider buying extra on your next shopping trip and remember that they don't want any foods in glass jars. They also love to get cans with pop-tops, so that a can opener isn't required. *If you have any wrapped plasticware or (recently obtained) condiment packets from your restaurant carry-out orders, the Food Pantry will take those as well!*

The Church Council’s Nominating Committee is seeking individuals who would be willing to serve on the Church Council. Yes, it is a daunting task, but applying a little humor makes it less so. So, here are the **Top Ten Reasons why you should serve on CLC’s Church Council (with apologies to David Letterman):**

10. Because I care about what happens within our congregation and within the ELCA.
9. Because I want to help the Church be responsive to the needs of our local community.
8. Because I want to help the Church take an active part in our region, our nation, and our world.
7. Because I want to give my life more meaning by participating in something larger than myself.
6. Because I have some ideas about how our congregation can be even more vibrant than it already is and want to put those ideas into action.
5. Because my New Year’s Resolution was focused on self-improvement and serving on Church Council will help me to develop new skills and gosh-darn it, be a better person overall.
4. Because I have never served on the CLC Church Council or haven’t served on a church governing body in quite a long time.
3. Because I want to work with other people in order to feel more a part of the congregation and thereby enhance my spiritual life.
2. Because I felt sorry for the members of the Nominating Committee, or guilty about being a member of CLC and not doing anything to give back to the congregation.
1. And the number one reason why I should serve on CLC’s Church Council . . . Because if I don’t do it, no one will.

This year (2025), we will face a leadership change on Council. We are looking for several people who would be willing to take a leadership position (The term of office for most positions is one year.) and, while we would prefer not to ask a new member to take on a leadership position right off the bat, we simply do not have enough continuing members on the Church Council who are willing and able to fill all of the needed roles.

So, if a member of the Nominating Committee contacts you, please consider saying **“YES.”** Or better yet, if you are willing to serve in any capacity, please don’t hesitate to contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Sonya Cooper Lathrop, Katia Hilderbrand, or Kathy Powell).

Election Day Soup, Roll and Bake Sale

Nov. 5, 2024 9:00 am till 8:00pm or until sold out

Proceeds to the Community REACH Meal

Soups available will be Beef Vegetable and Chicken Noodle by the quart.

Rolls will be available by the dozen or half dozen

Would like to offer a bake sale, if possible, asking for donations from the church family. Please bring your baked goods donations individually packaged and priced, if possible.

Questions- see MarySue Crawford, Kristan Fazenbaker, Diane Klinetob, Val Llewellyn or Barb Simmons

Looking for volunteers to help with:

Monday prep starting at 8:30 am

Tuesday sale of soup, rolls, bake goods starting at 9:00 am

Would prefer 2 hour increments or more with 3 persons

Signup sheet will be in narthex



News from the Garden!

Celebrate with us! We have had a wonderful garden season this year. Even with a severe drought, we were able to take over 726 pounds of fresh produce to the food pantry! We will spend the next couple of weeks winterizing the garden and then begin planning for next year. Thank you for all your encouragement and support in this ministry. ***Carolyn, Kathy and the other CLC gardeners.***

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – October 27, 2024

Joint Reformation Service

Attendance In-Person 10:00am = 160

Adult SCS = none

Zoom 10:00am = 26

Wed Oct 30 In-Person 6:30pm = 7

Zoom 6:30pm = 4

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2024

Received = \$ 3,228.00

Needed weekly = 3,822.66
(594.66)

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-SEPT 2024

Income = \$ 152,338.74

Actual Expenses = (153,284.28)
(945.54)

PRAYER LIST FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2024

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Charlotte Luy
Ed Havens
Jane & Clem Dawson
Pam Mulligan
Kim Shoemaker
Ashley Shoemaker
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Jack Zealand
Fay Crawford
John Hafer III
Kara Fleming and baby, Miles
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Carolyn Yommer
David Tibbetts
Donna Yaider
Joyce DeMonbrun
Marian Bittle
Robert Twinn
Steven Hansrote
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Patty Wilson
Mary Lou Rowles
Laura Murray
Anna Bruck
Burt Leach
Leanne & Jason Leasure
Rick & April Rounds

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Christina Puffinburger Elwood & Janet Glass
Raymond Garthwait, Stephen Overtoom Gail Dawson
Emersyn, Colsen – twins of Brian & Lexi Norris Gail Dawson
Lee Anna Lewis, Barbara Williams Sharon M
Joe & Darlene K, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters Dianne Short
Arlene Simmons. Amy, Ed Troutman, Jacie Fairall Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber Jack Zealand
Trina, Trinity, Asia, Faith Debbie & Pam
Cheryl Trusler Joyce D
Cheri Bielen Jim & Jane Miller
Ann Humberson Marian Bittle
Kevin Mistretta, Carolyn Farr, Kendra Morriss, Paula Rose Diane Klinetob
Lisa Storm, Carol Lehr, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford Diane Klinetob
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, Cora Evans Antoinette Royster
Carmen and Lance Jackson Antoinette Royster
Bill Edwards Rae Ann Smith
Mary Jane Robertson, Deb Kolb Shirley & Jim Smith
Zander Meese, Mary Beachy Shirley & Jim Smith
Brittney Meyer Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Gretchen Burke Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco John Cocco
Carolyn Robinette, Reagan Hawk, Nayano Taylor Neumann Lita Havens
Bernie Hartsock Steven Hansrote
Erich Bean, Gary Gurad, Jazmyn White Sherry Tedrow
Pam Highland, Tara McInturff, Stephanie Durst, Sherry T
Hiawatha, Susan Myers Sonya Cooper Lathrop
Rheta Luy Charlotte & Dale Luy
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane Kristan Fazenbaker
Kay Head Terri McCagh
Mary Lou Dorsey Trina Firey
Vic Werner Barbara Martin
Belinda Keller Linda McCagh
Madeline Lopes Al James

Requested by

Please keep us updated

- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all people affected by natural disasters this week
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds

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