

November 2, 2025
10:15 AM
All Saints' Sunday
Communion

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

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

Handbell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ELW 422 For All the Saints

Verses 1-2 – ALL

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 – Men

Verse 5 – Women

Verses 6-7 – ALL

Please be seated.

ALL SAINTS' LITANY

We celebrate All Saints' Sunday by naming the members of this faith community who have died in the past year. Each person's name is read, naming them as part of the communion of saints, the great cloud of witnesses - and in doing so, we celebrate that death does not have the last word, as we proclaim life eternal in Christ Jesus.

We light candles in remembrance of those who have come before us, who have changed our lives forever, and who live on in our hearts. Let us give thanks to those names and faces that have impacted and shaped our lives forever.

Let us pray.

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth, we praise you, O God. **Amen.**

Doris Slonaker

Cheryl Hartzell

Doris Keller

Randy Simmon

Margaret Simon

Marie Fretz

Karen Bush

Robert Graf

Ernest 'Sonny' Carson

Ruthann Jadick

Larry Neetz

We light candles to remember the names and faces of those who are not named individually -
for those victims of natural disasters.
for those who gave their lives so that others may live.
for those victims of violence around the world.
for those individuals not read aloud today, but still in our memories and in our hearts.

At the same time, we celebrate new birth among us: children and grandchildren, siblings and friends:

Kellen Christopher McElwee

Henry Oliver Nonkovic

Samson John Skyrn

Parents, children, siblings and partners who died this year – children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews born this year. All of them, beloved saints of God.

Holy God of wind and fire;
dance through our worship today.
Holy God of earthquakes and illness;
share our tears of sadness and pain.

Holy God of creation and new beginnings:
show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor will sing the Alleluia, the congregation will sing the Alleluia, the cantor will sing the verse and the congregation will respond with the Alleluia.



GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 1030 Death Be Never Last

1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing

bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low

morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain
Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,
saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

NICENE CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the phrase:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude...

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Pié Jesu - Mary Lynn Lightfoot
St. John's choir

Translation of the text:
Merciful Jesus Lord,
grant to them rest.
Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest everlasting.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 502 The King of Love my Shepherd is

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 437 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Rejoice in God's Saints - David Cherwien

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Richard Ditzler, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Marie Wolfe, Erik Ockenlaender, Bob Ernst, Sr., Michael Toth, Ray Moats, Mary Eberle, Tom Gracie and the Isett family.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Nov 3	5:30pm Soup & Study 7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal
Wednesday, Nov 5	7-8:15pm Confirmation Learning
Sunday, Nov 9	8am Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 3-5pm Girl Scouts 6-8pm Girl Scouts

Advent Tree Gifts Once again this year, St. John's will partner with two organizations to provide Christmas gifts to our local community. On Nov 23, the Advent trees will go up with tags for residents from Pennsburg Manor. These gifts need to be returned to St. John's – *wrapped and with the tag attached* – by Sunday, December 14.



An online gift registry will go live on November 23 with gift suggestions for the Rev. Harvey Davis Family Fund through KenCrest. KenCrest is a social services agency that supports community development for people with intellectual or development disabilities as well as young children and is supported by the SEPA Synod. The gifts from the online registry need to be returned to St. John's – *unwrapped* – by Sunday, December 14.

We appreciate your generosity in helping residents of Pennsburg Manor and children served by KenCrest have a wonderful Christmas this year!



The Reformed Churches in the Upper Perk Valley are hosting a **Thanksgiving Worship service and Dinner** on Sunday, November 23rd starting at 4pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC in East Greenville. The dinner is free. Please RSVP by 11/16 to 215-679-2041.



Fall Concert Series continues on Sunday, November 16th at 2pm from a Contemporary Praise and Worship team called Rock Solid. Join us at St. John's for this concert and stay for light refreshments following.



Taizé Worship Service, a mid-week contemplative service, will be held Wednesday, November 19th at 6pm here at St. John's Lutheran Church.



Order a Wreaths Across America wreath for a veteran's headstone in Freiden's Cemetery. Join us for the placing ceremony on December 13th at 10AM. Goto: <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/175562> to place your order.

December 13th is **the Christmas Bazaar and our celebrated Cookie Walk**. If you are willing to bake some



cookies, please pick up a form in the narthex or parlor or contact Kathy Drosey at kjdbeach@comcast.net or

Sarah Toback sarahtoback@gmail.com with any questions.