



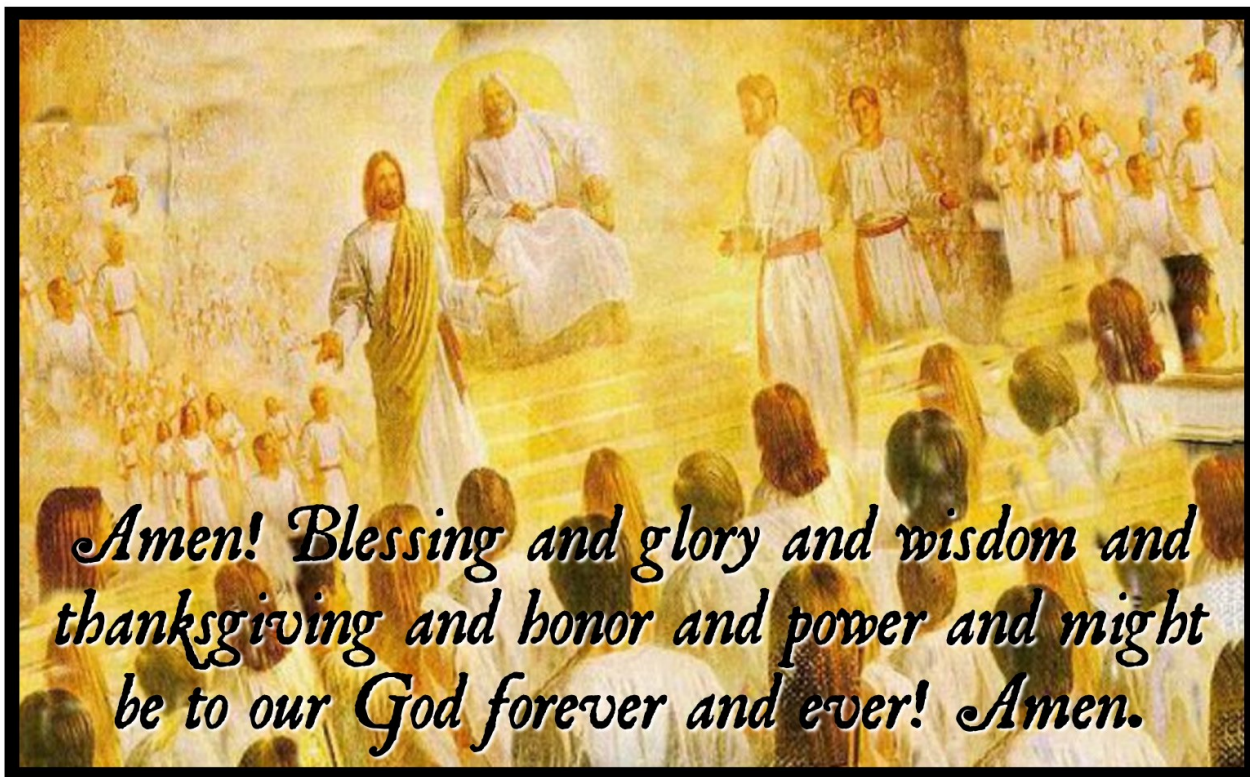
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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

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Holy Communion
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10:15 a.m.

✠ **IN NOMINE JESU** ✠
(In the Name of Jesus)

Welcome to
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Sunday, November 5, 2023

All Saints Day Observed

GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

OUR COMMUNION POLICY: Communicant members of LC-MS congregations are welcome to join us for Communion. Please mark the Fellowship Book, providing us with your address and the name of your home congregation. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice "close communion." If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

IN TODAY'S READINGS: Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, *"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne"* (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Hymn 475

[Please stand]

INVOCATION

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P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C **♪ Amen.**

Matthew 28:20

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **♪ Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C **♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C **♪ Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

GLORIA PATRI

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C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. *Mark 10:47*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C ♪ Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C ♪ And with thy spirit.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ Amen.

[Please sit]

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming 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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b;

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-3; Psalm 84:5

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

[Please stand and face the pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]

VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

[C] **♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

[P] Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith

[C] **♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

[C] **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

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

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

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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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”*

Hymn 656

SERMON “The Seal of Salvation”

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OFFERTORY

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[C] **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Psalm 51:10-12

[Please sit]

RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

PAUSE TO PONDER: Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (Revelation 14:13)
Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

Alfred Bohot - March 25
Nancy I. Pietsch - June 11
Paul Schramm - June 21

Jim Duke - June 19
Carolyn Bamsch - July 25

P Let us pray.
O Lord, in joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we also remember before You all our departed kin and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises.

Lord, remember Your church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints we may give You glory forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

[Please stand]

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, faithful God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into Your keeping. Deliver us in Your righteousness from all that would harm the body or assault the soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gentle Lord, visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O God, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for Your sake and whose witness calls all to faithfulness. Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, comfort us by Your abiding presence and satisfy all who call on You in need especially J.C., Wilma, Douglas, Wesley, Louis, and all those we name in our hearts today. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, release them from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, be with Your Church and all her members who belong to You by Baptism and faith. At the bidding of the Lamb, our Shepherd, give us ears to hear Your Word and faith to receive Him in His blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant that we may be brought to everlasting life with the faithful who have gone before us who now rest from their labors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Book of Life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** ♪ And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
- C** ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *[Psalm 136]*
- C** ♪ It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

SANCTUS

- C** ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C** 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always! *John 20:19*
- C** ♪ Amen.
- C** ♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *John 1:29*

Silent Prayer before Communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul at the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>"For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest"</i>	<i>Hymn 463</i>
<i>"Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest"</i>	<i>Hymn 390</i>
<i>"Blessed Are the Sons of God"</i>	<i>Hymn 391</i>
<i>"Blest Is the Man, Forever Blest"</i>	<i>Hymn 392</i>
<i>"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"</i>	<i>Hymn 371</i>


Silent Prayer after Communing:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

[Please stand]

NUNC DIMITTIS


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C  Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C  And His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 107:1

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness did send Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we ask You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C  Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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P The Lord be with you.


2 Timothy 4:22

C  **And with Thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C  **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless Thee and keep Thee. The Lord make His face shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee  and give Thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C  **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Blest are They"

LSB Hymn 982

* (choir vs. 1-3, congregation vs. 4-5)



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in
cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
thirst; They shall have their fill.
heart; They shall see God!
faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.
king - dom; Shine for all to see.

Refrain

Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless-ed are you,

ho-ly are you. Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the

king - dom of God. _____

POSTLUDE



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Bible Class is studying the book of Revelation. Dragons, beasts, and plagues...armies of angels, martyrs, and a slaughtered lamb...If you've never studied Revelation, or if it's a book that intimidates you, this will be a class you won't want to miss. We'll talk about the importance of Revelation; its place in the Bible; why it's not really a scary book for Christians; what some of the strange visions and images are really all about; and more. This study will provide an overview of the book and a chapter by chapter survey of the material. Please plan to join us as we take up the last book of the Bible and learn of the great comfort and hope that it imparts!

Choir - The group that is singing the choir part for the closing hymn has a love for singing. This is an informal setting, and this morning is being accompanied with the piano. You are invited to join them in the future, just let Ann or Carol know.

Restrictions lifted - Good News! Now that the burn ban has been lifted for Fayette County, the restrictions on BBQing at the picnic grounds have also been lifted. Any questions, call the church office or a Trustee.

Vote here - The fellowship hall will be used as a voting location this Tuesday, November 7th, from 7AM-7PM for precinct 10 voters. Don't forget to come and vote!

The Ladies Aid will meet this Tuesday at 7PM in the Old Parish Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!

The next Game Day will be this week Thursday, November 9th, from 12PM-2PM in the fellowship hall. A light lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting! If you have a favorite game, you are encouraged to bring it. Come out and enjoy some time with friends and neighbors. Help spread the word - everyone is invited!

Youth group will meet again next Sunday, Nov. 12th, at 11:15. The youth have been asking about doing another cooking/baking challenge, so we are doing an "Is it Cake?" Challenge. Once we have RSVPs, we will put them into pairs and groups and they will pick a Thanksgiving food to recreate (during youth group) as a cupcake. White cupcake making supplies, food coloring, icing, and liners will be provided. We will bring a few other odds and ends, but if they need anything specific for their idea, they will need to bring it with them. They may bring in a recipe or photos, but cannot construct any part of their cupcakes until they arrive at youth. Please RSVP to Chelsea if your kid(s) will be there by Wednesday.

Did you miss the deadline to sign your kiddo up for the Christmas program? One last chance to contact Carol Schramm by Wednesday of this week at 242-3232 or contact the church office at 242-3333. Practices will start on Sunday, Nov. 26th, during the Sunday School hour. If you signed up your child or grandchild to participate, please make sure they practice their parts (once received) and are here for practices starting on the 26th. Any questions? Contact Carol at 242-3232.

A freewill bake sale will be held next Monday, November 13th, in conjunction with the Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund pulled pork taco dinner. **(A few Taco tickets are still available this morning.)** Baked goods will be available for pickup at the picnic grounds when you pick up your taco plates. If you would be willing to donate an item or two, you can bring your items to church on Sunday morning, the 12th, or have them to the picnic grounds by 3pm on Monday, the 13th. The Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to provide full tuition to Faith Lutheran High School to an incoming freshman. For questions or more info, contact Cyndy Zoch at 979-966-3166.

The Friendship Circle at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings is taking orders for tamales for Christmas. They will come from the Delicious Tamale Factory in San Antonio. Pork or Spicy Pork for \$15/doz. Pick up hot on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Immanuel. (Christine can deliver them to Warda on Thursday.) Order by Dec. 7th by calling Christine Hunt at 979.540.0703 or emailing cjhuntavon@gmail.com. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship for an Immanuel Lutheran Church member student to attend Faith Lutheran High School next school year. Thanks for your support!!

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 151 Bible Class: 39 Sunday School: 18

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>October 15</u>	<u>October 22</u>	<u>October 29</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150
Offering Received	\$ 2,505	\$ 1,495	\$3,060
Short/Over	\$ (2,645)	\$ (3,655)	\$ (2,090)
Offerings received through e-giving October 1-31:\$2,060.67			

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 10th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us for this fun evening!

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

Pie Sale

FLHS will have a Pie Sale on Sunday, November 19th with pick up at Holy Cross, Immanuel, St. Paul Serbin and Mt. Calvary. All pies are a generous 10-inch size and deep-dish. PreOrders only. **Pecan pies** are \$30 each and **Pumpkin pies** are \$25 each. Place your order by calling FLHS at 242-2889 or the church office at 242-3333. Deadline to order is Monday, November 13th.

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Thursday, November 16th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Helene Hobratschk's birthday on November 2nd by Lisa Wood.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Wilma Kaiser, at home, recovering from an infection

J.C. Kaiser, recovering from a procedure

Douglas Beck, dad of Pastor Beck

Wesley Cervenka, brother of Debbie Knox, cancer has spread

Louis Jakiel (son of Wendy Wagner's co-worker) making good strides in recovery following a serious motorcycle accident several weeks ago

Thank you all for the cards, phone calls and words of care during our recent illnesses and procedures. We are both feeling much better and on the road to recovery! Your thoughtfulness and prayers are very much appreciated. *J.C. & Wilma Kaiser*

Those who serve today: November 5, 2023

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mr. John Gay	Lector
Mrs. Lisa Gay	Greeter
Mr. Mike Tabbert	Audio/Video System
Brayden Schramm	Acolyte

Elders on Duty

Mr. Doug Lehmann, Mr. Brian Varner, Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Confirmation
TUESDAY	7AM - 7PM	Vote Here (Fayette County Prct. 10)
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid (in the old parish hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
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THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle* w/salad luncheon
		*Last day for this year
	12:00 p.m.	Game Day—light lunch served
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Couple's Club
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Group ("Is it Cake" Challenge)

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)