

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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November 6, 2022 Contemporary 11:05 AM

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost / All Saints

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** Love God, Love Neighbor (*Luke 10:27*)

**VISION STATEMENT:** We will work to strengthen and grow closer in relationship to God and to one another.

- *As we enter into a sacred time and space, a friendly reminder to please set your cell phone to vibrate.*
- *We want to welcome all of our guests today and thank you for worshiping with us. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding our services, programs, day care, or preschool programs at St. Paul, please visit our Welcome Center in the narthex immediately following our service, and an attendant will be more than happy to assist you. If this is your first time at St. Paul, we hope you will take a gift along with you. We also have a gift bag for children.*

\* This symbol indicates that the congregation is invited to stand physically or in spirit.

**INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SIGNING OF ATTENDANCE PADS**

*(Ushers will be handing out Attendance Pads during the announcements. Please be sure to sign your name and contact information.)*

\* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

*Silence for reflection and private confession of personal sins.*

P Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**GOSPEL SONG: ELW #728 BLEST ARE THEY**

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.**

**CHORUS:**

***Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!***

**Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.**

**Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. CHORUS**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 6:20-31

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.*

A The holy gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 6, verses 20-31.

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will

mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

**GOSPEL SONG: ELW #728 BLEST ARE THEY**  
**Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.**  
**Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.**

**CHORUS:**  
*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!*  
*Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

**Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.**  
**Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. CHORUS**

**Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.**  
**Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. CHORUS**  
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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

\* **SERMON SONG: 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

**CHORUS:**  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship Your holy name.*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.*

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing**  
**Your song again! Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,**  
**Let me be singing when the evening come. CHORUS**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great,**  
**And Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing.**  
**Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. CHORUS**

**And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and**  
**My time has come; Still my soul sings Your praise unending,**  
**Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

**CHORUS TWICE:**  
***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship Your holy name.***  
***Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship Your holy name.***

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### \* APOSTLES' CREED

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**  
**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(The congregation may be seated during the prayers.)*

### ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

**P** On this weekend of All Saints, we worship and glorify God.  
**C** **The earth is the Lord's. Let us rejoice!**  
**P** Listen now, my people, and come to me. Come to me and you will have life! (Isaiah 55:3a)  
**C** **Everything that God has created is good; nothing is to be rejected, but everything is to be received with a prayer of thanks.** (1 Timothy 4:4)  
**P** I will make a lasting covenant with you and give you the blessings I promise to David. (Isaiah 55:3b)  
**C** **Those who know you, Lord, will trust you; you do not abandon anyone who comes to you.** (Psalm 9:10)

*The white candles are placed in memory of the following members who have died since last All Saints Sunday. As each name is read, a candle is extinguished.*

**P** We remember those saints who finished their course of faith on earth over this last year:

|                              |          |                        |         |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|---------|
| William Riley "Bill" Rodgers | 11-6-21  | Judith "Judy" Brisco   | 3-10-22 |
| Barbara Ann Leenen Prause    | 12-10-21 | James Wallace Booker   | 3-13-22 |
| Victor Samuel Bedford        | 12-28-21 | Dolores Fay Wessels    | 6-21-22 |
| Thomas "Tom" Robert Decker   | 1-28-22  | Beatrice Minnie Zikuhr | 7-29-22 |
| James Bret "Bret" McCabe     | 2-15-22  | Doris Mae Poppe        | 8-24-22 |

The additional candle is for others close to our hearts who have passed away over the past year.

**The blue candle** is in honor of those who were baptized into the church of Jesus Christ since last All Saints Sunday.

P New saints accepted by God in baptism:

|                       |          |                             |         |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Leira Maciel Gonzalez | 11-13-21 | Vallie Shane Klaus          | 4-24-22 |
| Harlan Daniel Gorman  | 11-20-21 | Arsenio Davis Piedra-Torres | 5-15-22 |
| Hazel Lynn Templeton  | 2-27-22  |                             |         |

**The red candle** is in honor of those young people who made public profession of their faith in confirmation since last All Saints Sunday:

P Those saints who affirmed their baptism in confirmation:

|                       |         |                            |         |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| Cullen Travis Barrett | 5-22-22 | Layla Faith Schindler      | 5-22-22 |
| Brook Lynn David      | 5-22-22 | Makalya Jade Woolery-Price | 5-22-22 |

#### PRAYERS

A United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, we pray for peace in Ukraine. Help to end this war and the destruction of lives and your creation. Change hearts, bring peace and show the world your existence.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, we pray for all those in need of healing and whose needs are diverse and known to you including:  
Paul Minar; Cleo Justine Scott; Lydia Rojas; Bobby Zajicek; Barry Shepard; those on our Prayer Team's list; and those we name in our hearts before you.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, we pray for all those battling cancer that they may know comfort and strength. *(Pause for those we are praying for.)*

Bob Stiles; Vivian Fortenberry; Rick Davis; Edna Bergfeld; Mack Machacek; Hines Harrison; Darryl Stancik; Jerry Ordner; Michael Yancey; Bubba Bencal; Al Gene Canik; Jane Venghaus Taylor; George Wright; Elrose Kollatschny; Sarah Stancik; Sandy Mosley; Charlene Tesch; Cynthia Coufal; Jeffrey McDaniel; Karen Bailiff; Julian Divin; Nancy Biers; Angie Beggs; Pam Potter; Charlie Hammock; Brad Bryson; Lynette Frnka; Riana Jamison; Jenna Escamilla; Margaret Ortiz; Keith Korth; Jodi Sebesta; Cathy Siglow; Paul Casinger; Fran Gillett; Tiffany Murley; DeQuincy Lister; Angela Mazoch; Lily Presswood; Denise Lange; Doug Mason; Dr. Tom Hancher; Joe Berry; Gracie Brune; Margaret Rogers; Leonard Kahlden; Curtis Wallin; Megan Burch; Lisa Grazier; Phyllis Behrend; Jessica Mauchlen; Donna Tiner; Libby Divin; Diane Brooks; Bob Loy; Stanley King; Monty Gillett; Dawn Foster; Edward Halcolm; Amber Smith Kutach; Louis Camacho; Melvin Schobel; Janet Greene; Sabrina Galindo; Debbie Grimes; Horst Traub; Margie Fisk; Preston Carter; Penny Miller; Carl Hahn; Megan Cain; Amanda Fuchs; Cyndi Wallace; Karen Broussard; Donna Young; Sharon Heimann; and Brenda Baker.

A Holy One, we pray for all expectant mothers, and especially for:  
Jessica Johnson; Ashley Dungen; and Magen Schindler Altieri that they have healthy terms and deliveries, and if not, may they find comfort and peace.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, we pray for all those who reside in care facilities and the homebound that they receive your caring and compassion. *(Pause for those we are praying for.)*  
Stan Lawson; John W. Brasher; Lydia Rojas; Adrian Fritsch; Don Morrison; Verna Coufal; Doug Hill; John Zwiengel; Robert Saunders; Coy Dell Schindler; Deanna Lee; Barbara McMath; Linda Munos Rodgers; Madeline Menke; Doris Horndt; Helen Perrard; Delores Purcell; Jane Booker; Curtis Berger; Dolores Hoelscher; Jesse Grabow; Ronnie Rogers; Joyce Dehmer; and Donna Dehmer.

A Holy One, we pray for all law enforcement officers, fire fighters, first responders, healthcare workers, 9-1-1 dispatchers, and active duty military personnel that they are protected and kept safe. *(Pause for those we are praying for.)*  
Law enforcement officers: Todd Jacobs; Troy Neisner; Jacob Gorman; Nancy Gorman; Johnny Kovar; Abbigail Weido; Dustin Lattimore; Luke Kanz; Bruno Flores; Zane Weido; Josh Jones; as well as Donnie Templeton and Jason Templeton who are also fire fighters. For all fire fighters, first responders, healthcare workers and 9-1-1 dispatchers, especially Brent Gorman, Sr.; Brent Gorman, Jr.; Reid Brasher; Dusty Dittmar; John Maertz; Ron Luedke; Pastor Alan Kethan; Kristi Weyand; Eric Weyand; Bradley Berger; Jon Berger; James Chollett; Edward Thraen, Jr.; Garrett Flores; Kyle Burris; Dylan Walcik; Randy Wendt; Travis Neuendorff; Brenda Henkes; and Jan Willette, as well as those active duty military members including Brian Anderson; Michael Graham; Bryan Kubena; Brad Bergfeld; Cody Jowers; Kyle Appelt; Montana Appelt; Douglas Neuendorff; Scott Cherniss; Kameron Page;

Ryan Neisner; Anthony D'Angelo; Dalton Kapel; Kindra Dawson; William Phillips; and Kevin Gonzalez.

- A Holy One, we pray for the church throughout the world. May we all proclaim the good news of your love effectively. We ask, especially, that you would bless the ministry of our sister congregations Cristo Rey and Iglesia Cristiana Camino de Santidad in Peru, all Missionaries, especially St. Paul's supported missionary, Dina Anton de Espinoza, and our companion synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic.

*A brief silence.*

- A Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you.

*A brief silence.*

- A Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* **PEACE**

- P As Jesus shared peace, let us also share His peace with one another. *(Share the "Peace of the Lord" with your neighbors.)*

***(We will be collecting offerings before and after worship each week. This includes Power of One dollars.)***

#### **OFFERING and POWER OF ONE**

*"Power of One" is a ministry sponsored by your Stewardship Team. We are asking each and every one of our members to give \$1.00 above what your normal giving would be. We are asking each member to place this \$1.00 bill or change in the offering plate each week. The team is also inviting all children to participate to develop the habit of giving as part of their worship experience. Parents, a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar bill, any of these will do to help your children develop a habit of giving. These "Power of One" dollars will be used to support local ministries and ministries abroad. The purpose of this ministry is to demonstrate that something as small as one dollar can be used to make a difference in the lives of others.*

\* **OFFERING PRAYER**

- P Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

\* **REMEMBERING JESUS' WORDS, PROMISES, AND COMMANDS**

\* **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.**

\* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- P Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.  
**C Amen.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION** (Continuous with Individual Cups)

*{Distribution will be continuous. All are welcome for communion. Please come down the center aisle starting from the front. Follow directions of the ushers, coming up one side at a time. Pastor will hand you the bread. If you wish to have a gluten-free wafer, please tell Pastor "Gluten-free, please." Afterward, you will choose either wine or white grape juice from the individual cups in the tray – white grape juice in the center with wine surrounding. Place the empty cups in the baskets located off to the side. Although communion is continuous, you are welcome to kneel at the rail in prayer after receiving communion. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.}*

\* **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* **BLESSING**

- P 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.

**C Amen.**

\* **CLOSING SONG: ONE OF THESE DAYS**

**One of these days I'm gonna fly over the mountain.  
One of these days I'm gonna ride on the silver lining.  
One of these days I'm gonna witness all I've been missing.  
One of these days. . .**

**One of these days I'm gonna do all the things that I've never done.  
I'm gonna finish all the races that I've run but I've never won.  
And I'm gonna see a million faces, recognize everyone. One of these days. . .**

**CHORUS**

*One of these days, I'm gonna see the hand that took the nails for me.  
One of these days, I'm gonna hold the key to the mansion built for me.  
One of these days, I'm gonna walk the streets of gold that were paved for me.  
One of these days, I'm gonna see my Savior face to face. One of these d-a-y-s!*

**One of these days I'm gonna see just what became of me  
On the day that I believed when You took myself from me.  
And I believe I will see what I would have been if You didn't save me.  
One of these days. . .**

**And one of these days I'm gonna talk with all the saints that have gone before.  
And in their sandals I will walk, and we will sit along the shore.  
And I will learn all the things that I never knew before. All this and more!**

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE**

**One of these days. . . One of these days. . .  
One of these days. . . One of these days. . .**

**One of these days I'll finally be in a place where there's no more need.  
No more pain and no more grief, no more foolish disbelief.  
And all the joy there will be, when at last we finally see. One of these days!**

**LAST CHORUS**

**One of these days, I'm gonna see the hand that took the nails for me.  
One of these days, I'm gonna hold the key to the mansion built for me.  
One of these days, I'm gonna walk the streets of gold that were paved for me.  
One of these days, I'm gonna see my Jesus face to face. One of these d-a-y-s!**

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**\* DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.                      **C** Thanks be to God, and we will.

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**USHERS:** Aaron & Amanda Oppermann; Loraine Gast; Adam Torres  
**LAY READER:** Gary Schindler                      **ACOLYTE:** Boden Muir  
**STREAMING:** Kay Wesson                      **POWER POINT:** Peggy Geisler  
**SOUND:** Todd Jacobs                      **ALTAR GUILD:** Amanda Oppermann

**WELCOME:** Welcome to worship this All Saints' weekend. As we remember the faithful who have gone before us, we also rejoice to be called saints of God through baptism.

**ALTAR WALL FLOWERS** are placed by Sandy & Randy Neuendorff in honor of their daughter Tiffany Kunschick's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and her 5-year wedding anniversary on November 4.

**ADDITIONAL FLOWERS** are placed by Adrian & Virginia Fritsch in honor of daughter Rhanda Lattimore in celebration of her birthday on November 2.

**COLLECTION OF OFFERING:** Offering for the worship services is collected before and after worship. Offering bowls are placed in the back entrance and inside the side sanctuary door for you to place your offering in. This includes "Power of One" dollars.

**Amount needed for average weekly budgeted expenses:** \$8,405.00

**Attendance:** Oct. 29 & 30, 2022 – 222                      **Contributions:** Oct. 29 & 30 – \$6,622.19  
**Power of One:** Oct. 29 & 30, 2022 – \$58.00                      **Building Fund:** Oct. 29 & 30 – \$590.02

*Thank you to those who contributed to last week's offerings. Loving God/Loving Neighbor.*

**Wednesday Night Attendance:** – Wed., Nov. 2 – **79 Total**  
**BLAST/Confirmation:** 59                      **Adult Bible Study:** 3                      **Support Staff:** 17

**ATTENTION:** *Names on the prayer list in the bulletin will be printed for 2 weeks. After 2 weeks, the names will be removed from the bulletin unless the church office has been notified to keep them.*

► **Children's Activity Bags** are available once again for use by our young members and guests! You can find them on the coat hooks in the coat area of the narthex. After worship, **please place the used activity bags and their contents in the receptacle in the narthex.** Thank you! ☺

 **God's Work, Our Hands day is today!** Meet in the Lighthouse after service for lunch and picture. We will then disperse for a few projects – cooking, building, painting, raking sand, etc.. Please bring any personal tools you may prefer to use. *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me."* (Matthew 25:40)

**Peru 2023 Trip:** There is still time to be part of our Peru 2023 trip!! **Our tentative dates are July 22-July 31, 2023.** We have many projects in the works for our time there! We have something for everyone whether you are interested in manual labor, playing games, developing relationships with the youth and adults, or just enjoying Peru! We will have more information on the cost of the trip and fundraisers we will be having after the first of the year. We would love to have you join us!! **Our next meeting is Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the church library.** Hope to see you there!

**Blood Drive:** Make plans for St. Paul's Blood Drive on **Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 8:00 AM-12:30 PM** in The Lighthouse! Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be back. Their goal is to have 40 successful donors. All successful donors will receive a free blanket! Make your appointment online at [CommitForLife.org](http://CommitForLife.org) and use **sponsor code P732.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Also, if anyone is interested and willing to help with this Outreach Ministry, please let me know. Any help is greatly appreciated! Thank you, and God Bless! – *Melinda Zajcek (979)-820-8793*

♠♠♠ **Family Game Night:** Come connect with your family through play **Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 4:00-5:30 PM.** Join us in the Lighthouse for game time with your family. We will provide snacks, many games from Simply fun, and information on why it's important and how to continue Gameplay at home. For more information, contact Stephanie Polasek at 979-732-1858. ♠♠♠



**Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held at **First United Methodist Church at 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 20, 2022.** We don't have a lot of opportunities to join in worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with other churches in Columbus, however, this event encourages us to show the community that we Christians can worship together.

**THANKSGIVING EVE & PIE FEST:** It is that time of year again. Yahoo! Thanksgiving Eve Worship and the awesome Pie Fest that follows! Our festive **worship** will begin at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.** We will then move to the Lighthouse afterwards to enjoy fellowship around a variety of pies. Join us in fellowship and thanksgiving of our many blessings and appreciate the creativity of our members and their baking skills as we begin our Thanksgiving weekend.



**Habitat for Humanity:** The Outreach Team is in search of a Team Leader to represent St. Paul Lutheran Church for Habitat for Humanity. The churches in our community coordinate and build a couple of houses a year for our neighbors in need. **We need someone to represent St. Paul and be the liaison between Habitat for Humanity and our congregation.** You do not have to build the house yourself, but

help coordinate our efforts. Please let Kevin Page know (979-732-0845) if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you, and thank you, God, for our most generous church family!

♥ **Grief Support Group:** Are you experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of friend who has moved? The Grief Support Group is a place to share and discuss these issues with other individuals. The group meets the **third Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church library.** For questions or more information, contact Peggy Geisler at 979-732-0350.

#### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

**Today (Nov. 6) –** 12:15 PM – God's Work Our Hands Day  
6:00-8:00 PM – The Marriage Course(Lighthouse)

**Mon., Nov. 7 –** 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting  
1:00 PM – Sandye to TLC  
6:00 PM – Evangelism Team (library)

**Tues., Nov. 8 –** 9:00 AM-12:00 PM – Quilters (Lighthouse)  
10:30 AM – Pastor to TLC  
12:00 PM – Noon Bible Study (library)  
5:30 PM – Stewardship Team (library)

**Wed., Nov. 9 –** 9:00 AM – CLA Chapel  
10:00 AM – Sandye to Columbus Oaks  
2:00 PM – Sandy to The Oaks  
5:00 PM – Meal  
5:30 PM – BLAST, Confirmation & Wed. Night Adult Bible Study  
6:00 PM – High School Youth

**Thurs., Nov. 10 –** 10:00-11:30 AM – Manna for Moms (Lighthouse)  
1:00 PM – Neighbor-to-Neighbor Craft Day (choir room)  
5:00 PM – Worship Team (Lighthouse)  
6:30 PM – Peru Team (library)

**Fri., Nov. 11 –** **Office Closed! (Veterans Day)**  
10:30 AM – Adult Bible Study (library)

**Sat., Nov. 12 –** 8:15-11:30 AM – Courageous Women of the Bible (FUMC)  
7:00 PM – Holy Communion Worship

**Next Sun., Nov. 13 –** 8:00 AM-12:30 PM – Blood Drive (Lighthouse)  
9:00 AM – Holy Communion Worship  
10:00 AM – Adult Sunday School and Confirmation  
11:05 AM – Holy Communion Contemporary Worship  
4:00-5:30 PM – Family Game Night (Lighthouse)  
6:00-8:00 PM – The Marriage Course (Lighthouse)

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Monday, November 7, 2022**    **John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

**Friday, November 11, 2022**    **Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

**Friday, November 11, 2022**    **Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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**OTHER READINGS:**    Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

*The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.*

The reading begins:

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. <sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever — forever and ever."

**PSALM:**    Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful. <sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp. <sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes

pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory. <sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds. <sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand, <sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, <sup>8</sup>to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron, <sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

**OTHER READINGS:**    Ephesians 1:11-23

*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.*

The reading begins:

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. <sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**SERVICE OVERVIEW: WHOLLY SAINTS**

Who are the saints, and what do they have to say to us? Rather than being perfect Christians, the saints are people who have been made whole by the grace of God, through baptism into Christ. The communion of saints is a diverse array of witnesses who remind us of God's continuing faithfulness, past, present, and future. In the picture painted by the gospel reading from Luke, the saints challenge us to embody the surprising, world-reversing ways of the reign of God.

**THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION:**

Today is the festival of All Saints. God has made into saints all who have been baptized into Christ, and we honor especially those saints who have died in the faith. Their names may be unknown and their lives generally forgotten, but we sing our thanks that they are now held in God. Welcome to worship! Be surrounded by the cloud of witnesses and be surrounded by God's love.

What makes someone a saint? Saints are not just people from the past. Saints are people from the present. People we see every day. Some we have never met in person. They inspire us to be closer and more faithful to God in the way we live, serve, and pray. This is because saints are ordinary people (just like us) who with God's help, live in an extraordinary way. By the grace of God given in our baptism and experienced in the holy people around us, we can all become saints.

The dichotomy of blessings and woes in the gospel reading should give us pause before labeling anyone or any situation as singularly positive or negative. We are generally way too quick to attach a judgment to one side over its opposite. Remember, Luther reminds us that we are all simultaneously sinners and saints. As we lift up all of the baptized saints today, we are encouraged to lean into the saint in each of us. Even during the most difficult times, we are assured that we are blessed because we know Jesus will find us. We celebrate the power of God's grace to make holy even lost sinners like you and me.

Luke writes, "Blessed are you who are poor." Who is "poor"? We are all in some way poor, in body or in spirit, and we ask for God's blessings. But spiritualizing the phrase ought not lead us to forget Paul's original meaning to the Galatians: there are people who are desperately poor, hungry, and dispossessed. The gospel reading reminds us of the blessedness of those who are poor, hungry, and excluded. As Christians, we are to serve them. We are the body of Christ, offering literal food AND spiritual food to the poor.

#### **KID STUDY:**

Today we are celebrating "All Saints' Day." Do you know any saints? What makes a person a saint? Believe it or not, YOU are a saint. A saint is anyone who responds to the love of God. Anyone who knows God and who decides to love God back is a saint. In the Bible, no one person is ever called a saint. The word, when it occurs, is always *plural*, or more than one. That means we cannot be a saint on our own. We are meant to be together. We are meant to work together. We are Jesus's hands and feet, and we serve with each other to care for and to surround people with God's love. Today is *God's Work, Our Hands* Day and we will put our faith into action with service projects that honor all of God's people. Remember that service is not just for one day, though. We should honor God and share God's love every day through service.

#### **INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION:**

*Today is All Saints, and not just Some Saints. We don't need special saints to intercede for us because God listens to them more since they were just basically better Christians than we are. What we celebrate when we celebrate All Saints is not the superhuman faith and power of a select few, but God's ability to use flawed people to do divine things. We celebrate all on whom God has acted in baptism, sealing them, as Ephesians says, with the mark of the promised Holy Spirit. We celebrate the fact that God creates faith in God's people, and those people through ordinary acts of love, bring the Kingdom of Heaven closer to Earth. We celebrate that we have, in all who've gone before us, what St Paul calls "such a great cloud of witnesses" and that the faithful departed are as much the body of Christ as we are. -Nadia Bolz-Weber*

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**Next Week's Theme (Nov. 12 & 13):** Don't worry about the end of the world = But testify

**Next Week's Scriptures (Nov. 12 & 13):**

**First Reading:** Malachi 4:1-2a

*"A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous."*

**Psalm:** Psalm 98 "In righteousness will the LORD judge the world." (Ps. 98:9)

**Second Reading:** 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."*