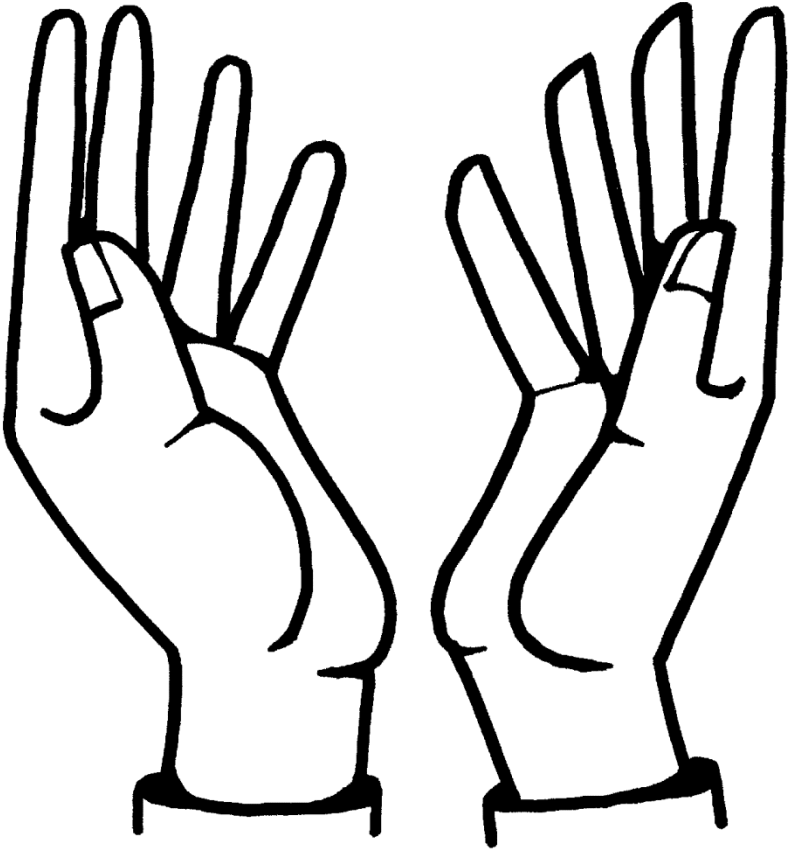


God's Contagious Generosity



A Fall Celebration

**Messiah Lutheran Church
All Saints Sunday
November 4, 2018**

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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know

- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.
- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 8:30 & 11 AM

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

“For All the Saints,” Benjamin Culli

Asking God's Forgiveness

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Our Lord Jesus says, “The harvest is plentiful, the workers few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.” Let us pray.

Almighty God, great is your goodness, and great is our sin. You give us work to do, and we refuse it; talents to use, and we bury them; mercy to share, and we hold it for ourselves. We have not been faithful servants; our love for you is small. Look on us now in your own great love. For Jesus' sake, forgive us; and restore us by the power of the Holy Spirit to joyful service in his name.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, “Feed my sheep.” As a called and ordained minister of his Church, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Opening Hymn

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones,” #424

Greeting

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

And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

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

Sit

From the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On 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. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he 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. ⁹It 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

24:1-6

Choir sings refrain; All sing refrain



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

**²For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas
And established it up- | on the rivers. Refrain**

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

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

⁵They shall receive blessing | from the Lord
And righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

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

From a New Testament letter

Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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." ⁵And 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs,”

#847 stanzas 1, 4



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 “Wor- thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex- alt- ed thus!”
3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re- ceive hon- or and pow’r di- vine;
4 Let all cre- a- tion join in one to bless the sa- cred name



ten thou- sand thou- sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor- thy the Lamb,” our lips re- ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless- ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for- ev- er thine.
of him who sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb.

When the Gospel is announced:

Glory to you, O Lord

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

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pr. Burce

Stand

Hymn for Today

"For All the Saints," #422

Congregation sings stanzas 1, 2, 4; Choir sings alternate stanza 3 and stanza 5

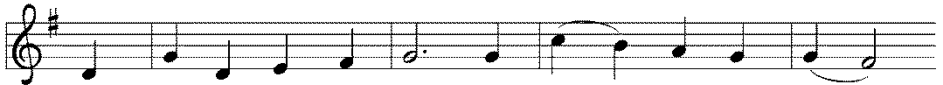
Offering our commitments to the Lord's work

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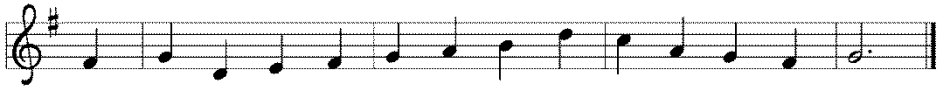
As Commitments Are Received

"We Give Thee but Thine Own,"

#686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy. . .

. . . hear our prayer

In the last of the prayers we remember members of Messiah who fell asleep in the Lord during the past year. A bell will toll after each name is read. A final bell will conclude the remembrance.

Sharing Christ's peace

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit

Gathering Gifts "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show", David Schelat

Stand

The Gifts are Presented "Sing to the Lord of Harvest," #694 stanza 3

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . . now and forever.

Amen

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sit.

Come forward as the ushers invite you. For those wishing to commune, there are two cups; a silver one to drink from and a ceramic one to dip the host in. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. Quietly ask the pastor. If you choose not to commune but would like a blessing, approach the pastor with arms crossed.

Communion Songs

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

#427

“Behold the Host Arrayed in White”

#425

Stand

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Let us pray. For the gift of Christ’s body and blood, given and shed for us,
We thank you, gracious Lord.

That we leave encouraged to trust you; eager to serve you in our neighbors,
and awakened to the presence of your saints in unexpected places,
Hear us, gracious Lord.

Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and
forever.

Amen

ON OUR WAY

A Song

“For All the Saints”

#422, stanzas 6-7

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

“By All Your Saints in Warfare,” Kevin Hildebrand

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IN MEMORIAM

<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Ruth Sichau	8/11/1921	11/9/2017
Phyllis Carlin	8/24/1941	11/15/2017
Elaine Argenziano	9/20/1925	11/17/2017
Harriet Kraemer	1/21/1927	11/17/2017
William Ratvasky	5/16/1931	11/20/2017
Esther Kish	3/30/1921	12/22/2017
Rev. Samuel Mozolak	10/16/1915	1/2/2018
Richard Hansen	2/23/1935	1/7/2018
Betsy Williams	12/10/1921	1/28/2018
Trudi Sainey	2/22/1922	1/31/2018
Frank Kaska	10/7/1933	2/8/2018
Marcus Heidmann	7/10/1922	3/7/2018
Susan Westcott	11/26/1952	3/7/2018
Fred Corbin	9/8/1950	3/11/2018
William Lueckel, Jr.	12/8/1950	4/15/2018
Gib Weber	11/28/1935	4/26/2018
John Gruner	5/28/1952	5/12/2018
Donald Moeller	1/21/1931	9/1/2018
Richard Hayduk	8/20/1925	9/5/2018
Beth Ann Zwolsky	12/4/1962	10/3/2018
Steven Guenther	11/9/1956	10/21/2018



SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Burce

Presiding Minister – Pr. Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Kathy Neumann (8:30); Janice Snyder (11:00)

Lectors – Ruth King (8:30); Alex Seagro (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Joe King, Scott Straffen, Lee Vysoky (8:30);
Helen Casselberry, Liz Kitzel, Eileen Spicer (11:00)

Acolytes – Kevin McLeeson, Gavin Waugaman (8:30);
Adam Digney, Leah Vandrasiak (11:00)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Messiah Choir – Directed by Connie Triplett

Deacons – Matt Berghaus, Raffee Johns (8:30);
Sid Gator, Trish Kvasnicka (11:00)

Greeters—Frank & Ellen Petak (8:30);
Marian Carpenter, Marilyn Sheerer (11:00)

Ushers – Joe Frantz, Joe King, Tim Roman (8:30); Pdraig Donohoe,
Reilly Kinter, Katie Norman, Tyler Seagro, George Skliros (11:00)

Trustee – David Fretthold

Altar Guild – Debbie Luekens, Diane Paton

Nursery – Cathy Brewer, Noah Brewer (11:00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ Christian people everywhere as they put their faith to work
- ✦ Our commitment at Messiah to glad and generous stewardship
- ✦ Our country as citizens vote this Tuesday
- ✦ People living today under the threat of violence, hatred, and war
- ✦ Hospice workers, funeral directors, counselors, and all who care for the dying, the deceased, and the grieving
- ✦ The saints we've said farewell to this year
- ✦ The ill: Emerson Buskirk (granddaughter of Dave and Darlene Waugh), Dorothy Juergens, Dorothy Lewis, Jay Schnittger

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Nov. 7—]JOHN CHRISTIAN FREDERICK HEYER, d. 1873, the first missionary sent by American Lutherans to a foreign country. He served in India from 1842 to 1857 and again from 1869 to 1871.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:28-44

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.