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Ushers - D. Boger & G. Fitzgerald

Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Mona LaCour
Karoline Giroir
B. Dupre & C. Shroyer
Joseph & Brigitte
M. Beach & J. Fitzgerald
D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
G. Fitzgerald, & J. Souther

All Saints' Day

November 5, 2017

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by Connie Bordelon in celebration of Paul Gerken's 85th birthday which was on November 2nd.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus or Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.



This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship/Food Bank	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship/Mite Boxes
	10:15 a.m. Coffee & Youth Biscuits follow		10:15 a.m. Coffee & Mission Guild Baked Goods follow
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages		10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Fall Fest wrap up meeting		12:00 p.m. Voter's Assembly Topic- 2018 Budget
Wednesday	4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class		
	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship		
	6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise		

For the week of November 5 - 11, 2017

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversaries
November 5 Satin Ursery	November 7 Presley Spolarich	November 5 Dave & Gail Akins
9 Linda Meyer		9 Cory & Lisa Giroir Allen & Betty Carpenter

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Agnes Belknap, Allen & Betty Carpenter, Ann Perryman, Brian Boquet, Connie Oswald, Denise Reaves, Donovan Domangue, Edna Marie Sevin, Jason Rogers, Jerrie Fitzgerald, Jerry Ledet, John Lewis, John Wegner Jr, Joy Stegall, Kathie Carlos, Laura Naquin, Lisa Ledet, Linda Meyer, Mark Dunn, Martha McDonald, Myrtle Dupre, Paul Gerken, & Ruble Pitre.



ELDERLY: Iva Kohls & Myra Thalheim

EXPECTANT/NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Jessica & Baby Kelwaski; Katie & Baby Von Burgsdorff; Kristen & Emma Gouaux; Samantha & Baby Riddels

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Ronnie Comeaux, Sandra Matherne, Stephanie Dahl and Tyler Monson.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Allen Trahan, Chandler Crawford, Dave McClellan, Doug Mandel, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Nigel Koorie, Ronnie Joe Ojeda, Timothy DeSoto, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, & Victoria Shroyer

VIETNAM MISSIONARY FAMILY : J.P., Aimee, Celeste, Bella, Isaac Cima

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alec Cunningham, Connor Cuneo, Hannah Cuneo, Jacob Cinnater, Jared Moise, Kara Kraus, Karly Kyzar, Matthew Gros, Michael Thalheim, Ross Reaves, & Satin Ursery

All Saints' Day Prayer

Lord, I can't sing "Abide with Me" anymore. I just stand there and cry. The wound is still raw. I grieve...but not like those who have no hope. I know even in my sorrow that my loved one for whom I mourn is now with You in heaven, where there is only light and joy. Today, I remember all the saints, and I give thanks for their Christian influence in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Portals Of Prayer October-December 2017

Grace's Mission

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching, and Fellowship

AGNUS DEI (p. 163 in hymnal)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world' grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB #641
"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" LSB #680
"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" LSB #676

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 164 in hymnal)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let
All who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His
promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the one true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES LSB 677:8

Pastor: From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
People: **Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,**

Pastor: Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
People: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace *Numbers 6:24-26*
People: **Amen.**

HYMN "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" LSB #670

AS WE GATHER

One of the objections voiced in the Reformation was over what was called "the cult of the saints" (*Augsburg Confession, Article XXI*). The objection wasn't so much over remembering the saints as it was over "to call on the saints or to ask the saints for help." (*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, Concordia Publishing House, 2005, p. 70). Instead, the Reformers taught, "our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling." The New Testament uses the word "saints" in a different way. Six of St. Paul's letters are addressed to the *saints* who live in various cities of the Roman Empire. These letters reveal both virtue and sinfulness in these congregations. To the apostle, the word *saint* was a synonym for Christian. Many of our congregations have combined these two ideas in recent years, reading the names of those who have died to this life and been born to eternal life in the past twelve months and thanking our God for the testimony of their lives. Today's service includes this commemoration.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 (*Remain seated until last verse*)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES LSB 677:1

Pastor: For all the saints who from their labors rest,
People: **Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,**
Pastor: Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
People: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sins and our need for the Savior.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Holy God, You have called us to obey You in all things and to live according to Your commands. We have failed to be obedient, even though You have set us apart to be holy. We have been sinful in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our faults and seek Your cleansing forgiveness.**

Pastor: Saints of God, know that even as you confess your sins, you are forgiven by our God, the Holy One who has called you to be holy. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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 Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 51:10–12*

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from Your presence,
People: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for the salvation of all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the communion of saints on earth, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all the holy ones who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "For All the Saints" LSB #677 (verses 1 & 2)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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 the grace to live as those who have been made holy by the blood of the Lamb, that we may come to the unspeakable joys of heaven, where every tear shall be wiped away; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **+** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **+** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

**People: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" LSB #955

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 161 in hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. We rejoice that by His death and resurrection You have called us to be Your saints, Your holy ones.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat the body that was pierced for our transgressions and drink the blood that was shed for our iniquities. Gather us with all Your faithful of every time and place, that we may be united to the Savior, who has promised to wipe away the tears of all who trust in Him. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1-3*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

Pastor: Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
People: **let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke 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.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "For All the Saints" LSB #677 (verses 3-8)

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:

Names of congregational members and family members who have died in Christ during the past year may be mentioned here. A single bell may toll after each name is read.

Pastor: . . . and all others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord Jesus.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the gift of God's peace to rest upon all His saints, that we may know the blessing of His forgiveness in the cross and resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Holy Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, which is the communion of saints, that the saving Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed both here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Holy Lord, send forth Your saving Word.

Pastor: For our native land, our local community, and for all who lead and govern us, that the saints of God may lead peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Holy Lord, grant Your favor to our land.

Pastor: For all those who are in need, for those who hunger both physically and spiritually, and for all those who feel lost and are without a home, that they may come to the Father's house of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Holy Lord, guide us unto You.

Pastor: For those who are sick, hospitalized, and homebound, for those who are recovering from surgery and for those who await procedures in the coming days, [*including . . .*], that they may be consoled by the faithful care of the Great Physician, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Holy Lord, give healing and strength to all who are in need.

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before our faithful Father, we may take refuge in His never-failing care for all His saints, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Holy Lord, we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Stand

All Saints' Day

Matthew 5:7

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Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as (good stewards of His varied grace,) (1 Peter 4:10) we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. "For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matthew 13:12).

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