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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**November 5, 2023**

## All Saints Sunday

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us today,  
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**Prelude Music**

**“All Are Welcome”  
“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”**

**Dakota Road Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡**

**Welcome Song:**

**“For All the Saints”**

**ELW #422  
vv. 1,2,6&7**

**1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Holy One,

**We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved,

we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise:**

**"Emmanuel"**

**W&P #36**

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel. Repeat**

**\*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.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

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.**

## **‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

### **First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

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

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

**Read Responsively**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;**

**let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

**“Open our eyes, Lord”**

**W&P #113**

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids Sermon:**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**PMA Bill Huelle**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**"The Summons"**

**W&P #137  
vv. 1,4&5**

**1. "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"**

4. "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"

5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

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.

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**ELW #178**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**“Gather by the River to Pray”**

**Choir**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God of all goodness,  
**generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

**†HOLY COMMUNION†**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

**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

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## Distribution of Communion/Lighting of Candles:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

## Distribution Song:

**"Blest Are They"**

**ELW #728**

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

*Refrain*

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

- 2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill. *Refrain***

- 3. Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God. *Refrain***

- 4. 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. *Refrain***

**5. Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see. *Refrain***

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*Benediction**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

**“We Are Marching in the Light”**

**ELW #866**

**We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

*Additional stanzas ad lib:*

**We are dancing . . .**

**We are praying . . .**

**We are singing . . .**

## \*Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**All Saints Sunday:** This is the day we remember that because of Jesus' gift to us on the cross, we are all saints, beloved children of God, in the eyes of God; but on this day we also take the time to remember those saints who have died from this congregation since last All Saints Sunday and have now joined the church triumphant:

***Melvin Knoedler, Caleb Payne, Paul Bueide, Wanda Payne***

We have candles at the front of the Sanctuary for you to light in remembrance of your loved ones. After receiving communion, you are invited (but not required) to pick up and light a small candle from the large candle standing near the candle stands, and then place your small candle in the candle stand preferably from the top row down for safety's sake.

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝**

**Prayers for healing:** **David Stevens** (recovering), **Becky Martin** (recovering), **Fran Johnson** (recovering from surgery), **Elnora Sell** (recovering), **Alli Meyers** (Health Problems—Marissa Wright's friend), **Joy Arnold** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens' nephew's wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Linda Spomer**, **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

**Prayers for comfort and safety:** **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeff Van Patten, 11/6; Marti Wegelin, 11/6; Judy Keller, 11/9;  
Joyce Fulk, 11/11; Vicki Stahla, 11/11; Marcy Miller, 11/12

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



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## NOVEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Baking Supplies

**BACKPACKS:** Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **CLCW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT:**

### **Collection of Thankofferings**

The Calvary Quilters make quilts each Tuesday to send to needy countries once a year, via the Lutheran World Relief organization. The CLCW provides the hardworking quilters with a luncheon once or twice a year and contributes to the shipping costs for more than 300 quilts made annually. November has been set aside to collect the Thankofferings from the women and men in our congregation. We ask for you to put your Thankofferings in an envelope and then the offering plates on any November Sunday.

## OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ noon



Join us for scalloped potatoes and ham for lunch at noon and stay to learn about CASA (court appointed special advocates) from one of the directors, Missi lasillo. She will share with us the importance of advocacy for children's best interests in the court system and how you can be a volunteer!



## **JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (scalloped potatoes & ham/green beans/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.



The call committee and the church council are pleased to announce that we have a ministry candidate to bring before the congregation. The candidate has been invited to preside over our **10:00 church service Sunday, November 12, 2023**. Immediately following the service, we will gather for not only a time of fellowship but also to provide an opportunity

for you to ask questions of this candidate. The following **Sunday, November 19, 2023, immediately following our 10:00 service**, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on whether to extend a call to this candidate. The call committee and the church council encourage all to attend both services!

## **Sunday, November 12th**

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt/Pay It Forward!  
We will venture out into the community to do good deeds and then share in a meal together! We will meet at 11:30am right after church!



## "Fall Festival" Drive



Calvary Lutheran Church invites you to join in a "Fall Festival" drive supported by the Social Ministry Committee during the month of November. As the days get colder and the wind picks up, many in our community simply struggle to stay warm and safe. In partnership with CAPWN, you are invited to bring personal hygiene items to worship during the weeks of November 5 - 20. There will be large boxes in the entrance of the sanctuary where you may drop off the following items: socks, stocking caps, gloves, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving razors, shaving cream. Join us in celebrating God's abundant generosity as we seek to bless our neighbors.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**PMA Bill Huelle**

**This Sunday – November 5**

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Rick & Lynn  
Margheim

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**ACOLYTES:** Brynlee Payne & Ayden  
Tompkins

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jack Martin

**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette  
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie  
Walsh

**PIANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

**Next Sunday – November 12**

**USHERS:** Monty & Shari Copsey

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Vicki Howell

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Deb Brown &  
Marlene Downer

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTES:** Ben Moravec & Rhyan  
Buckley

**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen

**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,  
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

**PIANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, November 5**

***All Saints Sunday***

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

***Daylight Savings Ends***

**Tuesday, November 7**

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, November 8**

12 p.m. – OWLS

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 9**

11:30 a.m. – Exec. Comm.

**Saturday, November 11**

**NO** Worship

**Sunday, November 12**

10 a.m. – Worship with Ministry  
Candidate

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship with  
Candidate

11:30 a.m. – EPIC

NOVEMBER 5, 2023  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



*We are blessed by the saints we have known.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away tears
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-3	Our hope in God
Wednesday	Romans 1:1-15	Prayer of thanksgiving
Thursday	Psalm 16	Psalm of trust
Friday	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Paul's interest in the Colossians
Saturday	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Honor the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of grace and glory, you promise us a future filled with peace and joy; we thank you for giving us saints to bless us along our life's way through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, with this food we taste and see that you are good. We give you thanks for this meal and all our blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the mercy of God and the power of the Holy Spirit save you from every trouble through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 34:5)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Behold the Host  
Arrayed in White*

### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- In what ways do you feel you have been blessed?
- Is there someone you feel God has placed in your life to bless you? Explain.

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes (meaning blessedness) listed in this reading are a series of blessings announced by Jesus. A blessing is defined as a gift or favor bestowed by God. Society often misinterprets a blessing as a possession of the wealthy, the healthy, and the assertive, but Jesus blesses the poor, the sick, and the meek and promises a reversal of fortune. The source of that reversal is God. This includes the work of saints called by God. The saints are the children of God sent to us to heal, to forgive, and to renew life in Jesus' name. As we remember those saints who have come before us, we give thanks that they have been the source of blessings to enrich us, comfort us, and be merciful to us. Their actions reflect the kingdom of God. We take time to give thanks for all the saints, especially those who have personally touched our lives with God's love in Christ. This divine love promises to reverse the way things are to make them consistent with the ways of God.

*Discuss:* Who are some of the saints who have touched your life?

*Pray:* Eternal God, we thank you for your many blessings, especially those that have come to us through saints we have known and loved through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others to bring comfort and hope?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Think or talk about memories you have of someone who has blessed your life. Light a candle and pray. Dear God, thank you for the life of [name]. I am grateful for all the blessings that came to my life through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)