All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023



WELCOME VISITORS

We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today. Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.

Children are always welcome in church, but if desired, there is a nursery for those age 4 and younger located downstairs past the elevator, across the hall from the bulletin board.

Large print bulletins for today's worship are available, please feel free to ask an usher if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST November 5 – November 12

9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School All Saints Sunday
6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Property Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m.	Voting Fellowship Hall Scouts
9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Circle WELCA Rose Ringers Choir
9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service Thank Offering - Honoring Veterans
	10:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

River Songs Adult Choir by Joseph Martin

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

For All the Saints





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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

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

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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 Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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

²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

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

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

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

²²O 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

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And 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





GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PASTORAL PRAYER Please stand as you are able.

Shall We Gather at the River

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry



ALL SAINTS REMEMBERANE

On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithfully departed. But we grieve for our beloved ones as well, knowing that God honors our tears. Let us pray:

O God, our help in ages past our hope for the years to come, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these forbearers of the faith, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

Carolyn Mae Shatzer	November 24, 2022
William Curfman	December 22, 2022
Elizabeth Maffett	January 4, 2023
Mary Lou Jessen	March 9, 2023
Roland Carbaugh	May 20, 2023
Jane Barnes Clark	May 22, 2023
Pauline Shearer	May 28, 2023
Mildred H. Kramer	July 30, 2023
Esther J. Beaver	August 22, 2023
Loanna Wagstrom	October 20, 2023
Miles Robert Hockensmith	October 21, 2023
The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Heaps	October 22, 2023

Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. 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 saint 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Craig Courtney

Soloist: Kate Nienstedt

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 INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven

by Daniel Gawthorp

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

DIALOG

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

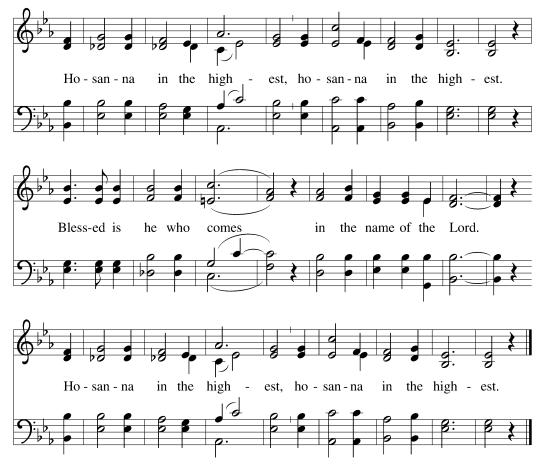
through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints

you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with Carolyn, Bill, Liz, Mary Lou, Roland, Jane, Pauline, Mid, Esther, Loanna, Miles, Charles, and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

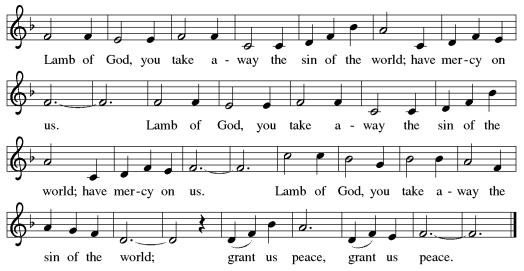
There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



Behold The Host Arrayed in White

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943. Alt. Music: Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843-1907





Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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 heart as we meet you on the way. Amen

SENDING

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Gracious God, in this month of November, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, as well as those who are still with us here on earth, assist those who set forth to share our word and sacrament with the saints who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

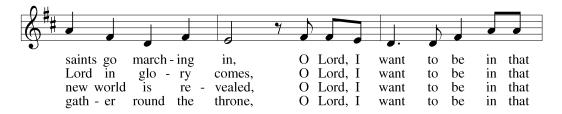
BLESSING

The blessing of Sovereign God, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Text: African American Spiritual Music: When the Saints, African American







- 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings, oh, when they crown him King of kings, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him King of kings.
- 6 And on that hallelujah day,
 and on that hallelujah day,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God in loving memory of Miss Sara Gelwix

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Bonnie (11/26), Celena Casseday (11/23), Joanne Fisher (12/4),

Trudy Gearhart (11/28), Tim Gotwald (11/16),

Denise Heinbaugh (11/28), Charles & Gertrude Kampmeyer (11/3), Cathy McCray (12/31), Sam Mull (11/18), Beverly Parks (12/31)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul, and Paul Whelan

ATTENDANCE October 29 72 in person 7 on line

<u>CANTATA PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS</u> has begun. Please come to the rehearsal on Thursdays at 7 p.m. or see Freda for more information. The cantata will be presented on December 17 at our 10:45 a.m. worship service.

<u>CONGREGATION MEETING</u> will be held November 19 following 10:45 worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2024.

<u>COUNCIL NOMINATIONS</u> We are in need of persons who are willing and able to serve on the Congregation Council for the years 2024-2026. Four positions are needing to be filled. Currently Jeff Dorand and Gerry Wilson have agreed to be nominated. Please pray about serving in this leadership capacity. If you are feeling called to serve on our governing body, please speak with Tim Gotwald.

CROP WALK CHAMBERSBURG is today, you are invited to walk and/or support the 2023 Chambersburg CROP Walk. Registration is at 1:30 at Zion Reformed Church on Main Street. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. and is an easy loop around downtown and the Rail Trail. There will be a water and rest stop along the way. CROP raises money and awareness for those whose are hungry around the world and in our community. Ask Bill or Kristy Nienstedt if you would like to register to walk or donate to this program. CROP, the "Christian Rural Overseas Program" of Church World Service was established in 1947 (The same year as Lutheran World Relief) in response to massive starvation in post-World War II Europe. The mission was simple—feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and heal the sick. Today, CROP Walks across the US continue to meet this challenge.

QUILT AUCTION is today at Nawakwa. 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction, 3:00 p.m. Live Auction. All proceeds from the day benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come!

<u>VETERANS DAY SERVICE</u> on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Letterkenny Chapel; 2171 Carbaugh Ave., Chambersburg.

<u>THANKOFFERING SERVICE</u> will be held on Sunday, November 12, with a representative from Women in Need bringing the message. Special offerings received that day will be forwarded to the National Women of the ELCA for programming support and scholarships for women.

NTT FALL COLLECTION is accepting sheets, sleeping bags, blankets and winter coats for men, women and children. New or gently used are welcome. Please lauder used items. Please place donations in bins in Memorial Hall, now through November 19.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designed for Lutheran Disaster Relief. With the current conflict in Israel, there is no question of the need for funding for relief supplies for people on both sides of the Gaza Strip. Thank you for being as generous as you are able.

BACKPACK PROGRAM is accepting canned fruit/fruit cups in light syrup, dried fruit: raisins, plums and cranberries during the month of November. Thank you for helping to meet the nutritional needs of children at risk of hunger during non-school hours.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	November 5	November 12	November 19
Lector:	Joyce Ray	Sally Herritt	
Soundboard:	Mark Nicholson	Marlin Maclay	
Communion Assistants:	Jim Brown Jane Love Karen Sloan		Jim Brown Jane Love Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bev Rebok Peggy Stout	Bev Rebok Peggy Stout
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Rick Gates Gary Kennedy Mary Ann Kennedy Bill McCoy Carol McCoy	Rick Gates Gary Kennedy Mary Ann Kennedy Bill McCoy Carol McCoy	Rick Gates Gary Kennedy Mary Ann Kennedy Bill McCoy Carol McCoy



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus, burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday's Schedule

Coffee and Donuts 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.
also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org
ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus, and to worship with us.