

Music of Preparation

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: "Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."

**Welcome**! Welcome to the promise of Advent: Amid barren trees, Isaiah announces spring growth — a "shoot" representing new life in Jesus (11:1).

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## \*Communion: The Lord's Supper - The Real Presence

We come to the Lord's Table because we have sinned and want the Lord's assurance of His forgiveness of our sins as well as His strength for living the New Life of His Resurrection. As we eat the bread and drink the wine, because Jesus says so, we also receive His very Body and Blood. Doing this in repentant faith we receive His forgiveness. Along with God's forgiveness, comes the repentant New Life. In that New Life, we seek and use His power to overcome sinful ways and forsake them, including any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. We also strive to be faithful in regular worship and in attendance at the Lord's Table. Only in such faith do we properly and profitably receive the Sacrament and not misuse it to our judgment.

Fellow confirmed Christians of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod are welcome to share this sacrament with us. Prompted by love and caring, we ask that our other guests please speak with a pastor or lay minister before communing.

**NOTE:** If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, the two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. <u>*Please list the name of each person in worship.*</u> (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available at the back of the church and on the information wall in the main (west) entryway at the school.

**AS WE GATHER...** The saints remind us that we are not alone. We have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and brought into the fellowship of all the saints through Baptism. When lonely or fearful, the company of the saints encourages us, and their devotion to the Lord inspires us to endure to the end that we might be saved. Whether known well or known only to God, the faithful are not forgotten and neither will we be.

## We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

8:30am Pre Service: "Thy Word" & "Take My Life And Let It Be"

Lana McHugh, Violin

Stand (as you are able)

## + PREPARATION +

Opening Hymn: "For All the Saints"

LSB, hymn #677, st. 1-3

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!

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!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: AMEN!

## ALL SAINTS' CELEBRATION

P: All Saints' Day is a day for all of God's believing people - those of every time and place - who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. On this All Saints' Day, we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table. Now, they gather in God's presence so that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever. As we pause in silence while the bell tolls, we remember our loved ones who have died in faith.

## ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

Rhonda Lucas	Dorothy Campbell	We remember our loved
Katherine Frantz	Bobbe Belden	ones, not of this
Kathie Lou Christensen	Dennis Burke	congregation, who have
Marjorie Legris	Sandra Stein	also fallen asleep in Jesus
Ruth Balgeman	Ida Mersch	Those who died in
Carolyn Purnell	Arlene Nietfeldt	infancy, the miscarried,
Jenora Demers	Alvin Gerberding	the aborted, and the
Margo Elsey	Sylvia Bloomstrand	stillborn.
Shelba Helmle	Merry Lou Hendrickson	Those martyred for the
Shirley Kemp	Thomas Martin	sake of Christ.

- P: Let us pray. . . . Gracious Father, we remember with thanksgiving all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.
- C: Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another.
- P: Into your hands we commend them, O merciful Savior, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.
- C: Grant eternal rest to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
- P: As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life,
- C: bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may praise Your name forever.
- P: Teach us to follow the example of the saints who have gone before us, that like them, we may persevere in the race set before us and cling to faith in Jesus Christ.

C: Comfort those of us who mourn over loved ones lost this past year, and encourage us all through Your Word, that we may trust Your promises and abide in the joy of Your salvation. AMEN!

## Response: "For All the Saints"

LSB, hymn #677, st. 4-6

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: On this All Saints' Sunday, we are also reminded of the overflowing grace of God, our heavenly Father. He sent His only-begotten Son to become one of us to die for us. Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, God has declared us to be His holy saints, His totally forgiven sons and daughters. We rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In today's Epistle, John writes, *"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God."* Yet, we do not live our lives as if we are children of God. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

- P: Father in heaven,
- C: Forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name. You lavishly love us, but we have not shown love for You or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God,

have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. As God's called servant, it is with great joy that I announce God's grace to you. In His stead and at His command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Thanks be to God. Amen!
- P: 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.
- C: Grant us Your strength that we may follow Your blessed saints in all godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Amen.

Response of Praise: "For All the Saints"

LSB, hymn #677, st. 7-8

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

(Please be Seated)

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

(A View Of Eternity)

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell

down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know."And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-10

## (The Blessing Of Being God's Children)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on 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. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

## Stand (as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse - Common - (Divine Service 1, page 156-157) John 6:68

C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

(Blessed)

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ. (Please be Seated)

## Sermon Hymn: "Father Welcomes"

LSB, hymn #605

## Refrain

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Father welcomes all His children Father giving His salvation,	To His fam'ly through His Son. Life forever has been won.	
Little children, come to me, Life and love I have to give,	For My kingdom is of these. Mercy for your sin. <i>(Refrain)</i>	
In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured: Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. <i>(Refrain)</i>		
Let us daily die to sin; Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,	Let us daily rise with Him, Live in the peace of God. <i>(Refrain)</i>	
Sermon: "See The Love Of The Father" 1 John		
Stand (as you are able)		

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

- P: Let us confess our faith using Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed:
- All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

- P: Let us pray, . . .On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. May their memory be blessed among us, and may we follow our Lord faithfully all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Celebrating our lives together as saints, we pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we may bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and may worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Thankful for the saints among us in these days, we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in Your church around the world. May You bless their work among us as they serve in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: With thankfulness for the land in which we live, we ask Your blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for security and a sense of community in our world and in our lives. May we cherish the freedoms we enjoy and do all in our power to maintain the public good and promote peace and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: O Lord, we pray for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially*, . . . ). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at

home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). O Lord, May their petitions be answered according to Your good and gracious will, and may they be supported by this fellowship of saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with...) P: ... Lord, In Your Mercy,

- C: Hear Our Prayer.
- P: Above all we praise and thank You for Your saving Word and for Your Son's body and blood, which You give us to eat and drink in the Sacrament. Through these means of grace, You send the Holy Spirit into our hearts, and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth and in heaven.
- C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another. Amen

(Please be Seated)

## **Offering & Attendance Cards**

8:30am Special Music: "Blest Are They" Sanctuary Singers & Hosanna Choir

## OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards

LSB, Hymn # 955

C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## + SACRAMENT +

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

P:	The Lord be with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
C:	(Sung) And also with you.	-
P:	Lift up your hearts.	Colossians 3:1
C:	(Sung) We lift them to the Lord.	
P:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	Psalm 136
C:	(Sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

P: It is truly good and right 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 singing:

#### SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy - Divine Service 1, pg 161 /s. 6:3, Matt. 21:9

- C: (Sung) 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.
- P: O 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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

- P: 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 is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

#### Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God - Divine Service 1, pg 163

C: (Sung) 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.

(Please be Seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

## LSB411 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain* 

## Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain* 

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain* 

## LSB633 - At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, st 1-7

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia! Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

## LSB517 - By All Your Saints in Warfare (tune 334) st. 1,4

By all Your saints in warfare, For all Your saints at rest, Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blest! For You have won the battle That they might wear the crown; And now they shine in glory Reflected from Your throne.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, And all the noble throng Who wear the spotless raiment And raise the ceaseless song— For these, passed on before us, We offer praises due And, walking in their footsteps, Would live our lives for You.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank The Lord - Divine Service 1, pg 164:

C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone 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 PRAYER**

- P: Let us pray. . . Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at Your gracious Table. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received that we be the peacemakers, the meek, and the pure in heart. Keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom with saints and angels in light everlasting. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## THE BLESSING

- P: Go with the peace of God and with His blessing: 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 t give you peace.
- C: AMEN.





## See You In Worship Next Week!

### After worship prayer

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after the service.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our parents, Phyllis & Glen Schnell, and Freeman and Phyllis Hatch, by Pat & Mike Hatch; also in loving memory of our nephew and cousin, Caleb Hoggins, for his Heavenly birthday on November 3rd, by Jim & Carol Baron, and John, Christie & Layna Rahn; also in honor of Dick & Barb Diersen's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, by Jim & Cathy, Jenna & Jayce Hedge.



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# SERVICE OF HOPE & COMFORT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas . . . It's the most wonderful time of the year!

For many it is. For some, Christmas may be a very difficult time of the year - difficult because of the loss of a loved one through death, the loss of health due to illness or injury, the loss of employment or the loss of a marriage.

It is difficult enough trying to go on with life, let alone trying to celebrate the Christmas holiday, especially when your heart aches because of the empty chair at the table, because a long-familiar voice is now still, because your body seems to revolt against you because of disease, because the depression is too much to bear, or because loneliness surrounds you even in a crowd.

It is at such times that we not only need to take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern, but we also need healing, comfort, and hope as only God can give. He wants us to know that we are not alone nor are we without hope.

For these reasons, you are invited on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. to come and hear God's Word, to meditate, and to join in singing hymns and carols of comfort and in praying for healing and hope. This service will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Kankakee (348 East Merchant Street). If you have questions or need directions, please call the church office at 932-0312.

Please accept this invitation to be with us - a time to move from feeling low and alone to knowing the wonder and hope of Christmas.

There is no need to RSVP - our doors are open to all who come. <u>Please</u> feel free to invite others to come with you as your support or, if you know of others who are having a difficult time at Christmas, please let them know that they are most welcome.

In the service of Christ and His people, Pastor Karl Koeppen & Pastor Roger Drinnon