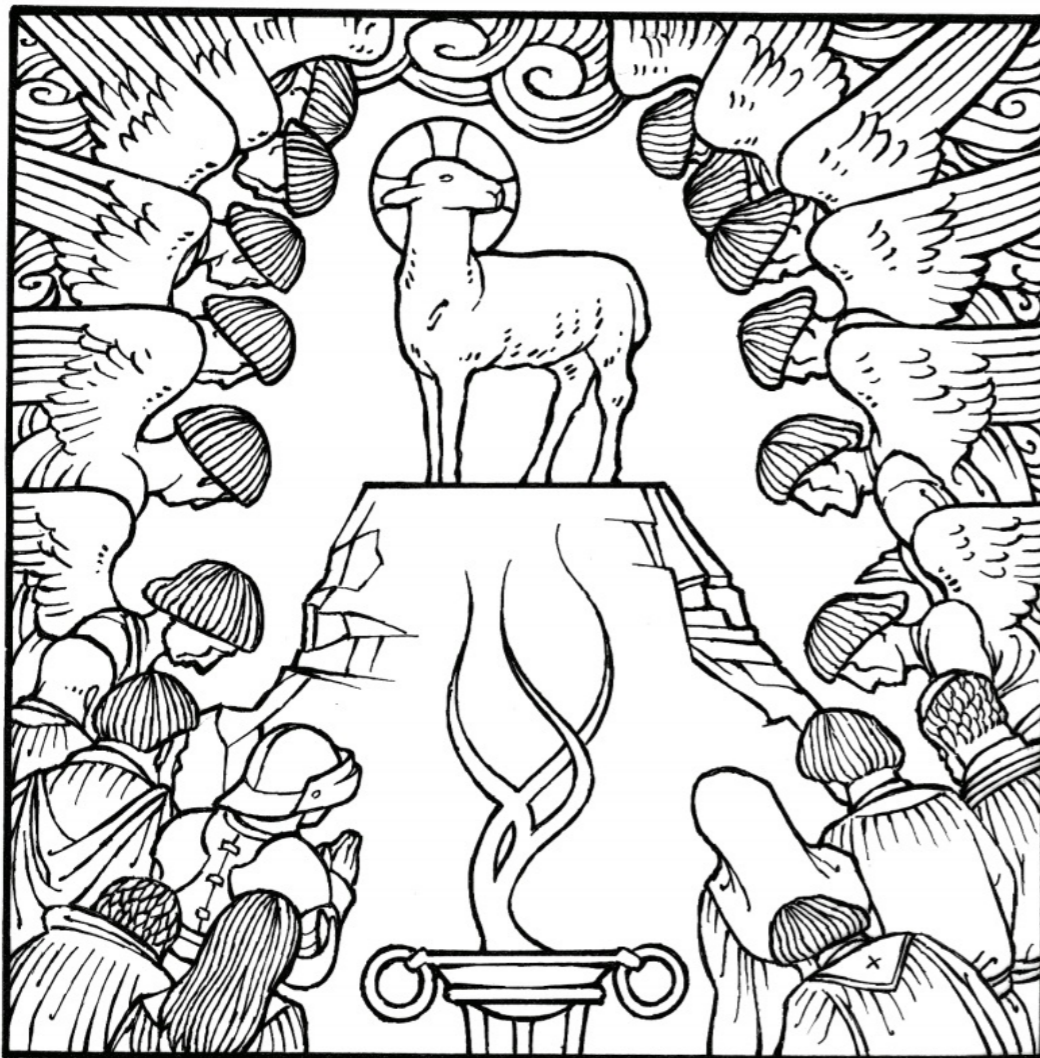


# ALL SAINTS' DAY

*"Forever Blessed"*

November 6-7, 2021



**Music of Preparation**

**Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

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

**Welcome!** Welcome to this gathering of the saints, both here and in the heavenly kingdom. Let us worship God together!

**Devotions & Publications** are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES** .....

**\*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. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (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...** Today we lift our eyes from the present and focus them on the promises of God that will be fulfilled in the future. What a blessed day it will be when we will gather with all of Jesus' holy ones around His throne in heaven! But today is also a blessed day. In Matthew 5, Jesus speaks blessings over a crowd gathered on a mountainside. Place yourself in that crowd today. Hear Jesus bless you also! Listen as He speaks of mercy, purity, and peace. And know this: Jesus does not simply speak of these blessings; He freely gives them to you! How blessed you are - today, tomorrow, and forever!

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

**Pre Service:** "Canon in D with Praise and Thanksgiving" Lana McHugh, Violin

**+ 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.

<b>ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR</b>		
Joann Cantrell Robert Anderson Carla Sylvester Rose Hines David Taylor Christine Betourne	Frieda Byte Sharon Riley Stephen Freitag Lorraine Wesse Lillian Murphy Christina Kibbons-Wentz	Phyllis Soucie Verla Reutter David Pridemore Clifford Stein Edie Adams

- 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! 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 confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection)*

P: Almighty God,

**C: we, repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever. 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.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**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! Alleluia!

**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 3:1-3                      *(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.

Stand

**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 those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 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:** “Jerusalem the Golden”

*LSB, hymn #672*

Jerusalem the golden,     With milk and honey blest—  
The promise of salvation,     The place of peace and rest—  
We know not, oh, we know not     What joys await us there:  
The radiancy of glory,     The bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion     Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels     And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever with them;     The daylight is serene;  
The city of the blessed     Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David,     The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph     To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader,     Who conquered in the fight,  
Who won for them forever     Their gleaming robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,     The home of God’s elect!  
O sweet and blessed country     That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us     To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father     And Spirit, ever blest.

**Sermon:** “A New View - A Certain Future”

*Revelation 7:9-17*

**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**

**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.

*Psalms 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**

*Is. 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** *John 1:29*

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**

**LSB637 - Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**LSB642 - O Living Bread from Heaven**

O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

**LSB553 - O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire**

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,  
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured:

How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin  
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.

But now the bonds of death are burst,    The ransom has been paid;  
You now ascend the Father's throne    In robes of light arrayed.

O let Your mighty love prevail    To purge us of our pride  
That we may stand before Your throne    By mercy purified.

Christ Jesus, be our present joy,    Our future great reward;  
Our only glory, may it be    To glory in the Lord!

All praise to You, ascended Lord;    All glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost    Through all eternity!

**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 † give you peace.

**C: AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"**

*LSB, hymn #644*

The Church's one foundation    Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation    By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her    To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,    And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,    Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:    One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,    Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses    With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder    The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,    By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;    Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping    Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation    And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation    Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious    Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious    Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union    With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion    With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!    Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,    May see You face to face.

**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 nephew and cousin, Caleb Hoggins, for his November 3rd birthday, by Jim & Carol Baron and John, Christie & Layna Rahn; also in loving memory of all my family members who are now saints in heaven, and asking God to bring peace to our world, by Ruth Gruenberg.



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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 17th 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. Please 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*