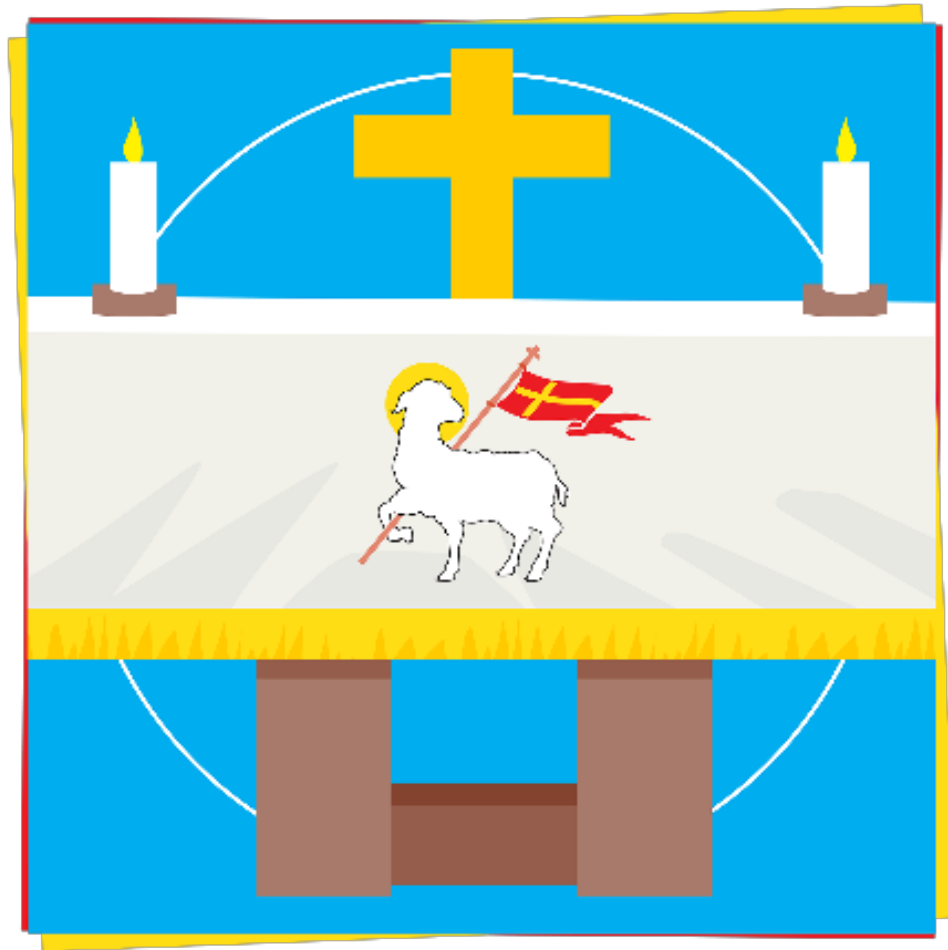


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

November 1 and 2, 2025

4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

SAINTS NOW AND THEN

As We Gather

When we think about “saints,” we typically think of “really good people.” But as we gather for All Saints’ Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are “saints” because they are really God’s people. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become God’s children and saints. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus comes back because God’s call does not change. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Prelude "For All the Saints" Benjamin Culli and Jacob B. Weber

Pastoral Greeting

Tolling of the Bell (all rise)

Opening Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" *LSB 461*
Verses 1-4, 8

Invocation

OPENING SENTENCES

John 11:25–26; Job 19:25–27; Romans 14:7–8; Revelation 14:13

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

People: **For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!**

Pastor: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

People: **And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:12a*

Pastor: John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

People: Most merciful God and Father,
We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Pastor: John reminds us, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." In the mercy of our heavenly Father,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

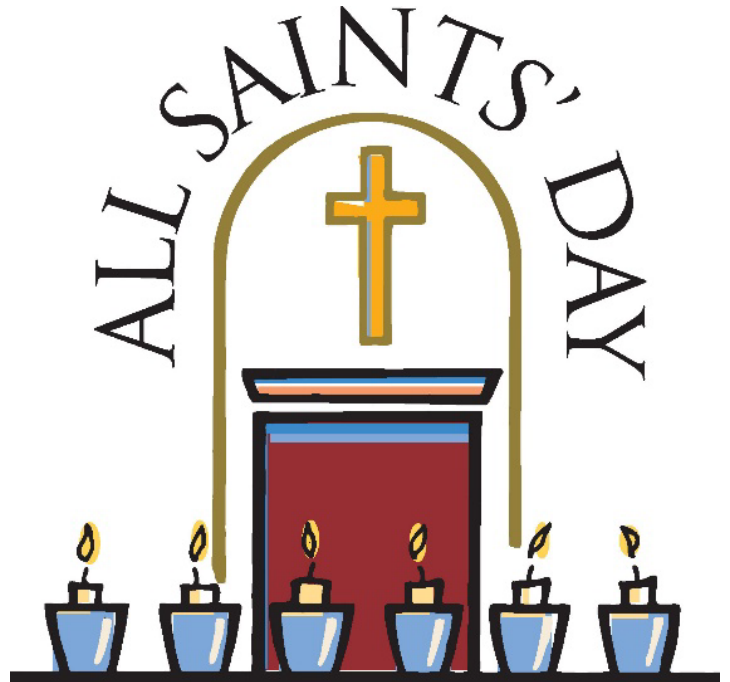
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Pastor: “I have heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.’ ‘Blessed indeed’, says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’” In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of your promises...For those of our **congregational family** who these past twelve months have died in Christ:



Barry Kratzer
Bill Gaudreault
Alice Hayden
Edna Achziger
Don Mielke
Jim Adams
Rosemary Fox
Marion Wilson
Doris Kuhlmann
Bob Stamp
Erica Dubeau
Terry O'Connell

Husband of Rita Kratzer
Husband of Gloria Gaudreault, Father of Brett
Wife of Jim Hayden
Mother of Linda Achziger
Husband of Susan Mielke
Husband of Jackie Adams
Mother of Regina Fetterolf
Sister of Jerry Vahle
Wife of Dick Kuhlmann
Husband of Carol Stamp
Friend of Ascension
Husband to Brenda O'Connell; Father to Colin
O'Connell and Erin Aldrich; Grandfather to
Brynn and Parker Aldrich and to Michael and
Molly O'Connell

Pastor: For those who have gone before us,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Pastor: For those in our **extended congregational family** who these past twelve months died in Christ:

Mike Lundborg
David Leino
Terry Whitehouse
Kathy Dvorak
Tara
Sandra Smith
Felicia Brayshaw
Mr. Erling
Karen Frundt
Sharon L. Utecht
Jim Szugyi
Diane Szugyi
Ernest Szugyi
Ann Elkins
Walter Heller
Rose Mihok Bendick

Brother of Kathy Wucherpennig
Son of Gloe Ann Leino
Mother of Joyce Lord
Friend of Joyce Gallagher
Friend of Joyce Gallagher
Mother of Scott Luethy
Wife of David Brayshaw
Father of Jacy Erling
Sister of Ellen Thompson
Mother of Terry Utecht
Brother of Carolyn Helstrom
Sister-in-law of Carolyn Helstrom
Brother of Carolyn Helstrom
Sister of Jude Donovan
Brother of Judy Koester
Mother-in-law of Judy Mihok



All Saints' Day

✂ WORD ✂

Theme

Pastor: Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone on before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life. Together with the saints in heaven and all the company of heaven we sing their song found in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 5:11-13; 19:5-9). We give thanks and praise for Christ's victory over death and His reign for all eternity by singing:

Festival Canticle

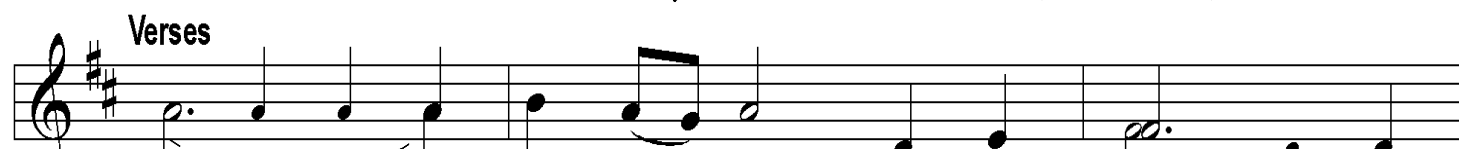
"This is the Feast"

Refrain

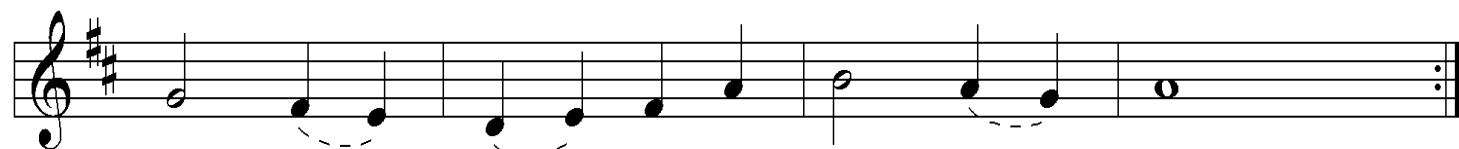


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses



1 Wor - thy	is	Christ, the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	whose
2 Pow - er,		rich - es,	wis -	dom,	and	strength,	and
3 Sing with		all the	peo -	ple	of	God,	and
4 Bless - ing,		hon - or,	glo -	ry,	and	might	be to
5 For the		Lamb	who	was	slain	has	be -



blood	set	us	free	to	be	peo -	ple	of	God.	<i>to refrain</i>
hon -	or,		bless -	ing,	and	glo -	ry	are	his.	<i>to refrain</i>
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre -	a -	-	-	<i>tion: to verse 4</i>
God	and	the	Lamb	for	ev -	er.	A -	-	-	<i>men. to refrain</i>
gun	his		reign.		Al -	le -	lu -	-	-	<i>ia! to Final Refrain</i>

Final Refrain



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First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

(Saints around God's throne know eternal salvation after having endured persecution.)

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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30 only) "I'm Goin' Up a Yonder" arr. Martin Sirvatka
Ascension Chorale Women



Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

(The Father loves us and calls us His 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia Verse *Hebrews 12:1a. 2a*

Pastor: Alleluia.

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

Pastor: Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus blesses some of the least likely people, teaching us that He is blessing us in the midst of all circumstances.)

Pastor: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: Blessed are those who mourn,

People: for they shall be comforted.

Pastor: Blessed are the meek,

People: for they shall inherit the earth.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they shall be satisfied.

Pastor: Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they shall receive mercy.

Pastor: Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God.

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they shall be called sons of God.

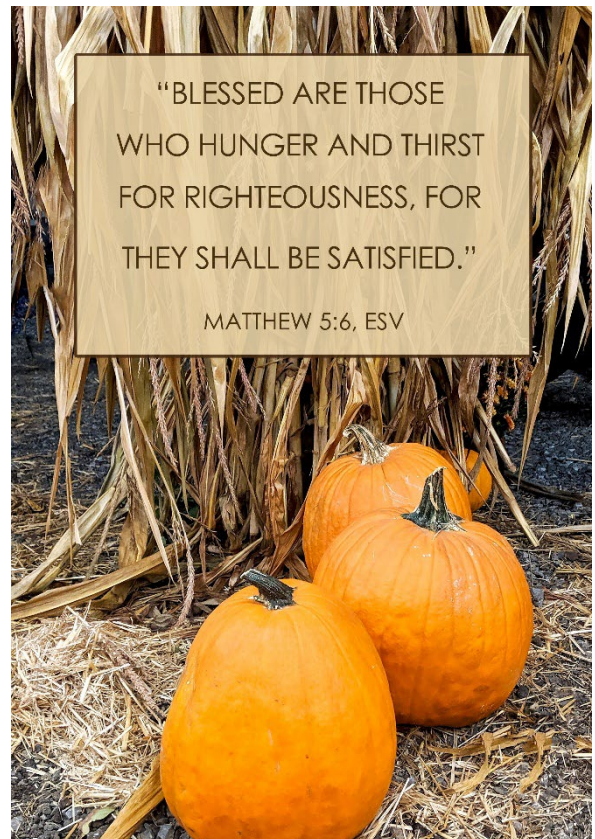
Pastor: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad,

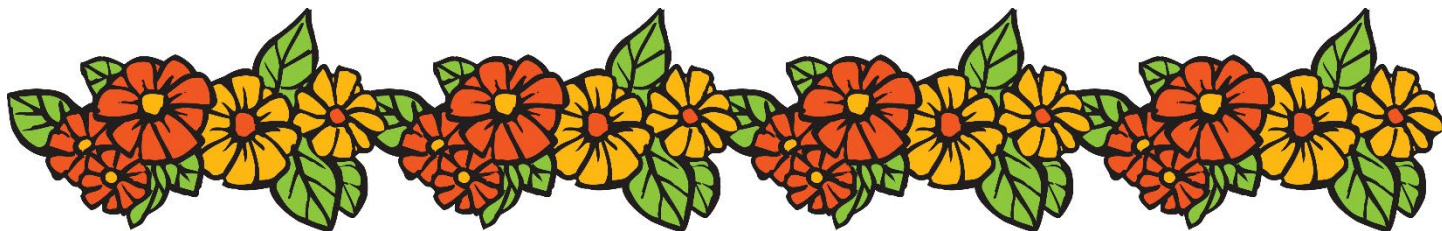
People: for your reward is great in heaven,

Pastor: for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



Hymn of the Day

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677

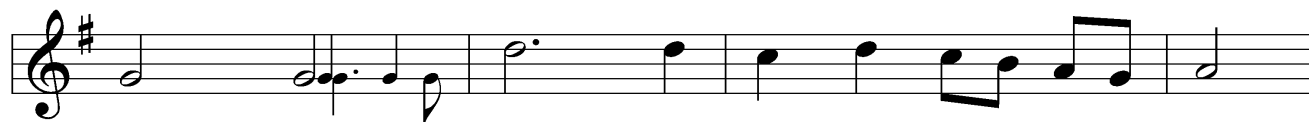
Verses 1, 3, 7-8



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Sermon

“Part of a Family”

Pastor John Larson

Text: John 3:1-3

Nicene Creed

(Text found in the back of the hymnal)

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy ...

People: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

*You may now greet one another in the name of
the Lord using...Peace be with you!*



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Peggy Daniel

Rev. Edward Maas

Diane Patterson

Thomas Firth

Cathy Darrow

Bill Milliken

Gary Selzer

Emily Harmon

Sharon Milliken

Susan Sherrer-Firth

Offering (collected in the back at 4:00 and 10:30 services)

Offering Music (8:00) "I'm Goin' Up a Yonder"

arr. Martin Sirvatka
Ascension Chorale Women

✠ HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION ✠

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our Maker and King, for You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In the communion of all Your saints, we are gathered into the Body of Your Son. You purify Your children in the waters of Baptism and robe us with the righteousness of Christ. You bless and encourage us by the faith of the saints who have gone before us so that as we run this race, we may finish it and receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Andrew R. Jones SINE NOMINE
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Andrew R. Jones

SINE NOMINE
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

O Lamb of God, You take a - way our sin.

You've giv - en mer - cy we could nev - er win.

Grant us Your peace and make us pure with - in.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Special Organ Music (4:00 and 10:30)	“Alabaré”	Stephen R. Johnson
Special Piano Music (8:00)	“For All the Saints”	arr. Nielson and Young Diana Gaide, pianist
Hymn	“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”	LSB 667
Hymn	“We Sing for All the Unsung Saints”	LSB 678
General Communion Blessing		

Closing Sentences

LSB 677:1

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

Benediction (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Alabaré I”

LSB 799

Congregational Concerns

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus” from “The Messiah”

G.F. Handel

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT

Pastor John Larson

MINISTER OF MUSIC and WORSHIP / ORGANIST

Michael Zehnder

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Stephanie Roettjer

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST / PIANIST

Diana Gaide

ELDERS 4 p.m. Benjamin Dallet; 8 a.m. David Pearman; 10:30 a.m. Michael Lawrenz

ACOLYTE 8 a.m. Ellise Friend; 10:30 a.m. Maria Olsen

LECTORS 4 p.m. Anita Baresel; 8 a.m. Carrie Friend; 10:30 a.m. Jackie Warren

COMMUNION SERVER 4 p.m. Anita Baresel; 10:30 a.m. Jackie Warren

ALTAR GUILD Tanya Schmitt, Lynne Nelson, Cathy Utecht

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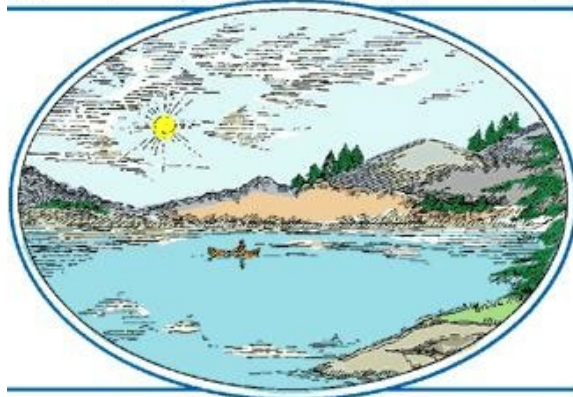
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Theresa Anderson

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Dale Bress

Michael Bress

Jim Donovan

Mae Hermsmeyer

William Hermsmeyer

David A. Hitztaler

Bev Kistler

Jennifer Kramer

Dorothy Luft

Ben Mullane

Raleigh Paulson

Chris Sundet

Anna Slotten Sundet

Larry Westra

Mother of Judy Hermsmeyer

Father of Judy Hermsmeyer

Father of Laurie Mullane

Sister of Laurie Mullane

Father of Kim McClaren

Sister of Carolyn Helstrom

Husband of Judy Bress

Loved One of Judy Bress

Loved One of Judy Bress

Husband of Jude Donovan

Mother of Norm Hermsmeyer

Father of Norm Hermsmeyer

Husband of Sherry Hitztaler

Wife of Bill Kistler

Daughter of Carolyn Helstrom

Mother of Jim Mullane

Son of Jim and Laurie Mullane

Godson of Jim and Tanya Schmitt

Father of Crystal Sundet

Mother of Crystal Sundet

Husband of Flo Westra

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

