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November 1, 2026 — All Saints' Sunday

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Werner, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 676 "Behold, A Host Arrayed in White"
Hymn of the Day: 678 "We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"
Distribution Hymn: 639 "Wide Open Stand the Gates"
Distribution Hymn: 677 "For All the Saints"
Distribution Hymn: 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"
Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
Distribution Hymn: 537 "Beautiful Savior"
Closing Hymn: 670 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests. Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.
Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, & Gladys Stone *(nursing home)*; **Annette Bott, Delwin Bott, & Georgia Oelschlager** *(recovering from surgery)*

Acolyte today - Briette Bott — **Acolyte Nov. 8** - Holden Bott

Ushers today - *Daniel Nabors, Greyson Ohlde, Emmerich Hornkohl, & Noah Thalmann

Ushers Nov. 8 - *Zac Hiltgen, Mason Tiemeyer, Emitt Tiemeyer, & Kingston Voelker

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today & Nov. 8 - Liam & Lydia Voelker

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Nov. 15 & 22 - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1	9:00 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School 2:00 p.m. Men's Club Trap Shoot at Jeff Voelker's (All men welcome.) 5:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class
Nov. 4	7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
Nov. 8	8:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School 5:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class

Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Revelation 21:4 - "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**
- Trinity Lutheran Men's Club will be hosting their annual Pancake Supper on **Sunday, November 8**, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, & eggs. Free-will offering to go to local & district projects.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
  - **Wed., Nov. 4**- Chapel led by Vicar Shipman at 8:30 a.m. at Zion. All are welcome!
  - **2nd Qtr chapel offering** (Oct. 17- Dec. 18) to World Lutheran Deaf Outreach
  - **Next Sun., Nov. 8th**, 1st-8th grade Linn Lutheran School students will sing at St. John. Please arrive at 9:15 a.m. to warm up in the fellowship hall. Students will sing right away at 9:30 and then join parents for the service.
  - **Next Sun., Nov. 8th**- 7th/8th graders will be playing handbells at St. John. Please have them at St. John by 9:00 a.m. to warm up.
  - **Tues., Nov. 10th** - All-School field trip to Kansas State University. Leaving at 9:30 a.m., back in time for buses. All 1st-8th grade students need a sack lunch.

As We Gather... Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude … from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" **(Revelation 7:9–10).** *Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is"* **(1 John 3:2).** *Joined with the throng of angels and countless saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple"* **(Revelation 7:15).** *In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven* **(Matthew 5:1–12).**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.
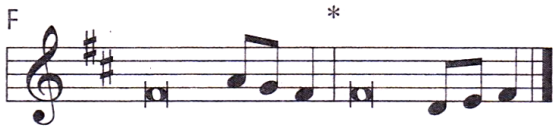
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In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- ☐ I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- ☐ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- ☐ I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- ☐ I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- ☐ I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- ☐ I forgive those who have wronged me.

Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit *(Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect for All Saints' Day

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. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: *Revelation 7:2-17*

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the
seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who
had been given power to harm earth and sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth
or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their
foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from
every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of
Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could
number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with
palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation
belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the
angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed
in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you
know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great
tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood
of the Lamb.

15 "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 shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gradual *(Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be
called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not
know us is that it did not know him. 2 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. 3 And everyone who
thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12*

1 Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat
down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be satisfied.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter
all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were
before you."

Catechetical Review

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To Workers of All Kinds

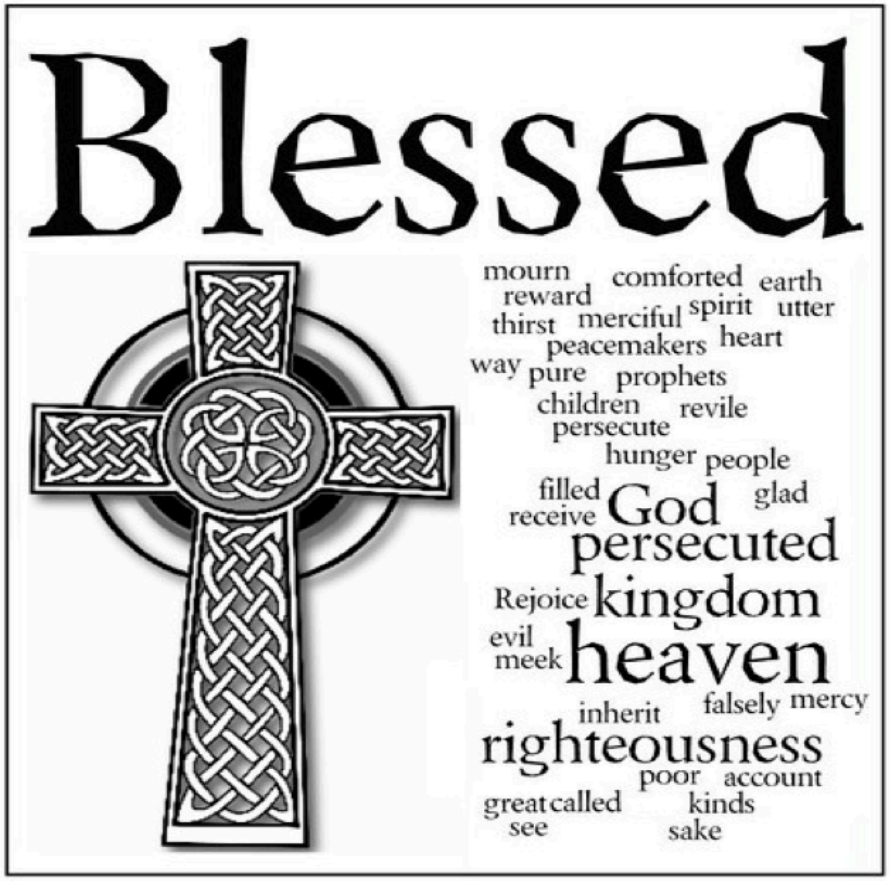
Ephesians 6:5-8

5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling,
with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, 6 not by the way of
eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing
the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as
to the Lord and not to man, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone
does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a
bondservant or is free.

To Employers and Supervisors

Ephesians 6:9

Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.



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