All Saints Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 | 10:30 am

For All the Saints

Luther Memorial members who have died since last All Saints Day



Lila Aamodt November 30, 2022



Donald Snyder December 9, 2022



Patricia Mair January 15, 2023



Tom Hilston March 16, 2023



Vicki Perzentka June 15, 2023



Steven Babcock June 17, 2023



Ron Burmeister July 20, 2023

Chuck Hilston July 21, 2023

Maxine Hermanson August 19, 2023



Holly Markham September 6, 2023



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion all saints sunday sunday, nov. 5, 2023 | 10:30 am

PRELUDE Jerusalem, My Happy Home | arr. Jason Krug

GATHERING

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave. P. 227 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.#424 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

APOSTOLIC 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.**



Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

This service is livestreamed on our website at www.luthermem.org and YouTube. Cameras are installed in the nave, and worshipers may occasionally be visible on this broadcast.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the Grainger Hall parking ramp, one block east of the church, off Brooks Street. For closer access, parking is available in the garage under the church off Conklin Place alley.

RESOURCES

T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushers can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9:15–11:45 am.

LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call, or want to learn more:

- Please fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate
- Visit us online at www. luthermem.org or Facebook



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

After 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

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

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

For 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for 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 34:1-10, 22

The choir sings the antiphon, "Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



I will bless the Lord | at all times;* the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
I will glory | in the Lord;* let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;* let us exalt God's | name together.
I sought the Lord, who | answered me* and delivered me from | all my terrors. Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,* and let not your faces | be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me* and saved me from | all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord* and de- | livers them.
Taste and see that the | Lord is good;* happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,* for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,* but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
O 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

See 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. Beloved, 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught 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 receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice 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 sit. SERMON

Please stand.

#422 HYMN OF THE DAY For All the Saints Stanzas 1–5: Procession to the Columbarium Stanzas 6 & 7: Recession from the Columbarium



COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (Follows stanza 5 of hymn)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *Please greet your neighbor:* **Peace be with you.**

MEAL

Please sit. OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING The Eternal Day | Leland B. Satern

There dawns a day when all the clouds descending O'er human life at last shall flee away, And I shall see in glory never-ending The radiant dawn of everlasting day.

There dawns a day when in eternal gladness The love of God shall every loss restore; And there shall be no tears of pain or sadness, And signs of sorrow shall be heard no more.

There dawns a day when in that realm supernal I walk with Christ beside the crystal stream, And talk with Him again of life eternal And of the life that vanished like a dream!

Please stand.

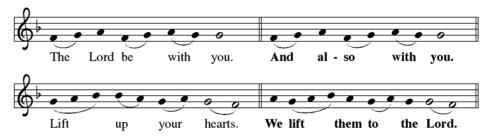
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

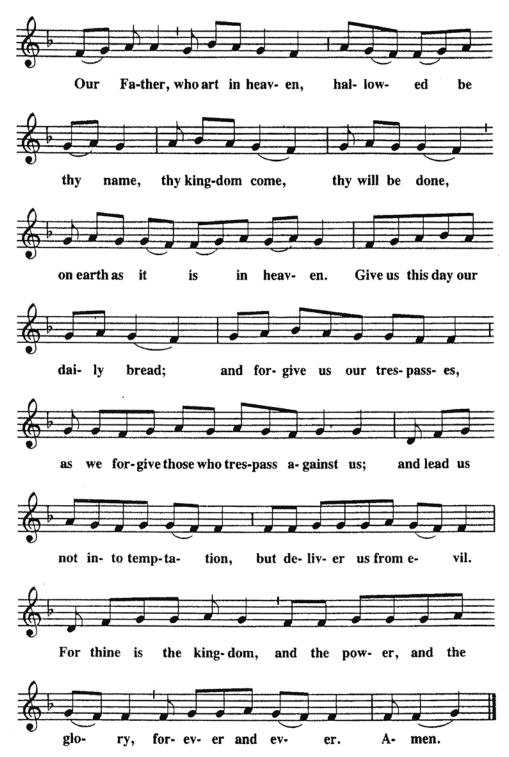
You are indeed holy... until he comes.



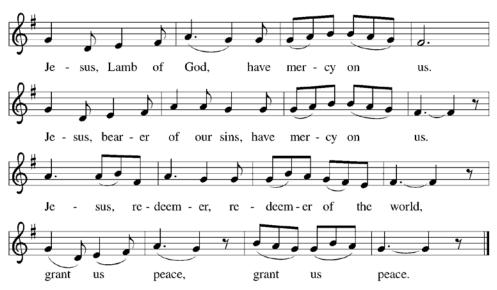
Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER



Please sit. AGNUS DEI



THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread*) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received in any of three ways: by drinking from the first chalice, by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice, or by drinking from an individual glass poured from a second chalice. *Gluten-free bread is available on request.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Behold a Host, Arrayed in White | arr. John A. Behnke

COMMUNION HYMNS

- **#630** In Heaven Above
- **#429** In Our Day of Thanksgiving

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font. **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Jerusalem

Cong. and choir Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey **Choir only** O _____ sweet and bless-ed coun - try the home of God's e -Cong. and choir The _ Christ is ev - er with _ them, the day-light is se be - neath thy con-tem-pla - tion sink heart and voice op bless'd O _____ sweet and bless-ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex lect, the _ pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo-rious rene, know not, oh, I know not, what _ joys a - wait us pressed: I _ Where _ they who with their lead - er have _ con-quered in the pect. sheen. There _ is the throne of Da - vid; and _ there from care re glo - ry, what bliss be-yond com there; what _ ra - dian-cy of for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of fight the _____ shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that leased, sing the hymn un-end - ing with all the mar-tyr pare! To ____ su in mer - cy bring_us to that dear land of white. Je -God en-throned in glo - ry; through all in all de feast; there_ throng, a midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound ing with song. rest where _ sings the host of heav-en thy glo - rious name to bless. pend; the __ Lamb for - ev - er bless-ed, the light that knows no end. Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th c.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; adapt. Paul Nicholson Music: Thaxted, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934; setting, Paul Nicholson Jerusalem (11-10501) setting, Paul Nicholson DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux | Olivier Messiaen *"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father"*

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

When we, then, view death in the light of the Communion of Saints and Holy Communion, there is no helpless bereavement. My loved one has just left me and has gone on a long journey. But I am in touch with her. I know that there is a place where we can meet. It is at the Altar. How it thrills me when I hear the words of the Liturgy, "Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven," for I know that she is there with that company of Heaven, the Communion of Saints, with the Lord. The nearer I come to my Lord in Holy Communion, the nearer I come to the saints, to my own loved ones. I am a member of the Body of Christ, I am a living cell in that spiritual organism, partaking of the life of the other cells, and sharing in the Body of Christ Himself.

There is nothing fanciful or unreal about this. Indeed, it is the most real thing in my life. Of course, I miss my loved one. I should miss her if she took a long holiday trip. But now, since she is what some people call dead, she is closer to me than ever. Of course. I miss her physical presence bitterly. I miss her voice and the sound of her approaching footsteps. But I have not lost her. And when my sense of loss becomes too great, I can always go to our meeting place at the Altar where I receive the Body and Blood of my Lord that preserves my body and soul just as it has preserved her unto everlasting life. Do learn to love the Altar as the meeting place with your beloved who have passed within the veil. Here again the Sacrament is the heart of our religion. The Blessed Sacrament links us not merely to Bethlehem and Calvary, but to the whole world beyond the grave as well, for at the Altar the infinite is shrined in the finite; Heaven stoops down to earth; and the seen and the unseen meet.

Berthold Von Schenk (1895-1974)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Elise Shirek, Kole Consigny
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luis Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Phyllis Pleuss, Helen Hartman, Derren Slinde
CRUCIFER	Randy Raasch
LECTOR	John Pleuss
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
THURIFER	Randy Raasch
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Marsha Steffen, Nicole Lane Starr, Kris Gruber-Twardy & Paul Twardy

Baptized today is Wesley Mark Schaeffer, son of Andrew & Jenny Schaeffer.

Our thanks to Joe Zill, trumpet, and also to the Bell Choir for playing this morning,

Today's music setting is from Franz Schubert's German Mass.

Altar flowers are given by Sue Bangert & Mike Hammers in memory of Joann Bangert.

Today we remember the inurnments of Stephen Bremer, Vilas Nelson, Charles Puls, Inez Puls and Mildred Slauson in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

Sunday, Nov. 5 marks the 26th anniversary of the dedication of the Luther Memorial Columbarium. A special thanks to all those who have nurtured this ministry by serving on the columbarium board. Today we dedicate the new Columbarium candle holder. Designed by the Inspired Artisans, it is modeled after the paschal stand near the font.

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