

# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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# All Saints Sunday

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## All Are Welcome – All the Time!

You do not need to be a member of this church or Lutheran to participate in any part of worship.

If you wish to take communion, we ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus.

His body and blood were given and shed for you.



Christ Lutheran Church & PreSchool is a community committed to the work of equity and inclusion, bringing justice and support for all of God's beloveds. We welcome those who are seeking God's love and grace for the first time or as a life-long believer. We welcome because Jesus shows us how to welcome, regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, economic resources, relationship status, health challenges or anything else that too often divides us. It is in our welcome which we commit ourselves to being an anti-racist space, a space where we seek daily to deepen our work of inclusion in the life of our church. Our unity is in Christ. All are welcome here.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS RECORDING NAMES OF SAINTS FOR PRAYERS**

*By Kathy Davis, who will provide updated Prayers of Intercession*

## **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

*– Silence for reflection –*

*Most merciful God,*

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may  
delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in our hearts. **Amen.**

## **SONG: For All the Saints, ELW 422 (vs 1, 3, 6, 7)**

*(Printed in Hymnal and on bulletin insert)*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be for-ever blest. A-lleluia! A-lleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. A-lleluia! A-lleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way. A-lleluia! A-lleluia!

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. A-lleluia! A-lleluia!

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

## **READING – Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

## **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 24**

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,  
**the world, and those who live in it,**

for he has founded it on the seas  
**and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
**who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord  
**and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

Such is the company of those who seek him,  
**who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
**that the King of glory may come in!**

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty,  
**the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
**that the King of glory may come in!**

Who is this King of glory?  
**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

## **READING – Revelation 21:1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

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

– Please stand as you are able –

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG) – ELW 172**

Halle, halle, halle – lujah. Halle, halle, halle – lujah.  
Halle, halle, halle – lujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah!

## **THE GOSPEL – John 11:32-44**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

*The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.*

**SERMON: “Saints – God’s Co-workers”**

## **SONG – We Are Called, ELW 720**

*(Printed in Hymnal and on bulletin insert)*

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called...

to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom, of the city of God...

**We are called to act with justice;**

**We are called to love tenderly;**

**We are called to serve one another,**

**To walk humbly with God...**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called...

to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and blindness, will be no more...

**We are called to act with justice...**

Come! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign,

and we'll walk with each other, as sisters and brothers, united in love....

**We are called to act with justice...**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

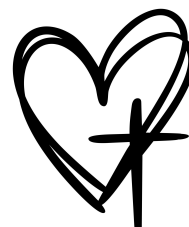
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(on separate sheet)*

*God of grace... Hear our prayer.*



## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.*

*– Please share a greeting or sign of peace –*

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks & praise.**



## All Welcome at Communion

Single-serve kits in first tray

Bread and wine next

Choose as you feel comfortable

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS *(sung by congregation – p. 207)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(not printed/Presider's book on altar)*

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AT THE FRONT

**All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.** You do not need to be a member of this church or Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who are interested will be invited by an usher to come up the center aisle to the front to receive Communion or you may request a blessing. You are also welcome to remain in your seat to pray. Welcome!

**Today we will offer both single-serving Communion kits as well as a traditional distribution of bread and wine. Please choose as you feel comfortable.**

**Single-serving kits are available in the first tray.** Select a sealed cup and bring it back to your seat to open and partake. Once at your seat, peel back the top layer to find the wafer, and then the bottom seal to drink. An usher will offer a basket to collect the empty container.

**If you would like Traditional Communion,** select an empty cup from the second tray and come forward to the Pastor, who will place a piece of bread into your open hand. The assistant will then pour wine into your cup. Your empty cup may be placed in the trays at each side as you return to your seat. Welcome!



# POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SONG: For All Your Saints, O Lord, ELW 427

*(Printed in Hymnal and on bulletin insert)*

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,  
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

To God, the Father, Son and Spirit, ever blest,  
the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.

## DISMISSAL

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

## All Saints Sunday: Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Today is All Saints Sunday, a day when we traditionally remember those who have passed during the previous year (or in recent years, or those we want to remember as we speak their names in our hearts or aloud).

As we start worship today, we will not only take prayer requests, but we will also record names you would like remembered in our prayers today. May all of these Saints continue to be a blessing to you, and may God help you heal from your loss and find peace and hope in His promise.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Decorate for Christmas** – Nov 24 after worship. Thanks for any help!
- **Saturday with St. Nick** – December 7 from 10 to noon – Our gift to the community!
- **Supporting the Homeless** – Thank you to all who sent items for the camp near Pastor Padraig's home in Chicago. There was so much we must do a second load. Thank you!
- **Vernon Township Pantry** – The shelves are empty! Looking for any nonperishable, unexpired food; new manual can openers; and reusable tote bags. For the next few weeks, all food items will go to the Township, while cleaning/paper goods will go to Sue's Pantry.
- **Caring Hands** – Saturday, November 16 from 9a to noon. Making prayer shawls, comfort blankets, hats/mittens. ([CaringHandsVernonHills@gmail.com](mailto:CaringHandsVernonHills@gmail.com))
- **Donating to Hurricane Victims** – ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response is one of the oldest, most effective and most respected organizations for getting money where it can be put to good use. Our teams have been working in areas hit by hurricanes and floods from the start, and will stay the longest to ensure people are cared for. Donate at [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org).
- **Scouting!** – Boys and girls ages Kindergarten through high school have an opportunity to build skills and have fun through Scouting. Please connect us with interested families. Thanks for supporting our Troop 273! Current fundraiser: wreaths & popcorn
- **PreSchool Underway** – Please keep the children, families and staff of Christ Lutheran PreSchool in your prayers.
- **Support for Anelly** – Our ministry partner Anelly, a young mother of two who has supported refugees in Chicago, has a recurrence of cancer and other challenges. Please lift her in prayer and consider supporting the Meal Train ([HollySJ@earthlink.net](mailto:HollySJ@earthlink.net)).
- **Sanctuary Support** – Wishlist includes diapers, formula, coats, children's clothes (baby to teen), shoes, jackets, strollers, book bags, suitcases, storage bins with lids.
- **Sue's Pantry** – Call for toilet paper! And anything needed to keep a home and family clean – dish soap, laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo.
- **Love INC** – Housewares, nonperishables and volunteers. Want to learn more? Have a child or family in need of a bundle of clothes or housewares? Give the details to Natalie she will get us covered! (Thanks, Natalie.) (<https://loveinclakecounty.org/>)
- **COOL Ministries** – We support the COOL pantry in Waukegan with non-perishables. Collection bins in hallway or give online. ([CoolMinistries.org](http://CoolMinistries.org))
- **Prayer concerns?** Consider reaching out so that our network of Prayer Warriors can pray. You may remain anonymous. Email [ChristLutheranVH@aol.com](mailto:ChristLutheranVH@aol.com) with your request. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Team, please send an email.
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.** Your presence in worship is very important. Thank you for being part of this community of faith. If you would like to support our service, we welcome donations, which can be provided by credit card or Paypal through the link at the bottom of our webpage, [ChristLutheranVH.org](http://ChristLutheranVH.org). Thank you.