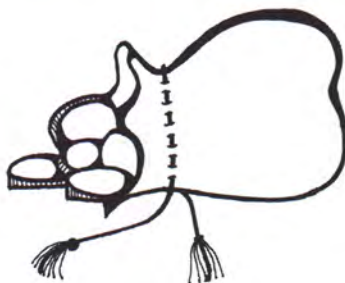




Alleluia Lutheran Church is a growing multi-ethnic community of Jesus' disciples, gathered into authentic relationships by the Holy Spirit around Word and Sacrament, and sent by the Holy Spirit to transform lives with Christ.

Pentecost 24 + November 15, 2020



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

The assembly stands.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Earth and All Stars!*

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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

God of all mercy and consolation come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

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 by 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**

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us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. *The assembly is seated.*

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

God's word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther 1483-1546

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

The assembly stands to proclaim our faith with the Apostles Creed.

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.**

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, let us pray...

We pray, O God...

O God, you are the Temple of your people. **Hear us and help us.**

For the earth we pray...

O God, you are the Maker of...and the earth. **Hear us and help us.**

For all the nations we pray...

O God, you are the Haven we seek. **Hear us and help us.**

For the United States we pray...

O God, you are our Mighty Fortress: **Hear us and help us.**

We pray for all who are in need...

O God, you are our Physician: **Hear us and help us.**

For many of us...O God, you are Father: **Hear us and help us.**

We remember before you...

O God, you are the Light perpetual. **Hear us and help us.**

Receive these prayers, and in your gracious mercy grant your
strength to our neediness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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.**

SENDING SONG

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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Week at A Glance

Sun 11/15 Alleluia Worship@9AM
Mon 11/16 Troop 3 Meeting@7PM
Tue 11/17 Pack 3 Mtg@7:00PM

Scripture Readings & Gospel
for next Sunday, November 22

1st Reading Ezek 34:11-16,20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
2nd Reading Eph 1:15-23
Gospel Matt 25:31-46

Check the Alleluia **online calendar** for more scheduled events and group meetings.

***Welcome Back to Church,
Alleluia Members & Visitors!***

Please adhere to Alleluia's re-opening Guidelines for your health and well-being. These are posted throughout the building. Be safe and God Bless!

Weekly Special Offerings—Please bring **canned or boxed food** and any **spare change**. The food is for St. John's food pantry. The spare change for the piggy bank supports Mission Projects. Thanks!

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Sunday Time & Talents
Thank you!

<i>Sunday Servants</i>	<i>Nov 15, 2020</i>	<i>Nov 22, 2020</i>	<i>Nov 29, 2020</i>	<i>Dec 6, 2020</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Joanne	Roy	Carmel	Anne

Worship Attendance Statistics

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Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries
Blessings and Best Wishes!

Frank & Carmen 11/16 Ken K 11/18 Laura S 12/10

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