

The Herald

November 2024



THEOLOGY SEASON

In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

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Saturday Service
5:00 PM

Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.

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Music Rehearsal
Rehearsals meet on
Sunday mornings @
9:40 am. Choir
rehearsals resume on
September 8th. New
singers are always
welcome!

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Month of November is bookended by two festivals ...

Unbinding the Living

On All Saints Sunday we remember loved ones who have been laid in the tomb. We know the acute grief of Mary, Martha, and Jesus. We know the reality of death that lies so close. We know that at any moment the phone call could come with news we dread. We live forever in the shadow of death.

At the same time, we also know the little deaths that take place every day. We know the daily disappointments, the betrayal of a friend, a failure at work, a difficult and tumultuous marriage, the loneliness and pain of one longing for something more from life. Beyond that there are the near-constant reminders that much of this world is far from God's kingdom. How easy it is to look and see poverty and injustice, disease and despair all around. Like Lazarus, we are bound tightly in death's clothes: grief, disappointment, hopelessness.

Yet Jesus speaks the last word for us: "Unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44). This promise is bursting with resurrecting life. This word is spoken by the one who became human and was put in a tomb, but broke through the pervasive stench of death. In the waters of the font, we hear our God speak this word to us. Lifting us out of the waters, God frees us from the binding rags of death and dresses us in the royal clothing of Christ. At the table, we feast with the God in whom we have waited, the God who swallows up death forever. The last word is not death, but life as a beloved child of God.

Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, God's people are called forth from the grave. Fellow saints rush forward to remove the rotting grave clothes. Together the people of God celebrate the hope and promise of resurrection, rising each new day to joyfully serve in the name of the one who is beyond death, Jesus our Savior.

Love Redefines Power and Dominion

On Christ The King Sunday we will hear Jesus redefine the title "king" and he will give new meaning to the idea of kingdom. The appointed psalm says, "The waters have lifted up, O Lord, . . . the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high" (Ps. 93:3-4). While a king might have the ability to sail atop a roaring, chaotic sea, Christ the King is one who stills the waves (Mark 4:35-41).

Meanwhile, I pray as you prepare for this year's Thanksgiving Feast you will pause and give thanks for the lives of all that have gone before that make this feast possible and that you remember to give honor and glory to Christ your king, the master of every feast! Amen

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Andy

CHURCH CALENDAR

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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	2 5:00 Worship
3 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Choir 10:30 Worship	4 AA Meeting	5 ELECTION DAY 	6	7 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Flute Ensemble	8 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	9 5:00 Worship
10 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Choir 10:30 Worship	11 AA Meeting	12	13 6:30 Council Meeting	14 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	15 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	16 5:00 Worship
17 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Choir 10:30 Worship	18 AA Meeting	29	20 CHILI NIGHT (5:30-7:00) 	21 11:00 Bible Study	22 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	23 5:00 Worship
24 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Choir 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	25 AA Meeting	26	27	28  HAPPY THANKSGIVING 11:00 Bible Study	29	30 5:00 Worship

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

Dawn Allen, Michael Appeld, The friends and family of John Austino as they mourn his passing, The family of Bill Bartleson as they mourn his death, Nicholas Baud, John Brecht, Max Belko, The family of Kaz Bielecki's son-in-law as they mourn his death, Madelene Budd, Emerson Bulk, Richard Burrough, Sal Castelli, Jenn Caysey, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Rocco Cristinzio, Milton Cuevas, Jr., Nicholas Damiani, Aja DelRio, Alicia DiRienzo, The family of Lorraine Donnelly as they mourn her passing, The friends and family of Pastor Bruce Ewen as they mourn his passing, Barbara Facchine, The family of Anne Fatum as they mourn her death, Scott Fey, Francis, The family of John Forsman as they mourn his passing, Bobby G., Alma Garcia, Gavin Gigliotti, The family of Michael Gilletti as they mourn his death, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, the family of Doris Gordon as they mourn her death, Randi Gordon, Ruth Gordon, The family of Don Halterman as they mourn his death, Jane Johnston, Marilyn Kaiser, The family of Robert Keen as they mourn his passing, The family of Joseph Kelleher as they mourn his passing, Grace Laphan, Joseph Lonia, The Lonia family rejoices in the birth of their great-Granddaughter, Jessie MacGregor, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, The family and friends of Kathleen Donnell Marshall as they mourn her passing, The McCall family in their time of grief and loss, The family of Michael McKee as they mourn his passing, George Muth, The family and friends of Carol Nardi as they mourn her death, The family of Robert O'Connor, The O'Donald family as they mourn the passing of their young adult female family member, The family and friends of Bob Oehlman as they mourn his passing, Lazslo Orosze, Janet Ostrowski, The family of Joseph Ostrowski as they mourn his death, Otis, Danielle Peters, Jan Pressley (and all victims of the recent hurricanes), The family of Harry Rees as they mourn his death, Eric Riding, The family and friends of Linda Sauerwein as they mourn her passing, Billy Shea, The family and friends of Glenn Shirley as they mourn his passing, The friends and family of William Snyder, Jr. as they mourn his passing, Brian Solt, Joy Stagliano, Samantha Sumner, Richard Sylvester, Eileen Simpson, The family of Dot Stagg as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Corey Temean, Candy Tryson, The family and friends of Larry Wall as they mourn his passing, Rosie Ward, Winfield Watson, Dolores Whilleson, Sue Willard, The family of Madeline Williams as they mourn her death, Avery Wrigley, The family and friends of Lonny Yance as they mourn his passing, Jerry, Pat and Kelly who are battling cancer, The family and friends of Rev. Jeffrey Ziegler as they mourn his sudden passing.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received year-to-date--\$103925.29. Amount needed to meet the spending plan--\$117175.00 (Please note that we are currently about \$13200 behind our approved spending plan. Don't forget the church when you are away!)

SOCIAL AND EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, November 20—Chili Night (5:30 – 7:00 pm)**
- **Sunday, December 8—Potluck Christmas Party (3:30 pm)**

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Matthew Bardales, Dean Kershaw, Pam Kincaid, Kayla Stanz, Casey Vinciguerra

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: April & Vince Montana, Fay Stafford-Rambo

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday, November 3rd and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE "PROVISION"

In seasons when we perceive our resources as scarce, we sometimes feel weighed down. We get anxious and depressed. We can be preoccupied by what we do not have. Do you share some of these feelings? You look around and do not see what you would think you need, and so you hold up, back down, withdraw, and even hide. Today we are invited to consider these things from another point of view. The text invites us to look at the resources in a situation



from God's point of view and trust that there is more than meets the eye. The prophet Elijah comes to a region experiencing drought and to a woman who has just a few sticks and a handful of oil. But when put to God's purposes, they are enough. More than enough. In fact, they do not run out. The jar and the jug are continuously refilling.

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