

The Herald

November 2025



CHRIST THE KING

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
The choir rehearses
on Sunday mornings
@ 9:40 am. All are
welcome.

PASTOR'S PAGE

November is a Change of Season Month, liturgically speaking. November begins with the Feast of All Saints then ends with the First Sunday in Advent.

All Saints

The custom of commemorating on a single day all the saints of the church, especially the many unknown martyrs, originated in the fourth century. By the eighth century, the festival commemorating all saints had been moved in England and Ireland to November 1 in order to Christianize the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain which marked the beginning of winter and communal attention to the dead. In current Christian use, the day is dedicated to thanksgiving for all the unnamed who died in the Lord. It is appropriate for the names of those who have died over the previous twelve months be read aloud, a practice originally associated with All Souls Day on November 2. This fits with the Protestant beliefs that all the Christian dead are saints, none needs release from purgatory, and it is only to God whom we pray.

[Luke 6:20-31](#) is the Gospel for All Saints. This version of the Beatitudes is especially appropriate for All Saints Day since it is addressed to “you,” to all of us blessed by God. The extraordinary ethics described by Luke has inspired many believers—for example Martin of Tours and Francis of Assisi—to radical behavior and exceptional lifestyles.

Images in the Readings

To be a **saint** is to be made holy by baptism and by life in the body of Christ. Matthew writes, “Blessed are **the poor** in spirit,” but Luke writes, “Blessed are you who are poor.” Who is “poor”? *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* gives as one option for the dismissal “Go in peace: remember the poor,” a phrase taken from Galatians 2:10. We are all in some way poor, and we ask for God’s blessings. But spiritualizing the phrase ought not lead us to forget Paul’s original meaning to the Galatians: there are people who are desperately poor, hungry, dispossessed, and as Christians we are to serve them. We are the body of Christ, offering food to the poor.

Advent

Although the historical record is sketchy, it appears that our Advent arose out of a season of fasting to prepare for baptisms at Epiphany. By the sixth century, an eschatological emphasis was present. Our Advent comprises the four Sundays before Christmas. Each year, the first Sunday contains the theme of readiness for divine judgment, the second Sunday the ministry of John the Baptist, the third Sunday the Baptist’s call to a repentant life, and only on the fourth Sunday a narrative concerning the birth of Jesus. God comes, in the past in the history of Israel and the incarnation of Jesus, in the present in the word and sacrament of each Sunday, and in the future at the end of all things. This tone stands in stark contrast to our secular society’s weeks of preparation for Christmas.

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

Advent begins the new liturgical year, and in this Year A, the gospel readings from Matthew complement the festival gospels taken from John. At this beginning we contemplate the end: the arrival of the divine judge means the end of the earth as we know it. In Advent, we are called to ready our lives to receive our disorienting God. The arrival of God, like a flood, always surprises us.

Peace in the Season(s),

Pastor Andy

CHURCH CALENDAR

November 2025

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ 5:00 Worship
² Daylight Savings 8:30 Worship 9:00 Coffee Hour/ Sunday School 9:40 Choir 10:30 Worship 	³ AA Meeting	⁴ 	⁵	⁶ 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 GCFE	⁷ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	⁸ 5:00 Worship
⁹ 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:40 Choir 10:30 Worship	¹⁰ AA Meeting	¹¹  Veteran's Day	¹² 6:30 Council Meeting	¹³ 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	¹⁴ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	¹⁵ 5:00 Worship
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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

Holly & Duane, Dawn Allen, Hal Battindorf, Nicholas Baud, Madelene Budd, Carol Carty, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, Nicholas Damiani, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Alicia DiRienzo, Kathy Drew, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Scott Fey, Bill Flynn, Francis, Bobby G., Alma Garcia, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Marie Giliberti, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, the Hatcher family, the Hogan family, The family of Ken Jakubiak as they mourn his passing, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, The family of Robert Keen as they mourn his passing, Corinne Klotz, Clara Kuter, The family and friends of Doris Lail as they mourn her passing, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joseph Lonia, The friends and family of Jessie MacGregor as they mourn her passing, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, Rob and Nona McDonough & family, Caroline Miles, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Otis, Donna Paone, Danielle Peters, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Dan Richardson, The family of Charles Rust as they mourn his passing, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Sue Sheeley, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsad, Julia Stanz, Sarah Stanz, Donna Testa, Frank Temean, Ed Tutka, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The family of Michelle Whiting as they mourn her passing, the Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Sue Wise, Shirley Yancer.

(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 to date—\$97577.45. Amount needed to date--\$107414.00. (We are currently about \$9836.00 behind our spending plan goal. Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

"PAINT THE TOWER"

We are currently running a campaign to re-paint the church tower ("Paint the Tower" fund). The total cost of the project is \$4000 and we need to have half of this amount to schedule the work (\$2000). As of the end of October, we have received \$1040 so we are almost halfway to being able to schedule the work. Please mark your donations "Tower" so we can accurately track our progress. Thank you for your generosity in helping us to maintain our church property!

FEED THE NORTHEAST 2025

For the month of October, we are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Pantry. You should bring your items this month to the church and they will be placed in front of the altar.

HYGIENE KITS

We will again be assembling hygiene kits this year. If you have a THRIVENT account, please consider setting up an Action Team Grant to help with this project. This will enable us to have the funds to purchase items to fill the kits. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Andy.

COUNTING TEAMS

We are looking to add some members to our offering counting team. We would like to set up a rotating schedule to make it convenient for everyone. We typically count the offering on Sundays after the 10:30 service, but we could also count on Mondays if needed. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Caryl Carthew (856-905-2830 or carthew99@comcast.net).

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 2nd and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

2025 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM—Go and Do the Same—Live Your Faith

The text today is especially inviting because Jesus has been teaching the disciples, and the apostles cry out, "Increase our faith!" I believe that is a cry that almost every person here shares. "Increase my faith as a person. Increase our faith as a congregation."

Now, faith means a lot of things to a lot of people. Someone once told me, with a straight face, "Preacher, faith is believing what you know isn't true." My Latin teacher reminded us that our word "faith" comes from a Latin word whose root means "to trust." When I was in seminary I thought a lot about the relationship between faith and doubt, and about how important doubt can be when thinking towards what you really believe. I want reasonable faith. Or, to use a double- negative, I want a faith that does not not make sense.

Well, such wide-ranging thinking about faith is interesting and helpful, but we do need to remember that Luke has a more specific understanding of faith. As we have been tracking through our study of the Gospel of Luke these last several months, in the Third Gospel, faith refers specifically to the confidence that the realm of God—the great time of love, peace, justice, dignity, abundance, and life—is already partially present through the ministry of Jesus and will come to be fully manifest at the second coming.

Increase our confidence that this realm is present and coming. Increase our willingness to be part of it.

And then Jesus says, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Of course, Jesus is speaking figuratively. The mustard seed was tiny, proverbially the smallest of seeds. The mulberry tree (not our mulberry but something more like a sycamore), had deep roots and stretched 60 feet into the air.

Jesus' point: if you act on what you've got, you can do a lot more than you think you can, because what you are infused with is the power of the realm. It would be great to have an increased faith. But you don't need to wait for the gauge to register full on the faith tank in your heart and mind. All you need is a mustard seed.

I think about that today as we contemplate our giving for the coming year. Many of us, perhaps most of us, maybe even all of us, can do more than we think we can. And we can do it because we are caught up in the power of something bigger than we are. Think about planting one tiny seed for each of the people here this morning. That turns into a large stand of very large mulberry trees.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, November 15, 2025.



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