

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Worship Bulletin  
November 5, 2023 – 10AM  
All Saints' Sunday



**Prelude** Susan Berg, Organist

**Announcements**

**Opening Songs** "Friend of Sinners"  
"Bring the Rain"  
"Love the Lord"

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through +Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** We pray together...

**C:** O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

### The Multitude from Every Nation

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

“For the Lamb  
at the center  
of the throne  
will be their  
shepherd...



and God will  
wipe away  
every tear  
from their  
eyes.”

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

**3** <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he<sup>[a]</sup> is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

### The Beatitudes

**5** When Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

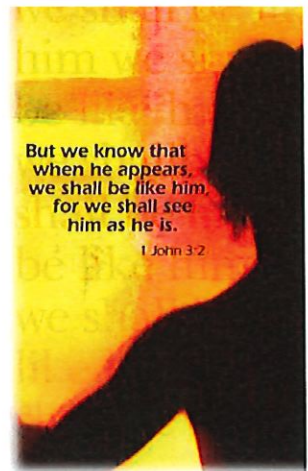
<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.





<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely<sup>[b]</sup> on my account. <sup>12</sup> 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 BEATITUDES

*“Rejoice  
and be glad,  
for your reward  
is great in  
heaven.”*

Matthew 5:12, ESV

Sermon

“You Have to Die to Get to Heaven”

**Sermon Hymn**

“For All the Saints”  
Choral Song Leaders  
Congregation Please Join

Hymn 422  
(vv. 1-2, 6-7)



## Prayers of the People

**On this All Saints Sunday, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.**

Heavenly Father, this is the day that we remember those who have gone before us into the heavenly kingdom. John, in Revelation, gives us a picture of them *“a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne.”* What are they doing? They are declaring their salvation in Jesus Christ and giving glory to God. What a day that will be! ***Lord in your mercy...***

What will life be like in God’s kingdom? John continues, *“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”* Where have they come from to be filled with such joy and celebration? *“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”* With the tumultuous events in the world today, do we begin to see the stresses of tribulation around us? And these are just the beginning of birth pangs for the difficult days ahead. Do we long for the peace of God? ***Lord in your mercy...***

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world. We pray for wisdom and good judgment for those making decisions that affect the stability of the world. We pray for victory in the spiritual battle that rules the universe; we pray for the power of good over evil. In the midst of struggle, we thank you we have confidence that, according to 1 John, *“Beloved, we are God’s children now... and we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”* The promise is sure. ***Lord in your mercy...***

Remember this congregation its pastor and people as we share the love of Jesus. Touch those who have asked for prayer with healing, comfort and perseverance to the end of time. We name those among us who have asked for prayer. And for what else do the people of God pray or praise? ***Lord in your mercy...***

With the angels and elders and creatures around the throne, we join in praise now and forever: *“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever!”* In Jesus’ mighty name, we pray. ***Amen.***

CAROLYN T. LINN



Sunday, November 5, 2023

## Scripture Reading: Joshua 3:7-17

*If you win without sacrifice you enjoy it, but it's more satisfying when you have struggled. —Andres Iniesta*

In his book, *My People Is the Enemy: An Autobiographical Polemic*, William Stringfellow, a graduate of Harvard Law School, reveals that he spent much of his professional life working in the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City. His congregation was the very poorest of the poor as he advocated for them in their struggles against injustice.

He did this out of a deep sense of Christian vocation. In his own words: "I came to Harlem to live, to work there as a lawyer, to take some part in the politics of the neighborhood, to be a layman in the church there."

Seven years later, he was at a gathering of Harvard alumni. A dean of the law school, who had just been examining some statistics about the law school's graduates, complained to Stringfellow that by working with the poor, he was dragging down the average income of his graduating class!

The dean was working with different metrics, rubrics and standards of success than was Stringfellow! Jesus understood life to be about sacrifice, not success, and Stringfellow followed Jesus, not the culture.

The co-founder of Habitat for Humanity had a similar understanding. Millard Fuller was a successful businessman, but after his wife, Linda, left him, he realized that his material wealth was blocking him from serving God. After a tearful reconciliation, they set out to serve the Lord. Friends, family and even pastors tried to talk them out of it, but Fuller told them no. "If I think about it, I won't do it," he said, "because it's not logical. But I believe that God is calling us to do this."

You know the rest of the story. Tens of thousands of people are building equity in homes thanks to the vision of one man and his wife who understood what a life of sacrifice can accomplish.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for being the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep. Show me how I might live more sacrificially and unselfishly. In your name. Amen.*

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Choral Ensemble



## Prayer Concerns

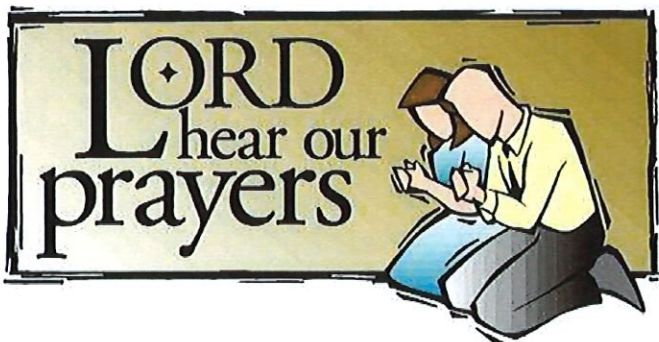


### Members in Need of Prayer:

Dee Wright  
Jim, Jimmy & Stacy Lairson  
Yvonne Smith  
Mona White  
Neil and Verna Walden  
Robert Harris  
Jackie Miller  
Mary Schmidt  
Liz Smith  
Bill Biggs  
Arlene Robbins  
Mary Norris & Family  
Connie Alvarado  
Susan Berg  
Irene Pierini  
Jocelyn Miller  
Kirsten Linder  
Jim Thompson

### Family and Friends:

Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)  
Jacob, Abbe & Family (Werfelmann)  
Ken & Becky (Lairson)  
Russel DiGirolamo  
Kevin & Collee (Pastor)  
Brad, Sam, & Luke Kossow  
Janet Sharp (Fake)  
Karl & Pauline Ritterbush (Fake)  
Art & Children (Anderson)  
Debbie West's Daughter, Christine  
Bill, Wife & Sons (Julie)  
Belinda Zavala (Norris)  
Dan Fey & Family (Norris—No Relation)  
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)  
Bob Knous (Anderson)  
Melissa (Sandy T.)  
Joy Kensinger (Miller)  
Jenna Vance (Kossow)  
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)  
Jim D. (Norris)  
Jade Dixon (Julie)  
Pam (Smith)  
Grace Johnson (Fake)  
Sandy Robbins (Robbins)  
JJ Werfelmann (Julie)  
Gloria Valdez (Norris)  
Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson)  
Roger Robbins (Robbins)  
Hudson Otten (Anderson)  
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)  
Rosemary (Vonny)  
Nathan Robbins (Robbins)





**The 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,**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

**Matthew 6:9-13**

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| <b>Communion Hymn</b> | "In the Singing"         | Hymn 466  |
|                       | Choral Song Leaders      | (vv. 1-2) |
|                       | Congregation Please Join |           |

**Blessing**

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| <b>Closing Song</b> | Let Everything that Has Breath" | Praise Band      |
|                     |                                 | And Congregation |

**Sending**

**P:** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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| <b>Postlude</b> | Susan Berg, Organist |
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### Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 23-24

**Monday:** Acts 25-26

**Tuesday:** Ephesians 1-2

**Wednesday:** Ephesians 3

**Thursday:** Philippians 1-2

**Friday:** Philippians 3-4

**Saturday:** Psalms 130-131

### VERSE TO REMEMBER

*For to me, living is  
Christ and dying is  
gain.*

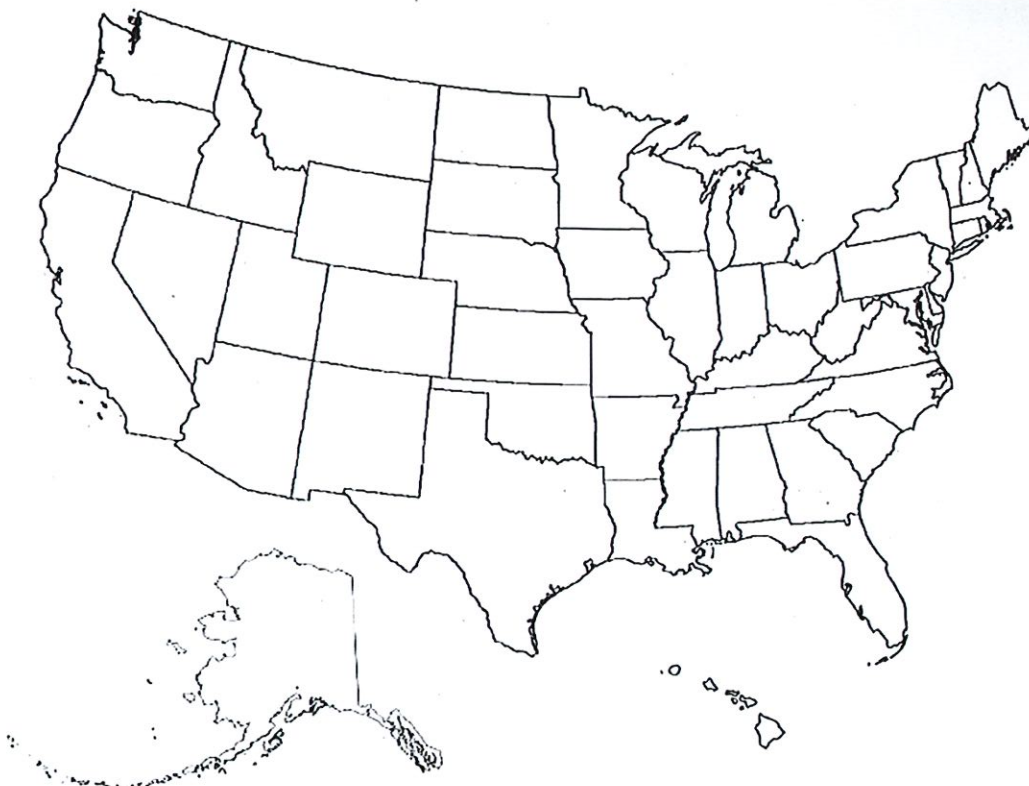
—Philippians 1:21



## Can You Name the Neighbors?

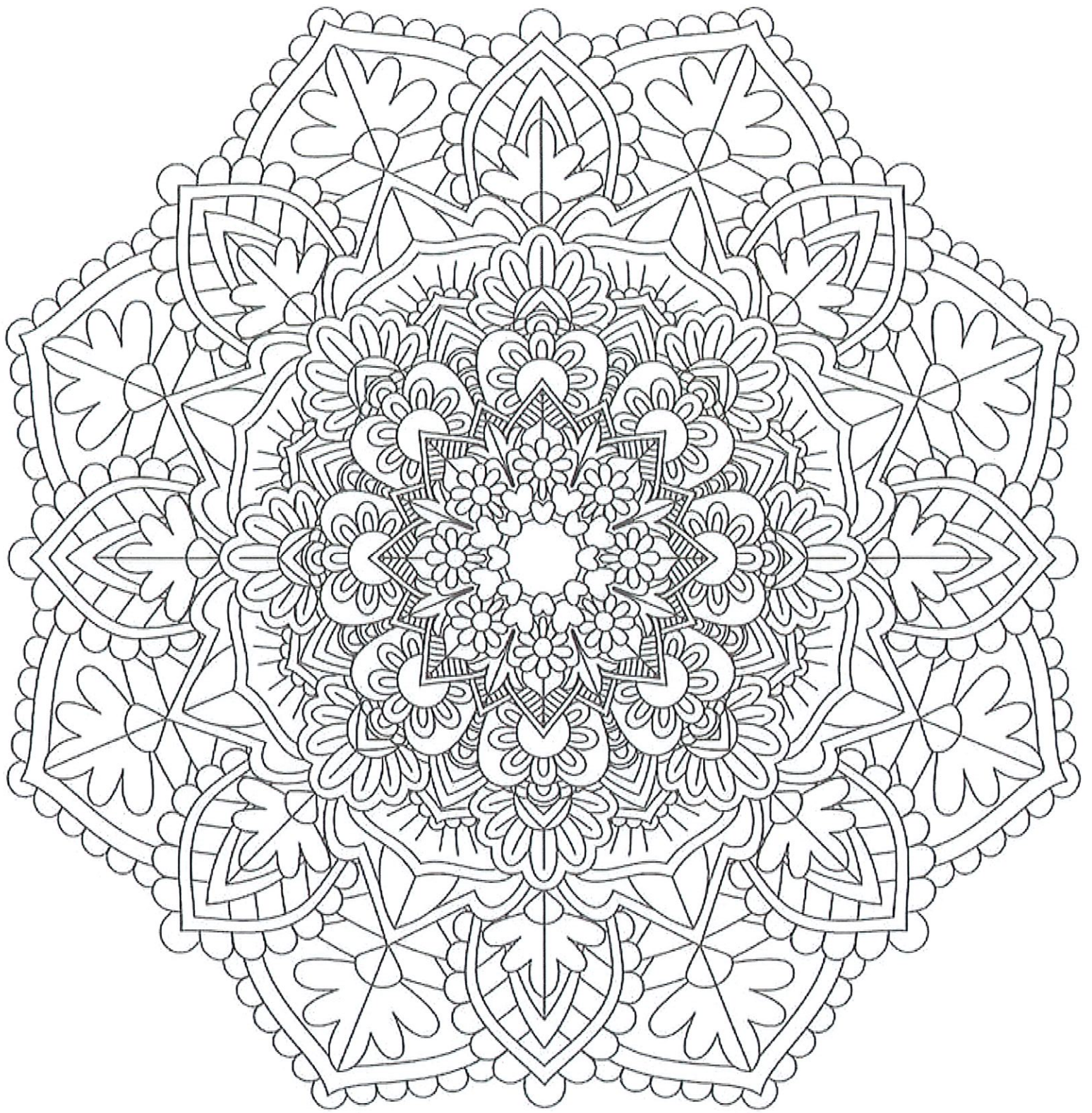
**Directions:** What two states are tied for the most borders they share?

Can you name the neighboring states? Try not to look at the answers below. Use this area for notes.



Answers: Tie. First: what state borders Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri?  
Second, what state borders Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska? Answer: Missouri.



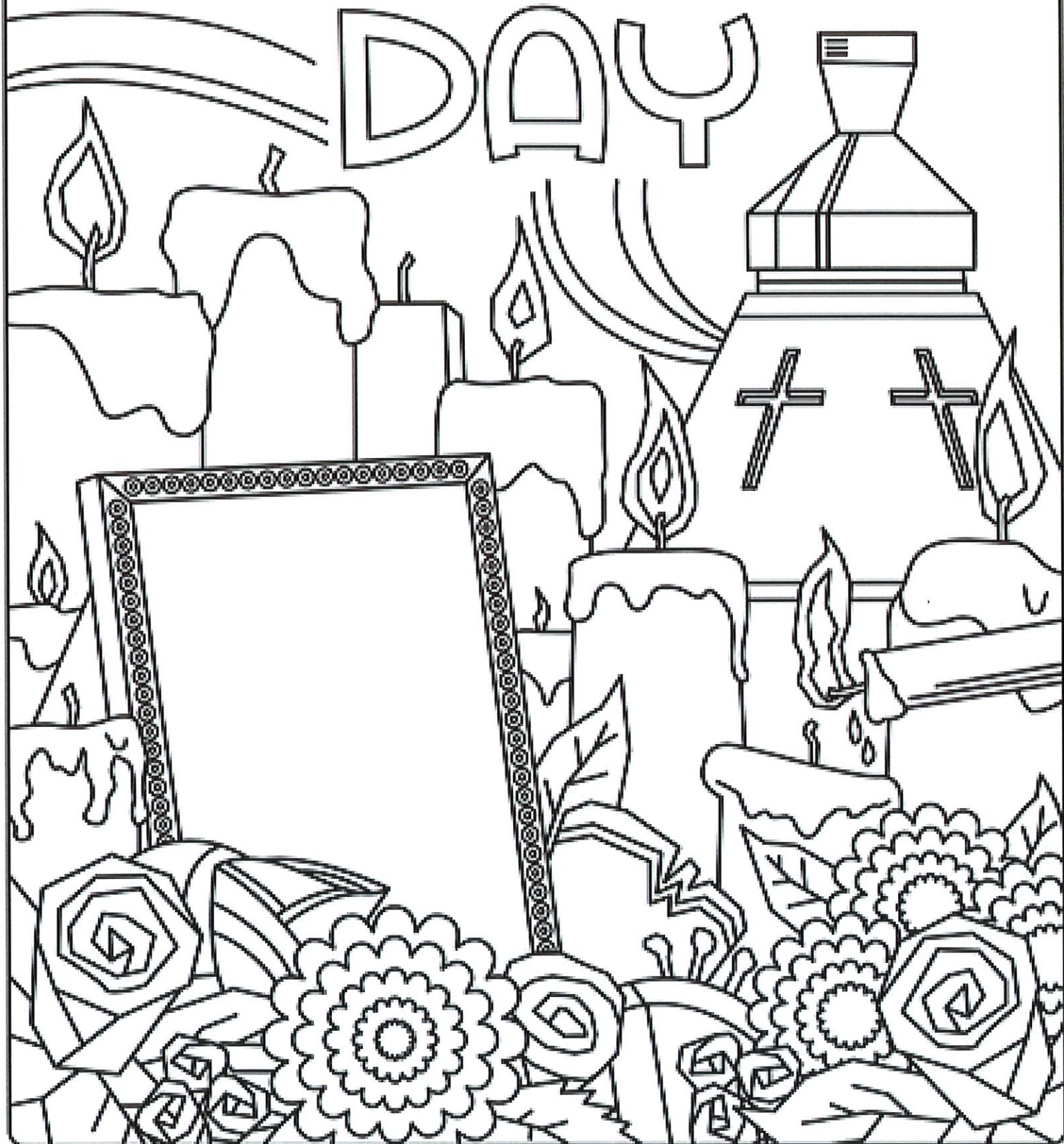


BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT  
*for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

Matthew 5:3



# ALL SAINTS' DAY





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Congratulations, Pastor Ted!

Pastor was ordained on October 27, 1996. He has been ordained for a total of 27 years. That's a long time! Congratulations to you!

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM



"Desperate for HOPE - Questions we ask God in suffering, loss, and longing." This study will end November 8. We meet at 6:30 in the Community Center.

### Memorial Garden Committee 2023 Raffle:

Don't forget! The Memorial Garden Committee Drawing will be on November 19. Meet us in Jacobson Hall after church to find out who will win prizes. It just might be YOU!!



### GSCLC BOOK GROUP—Nov. 19 @ 4PM



November 19: "The Last thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave  
Plan to read this month's selection and join us for a casual discussion, **Sunday, November 19, at 4:00** in the Comm Ctr. No long-term commitment required - join us any month a book catches your interest.

### ALSO ... There has been a revision in the order we will be reading books this year:

January 21: "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams  
February 18: "The Book Woman's Daughter" by Kim Michele Richardson  
March 17: "A Spanish Sunrise" by Boo Walker  
April 21: "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak  
May 19: "To End All Wars" by Ernest Gordon

### BULA

Please help John Hays build another home in Honduras. Please send checks to Bula c/o Rudy Roberts 1220 E Feemster Ave Visalia Ca 93292.



### The Ladies' Christmas Tea Returns!

#### *Christmas Tea*



After a four year hiatus, the Ladies' Christmas Tea will be held this year on Saturday, December 9th. Doors will open at 11 a.m. for table viewing and the tea will begin at 11:30. This year's theme is *Coming Home for the Holidays*. Please sign up to be a table hostess - and to attend - on the chart in the narthex. Contact Mary Norris or Julie Werfelmann if you have questions or would like help finding someone to co-hostess your table. Please watch the bulletins and emails for upcoming information!



## Your Invited



# YOU'RE INVITED

We invite everyone on November 18th at 9am to roll up your sleeves to get our Sanctuary and Jacobson Hall spiffed up for the Holidays. Together, we'll tackle everything from banishing

dust to bringing a shine to our pews and more. Your helping hand will make a significant difference in creating a welcoming and festive atmosphere for all.

Stay tuned for more details and updates as we prepare our sanctuary to be a true comfort and joy to all. Let's make this holiday season extra special, one dusting and polish at a time. See you there!

### OWLS—November 20th @ 12PM, Jacobson Hall

OWLS will touchdown on JACOBSIN HALL on November 20th, Monday at noon. Washdown liquid and devouring gear available. Buffet dishes subject to each attending Hootie's desire. "How to Survive A Friend" and "Prayers by Children" are on the program. Tote your favorite board game to enjoy with fellow Hooties.



### 'Leftover Pie Sunday' 11/26



Please bring your leftover pies, cakes, cookies and desserts to church on Sunday, 11/26 for **Leftover Pie Sunday**. Even if you have just one or two servings, please bring them to add to the assortment.

### Sunday Bulletins Available Online

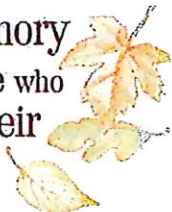
Bulletins/Devotional with announcements are available prior to each Sunday's worship on our website, so you can follow along if you're watching on Facebook! <https://fresnogslc.org>

Please spread the word.



### Invitation to Visit our Memorial Garden Today

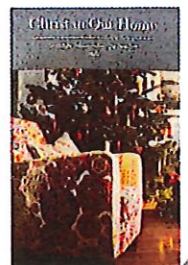
In Memory  
of those who  
lost their  
Lives.



Our GSLC Memorial Garden is a special place to visit and remember the saints who have gone before. After worship today, you are invited to take a little walk through the columbarium as part of your All Saints Sunday.

### 'Christ in Our Home' Devotional

The 'Christ in Our Home' Devotional for Oct.—Dec. is available on the ushers table and the office. You may pick one up M-F, 9 -1pm or you can email Kathy and she will send one out, just let her know if you prefer regular or large print.





## Opportunity to Serve - 12/3 Worship



On Sunday December 3rd, we are planning a special worship service to celebrate the First Sunday in Advent. There will be several ways to participate, and we are looking for people who would like to have a hand in this special worship experience.

Please contact Gloria, Julie, Susan Berg, Susan Gutierrez, or Pastor Ted if you're available that Sunday and interested in helping. Thank you!

## THANK YOU...

Thank you to all who helped make our trunk or treat fun and festive! We gave away well over 100 tacos and handed out lots of candy. We had a coloring table and games in addition to all the candy stations. Thanks to all who provided trunks, candy, and/or money, as well as to El Encanto Taco Truck. Special thanks to our partner in planning and presenting this community event, ERA Valleywide Homes. There were lots of happy little faces!!



### **It's Fall ! A Time for Thanksgiving**

Our Good Shepherd family will once again be providing Thanksgiving meals to families at Roeding School. Last year we provided meals for 24 families.

Please bring canned or dried food stuffs to church - a pink bin will be in the Narthex for donations or you may drop them off with Kathy in the office M-F, 9am-1pm.

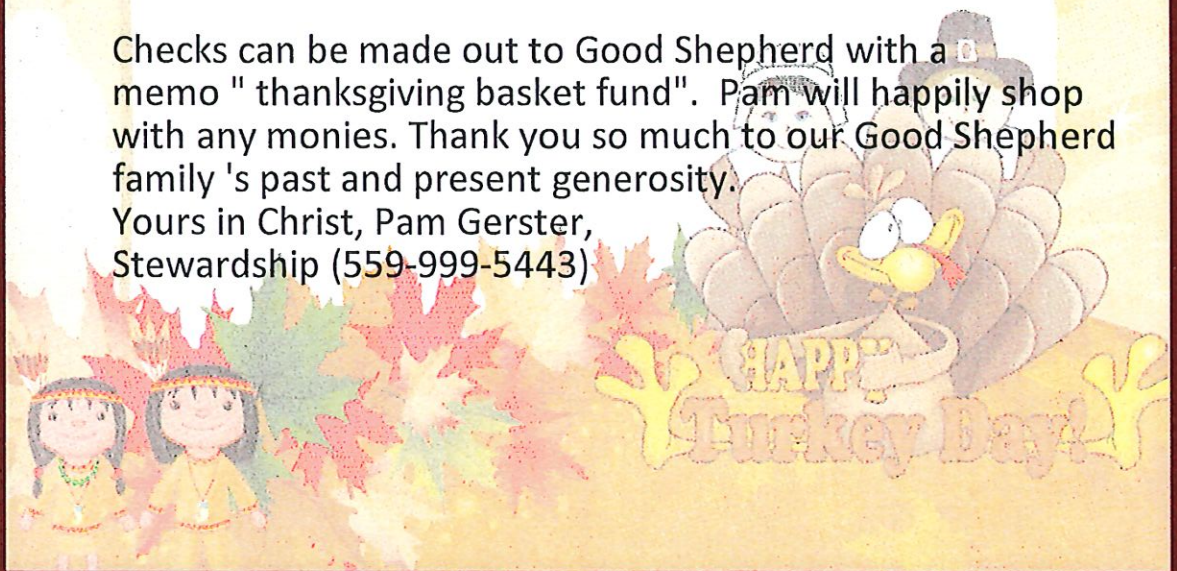
Food Suggestions:

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| 1. Canned Fruit                 | 5. Canned Yams     | 10. Jell-O |
| 2. Green Beans*                 | 6. Peanut Butter   |            |
| 3. French Onion*<br>Rings       | 7. Grape Jelly     |            |
| 4. Cream of Mush-<br>room Soup* | 8. Mashed Potatoes |            |
|                                 | 9. Cornbread Mix   |            |

\*(these 3 make an easy casserole)

Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd with a memo " thanksgiving basket fund". Pam will happily shop with any monies. Thank you so much to our Good Shepherd family 's past and present generosity.

Yours in Christ, Pam Gerster,  
Stewardship (559-999-5443)



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The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Board is asking for suggestions to identify worthy organizations for the distribution of interest funds. Please place any suggestions you may have in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for your input!

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# **WESTSIDE RESCUE'S ANNUAL**

## *Thanksgiving Pie Sale*

**\$20**

**Apple\*  
Peach  
Pecan  
Cherry  
Pumpkin  
Razzleberry\*  
French Apple  
Lemon Meringue**

**\*No Sugar Added  
Available**

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**NOV 22 8-11**

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**WITH QUESTIONS**

**Orders & Payment Due November 13th**





# Holiday Concerts

The beauty of Christmas music may be heard in our community through Christmas Concerts by wonderful choral groups. Additional information for these concerts may be found on Good Shepherd's bulletin board.

1. The 46th Annual Messiah Sing-along, directed by Dr. Julie Carter, will be on Sunday, November 26, at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street in Fresno. The event is free but please bring a non-perishable food item to feed the needy. For more information call 559-485-6460.

2. Three concerts for the Holiday Season will feature The Fresno Master Chorale and its select ensemble, Coro Pico. Ticket information for these concerts may be ordered through the Chorale's website [fresnocommunitychorus.org](http://fresnocommunitychorus.org) or by calling (559) 709-6245. The Master Chorale will present a concert featuring Gjeilo's "Song of the Universal," Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna," and O'Regan's "Triptychon" on Sunday, November 12 at 2:30 p.m. at Shaghoian Concert Hall at the Clovis North Educational Complex at 2770 E. International Ave. in Fresno. Good Shepherd's Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of the Chorale.

On Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. Coro Pico will present a concert, "And Suddenly with the Angels." The location has not yet been announced. Good Shepherd's Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of this select ensemble.

On Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. the Master Chorale will present "Home for the Holidays," a concert with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra at the Saroyan Theater in Fresno at 730 M St.



3. Friday, November 17

The women's ensemble, Soli Deo Gloria, directed by Dr. Julie Carter, presents their 15th

season's Fall concert, "Celestial Joy," on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at University Presbyterian Church, 1776 E. Roberts in Fresno. The chorale will sing the poetry of St. Francis of Assisi, Hildegard von Bingen, John Milton, Sara Teasdale and the Bible. Two pieces by Latvian composer Eriks Esenvalds will celebrate the beauty of Northern Light and stars, accompanied by tuned water glasses. Tickets for the concert as well as Season Tickets for the 2022-2023 season are available from Good Shepherd's Cheryl Montgomery, who is a member of Soli Deo Gloria, or on the ensemble's website, [sdgchoir.com](http://sdgchoir.com), or you may call (559) 285-3993 for further ticket information.

*Soli Deo Gloria*

4. Sunday, December 3

The Fresno Pacific University Music Department presents "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street in Fresno. Ticket prices are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for the FPU community. Tickets are available online at [eventbrite.com/e/lessons-carols-tickets-76081342343](https://eventbrite.com/e/lessons-carols-tickets-76081342343) or at the door (if still available). For more information call 559-453-2267.

ADVENT  
LESSONS  
CAROLS

5. Saturday/Sunday, November 18/19

On the weekend of November 18 (7:00 p.m.) and 19 (2:00 p.m.) the senior song and dance troupe of New Wrinkles presents "Step into the Holidays" at Fresno City College. Visit the college's website for further information.