



## All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

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.

**Hymn** For All The Saints

ELW 422

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 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:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### The Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Let us pray:**

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.**

FIRST READING **Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

*The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.*

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:11-23**

*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: **LUKE 6:20-31**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary’s song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.*

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** The Rev. Scott V. Brubaker, Pastor

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Each petition ends “Lord, in your mercy,” and the response is **“Hear our prayer.”**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

Let us pray together

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Benediction and Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn      Oh When the Saints Go Marching In**

- 1      Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
         oh, when the saints go marching in,  
         O Lord, I want to be in that number  
         when the saints go marching in.
- 5      And on that hallelujah day,  
         and on that hallelujah day,  
         O Lord, I want to be in that number  
         on that hallelujah day.

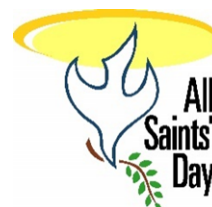
## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE      Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones**

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**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** – All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.



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| 1. Phyllis Shealer         | December 30, 2021  |
| 2. Zachary Ryan Hickernell | January 19, 2022   |
| 3. Donald Hirneisen        | January 21, 2022   |
| 4. Josephine Reitz         | May 10, 2022       |
| 5. Margaret Elser          | August 17, 2022    |
| 6. Alverta S. Showalter    | August 19, 2022    |
| 7. Dorothy Good            | September 21, 2022 |
| 8. Irene M. Myers          | October 20, 2022   |

\*A family member is invited to take a candle home with them.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of Tom, a Vietnam veteran, and all veterans by Jane Leshner.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given in memory of his father, Vincent Brubaker by Pastor Scott and Jen Brubaker.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER** - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Nancy Kulp, Pam Cipa, David Metzger, Ed Miller, Charles Hoppman, Melissa Gress Swift, John Wesner, John Bergman, Michael Wargo, Nancy Leffler, Jan Lorah, Sandi Clemens, Nettie Kriener, Clair Sweigart, Larry Knauer, Faith Moyer, Deb Leed, Michael A. Crowther, Eileen Leid, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, family of Irene Myers, Dennis Goshert.

**MOST CURRENT INFORMATION** – Be sure and check our website regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. [www.swamplutheran.org](http://www.swamplutheran.org). Church office is open from 8:30AM-12PM daily.

**ACTION FUND** – Donations are sought for Swamp's Action Fund to help the needy in our community. Write "Action Fund" in the comment line of your check payable to Swamp Lutheran Church.



Michael A. Crowther  
Clyde Showalter  
Mary Anne Weitzel  
Ella Shirk  
Leona Showalter

Clarice Haws  
Betty Hornberger  
Charles Moyer

Shirley Achey – (neighbor of Sue Kreitz)  
Susan Levan  
Clair Sweigart  
Mary Kring (aunt of Linda Ream)  
Nancy Leffler  
Lisa Buckles (friend of Sue Ellen Knauer)

Katie Houck  
Jean Wolf  
  
Joan Long



When someone is put on the prayer list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken off unless you make another request to have them put back on.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – If you give via the online option, let us know by email ([secretary@swamplutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org)) or by phone to the office so that you will no longer receive offering envelopes for 2022.

**FOOD BANK** – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. Currently, there is a shortage of paper towels, toilet paper, tomato soup, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauces, ketchup, mustard and canned chicken and spam. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month.



**Gently Used Sneakers Needed.** Cub Pack 95 is collecting sneakers as a fundraiser. Used sneakers (pairs only; athletic shoes only) may be deposited in the bins located in the Narthex and the social hall lobby. The sneakers will be purchased from the Cubs by an organization that resells or recycles them, saving landfill space and natural resources while helping the Scouts raise money to fund their activities. Time to clean out your closets! The Cubs are **not** able to accept any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind. Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at [pack95reinholds@gmail.com](mailto:pack95reinholds@gmail.com)



**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. As IAN devastated parts of Puerto Rico, Florida and the East Coast these areas are added to the many other areas including the Kentucky rebuilding, and the devastating situation in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Please write your check to Swamp Lutheran and place it in the Disaster Response box in the Narthex. Thank you for giving generously.



**GIFT CARDS AND PREPAID CARDS** for the holidays are now available. Order forms will be at the table in Narthex. Orders will be due on Sunday, November 13 so that we have enough time to receive cards before the holidays. Prayerfully, even before Thanksgiving. Any questions, call Missy Regan at 717-314-5658.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS.** The Thrivent “Action Teams” program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You may request two grants per year. Swamp Lutheran has many needs that qualify under this program. If you wish to direct your grant request to help with Swamp Lutheran’s activities, please reach out to Lori Gockley who will assist you with the process. Email: [lgockley2@gmail.com](mailto:lgockley2@gmail.com) or call 717-203-8551.

**US FLAGS** – When a US flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. For those of you interested in retiring your worn US flags, please bring them to the church. We will collect them in the church library and deliver them to the Reinholds VFW who will arrange for them to be retired in proper fashion. Thank you.

**BIBLES** – Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Lancaster County has an ongoing need for Bibles which they pass out on their ministry outreaches. If you have extra Bibles that you would like to recycle for the expansion of the Kingdom please bring to office or leave outside office door and Brenda will be sure they get to YWAM. Thank you for your generosity.

**LAP ROBES** – Thank you to those who are knitting and/or crocheting lap robes for the ongoing need of the VA Hospital. Please be aware that the church has received a donation of yarn that is available for your use. Please contact Brenda in the office.

**HOMES OF HOPE** – Cheesesteak fundraiser for Homes of Home on November 12 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM at St. John’s UCC in Denver. Come out and help support the work of Homes of Home.

**CUB SCOUT FUNDRAISER** – R & K Subs is sponsoring a fundraiser for our local PACK 95. The order due date is November 21 with a delivery date of December 5. Order forms are on the table in Narthex.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** is an opportunity to sponsor a wreath and support our SL Youth while honoring an American hero at one of 2,800 locations nationwide. Each wreath sponsorship costs \$15.00 and SLY receives \$5.00 per wreath sponsored. SL Youth will lay the wreaths sponsored at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on December 17. Let us remember the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice of a veteran is never forgotten. Look for our youth in the Narthex collecting sponsorships and answering questions.

### **Hospitality Baskets**

We will be putting together hospitality baskets for our sick and shut-ins on December 4<sup>th</sup> during Hanging of the Greens. The donated items should be placed at either entrance to the church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a change from previous years. We will not be accepting items for the baskets on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Individually wrapped packages of crackers or cookies
- Individual boxes of cereal (one serving size)
- Individually sized canned fruit or pudding packages
- Individual fruit juice cans (one serving size)
- Breakfast bars
- Pocket tissue packs (please do not bring boxes of tissues)
- Individual packages of peanut butter (one serving size – please do not bring jars)
- Individual packages of raisins (one serving size)
- Individual hand sanitizers (the small size)
- Individual tubes of toothpaste and individually wrapped toothbrushes

Important: please note the sizes for these items. We cannot use large jars of peanut butter, boxes of tissues, etc. These need to fit into the baskets. Also, please only bring items on the list.

Thanks for helping to make the holidays brighter for our sick and shut-ins.

## BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



As we prepare to return our Statements of Intent for our generosity for this year in worship today, several of our Council members have shared their excitement about our ministry moving forward:

- *Swamp has a great history of stepping up when necessary. The pandemic has given us some catching up to do. I'm anxious to see us expand God's work through our ministry and presence in the community.*

**Randy K**

- *This year has shown us how important our ministry together is. I'm excited to start working towards ways in which we can strengthen our congregation and our ministry to have an even bigger impact. There is much work to be done.*

**Deb K**

- *I have experienced that God's ways are not our ways. I appreciate that each day is a new beginning—a fresh start. Our Church has recently experienced some major changes and sometimes I feel I am getting lost. But then I am reminded of all that Swamp Lutheran Church has contributed to our community with the monthly Food Bank. Also, to natural disasters like flooding and hurricanes in other parts of our Country. We are even reaching out globally to support Ukraine in their time of great need. It feels like God is up to something and I am excited to see what God has in store for us. We are not lost. We are not forsaken. We are all new beginnings. We are Blessed. Praise God!*

**Jen W**

Keeping our ministry strong will enable us to dream about an ever-growing ministry into the future. Take time this week to reflect on the ways in which connection to our ministry has impacted you and those you know and love in the past year and start dreaming about what God may be up to here moving forward.



## BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

### DECIDE TO GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

Little has ever been accomplished without sacrifice. This is true in our homes, our work, our church, our country. Sacrifice is a necessary component of successful living.

And so it is with the Christian life and faith. Our salvation cost God the cross. Bonhoeffer rightly said there is no cheap grace.

Much of church giving is only token giving, averaging about two percent of income. No wonder there is so little joy or satisfaction in it! It requires no sacrifice! We have given only what we could easily afford, what we would not really miss.

Experience has shown that giving, to be meaningful and joyful, has to be sacrificial! Each will have to determine what amount or percentage is sacrificial for his or her circumstances. But experience again suggests, that for most people, sacrificial giving begins at five percent of income with proportions under five percent falling into the token giving category.

Church interest is often low, studies have shown, because investment is low. There is no sacrifice. It doesn't really cost anything. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (*Luke 12:34*) Where is my treasure? That is where you will find your heart.



### **This Week in the Parish (November 7 – November 13)**

November 7	6:00PM 7:00PM	CUBS Den Meeting Handbell Choir
November 8	All Day	Election Day
November 9	7:00PM	Choir
November 10	6:30PM	Learning Committee
November 12	11:00AM-2:00PM	Homes of Hope Fundraiser, St. John's UCC, Denver

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

November 19	9:00AM-4:00PM	Holiday Bazaar Luther Acres
November 23	7:00PM	Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service Mellingers, Pastor Scott Preaching
December 4	10:15AM	Hanging of the Greens (during Sunday School)
December 10	2:00PM	Bell Choir Concert, Reinholds Chapel
December 11	8:30AM	Worship, Congregational Meeting Follows
December 11	7:00PM	Night of Music
December 17	10:30AM	Wreaths Across America
December 18	10:15AM 7:00PM	Sunday School Christmas Program Followed by refreshments in Social Hall Handbell Choir Concert, Coleman Chapel, Brickerville

### **DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

<i>Monday, November 7</i>	Psalm 123; Job 20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21
<i>Tuesday, November 8</i>	Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1-13
<i>Wednesday, November 9</i>	Psalm 123; Job 25:1—26:14; John 5:19-29
<i>Thursday, November 10</i>	Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25
<i>Friday, November 11</i>	Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
<i>Saturday, November 12</i>	Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37

### **UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

<i>Sunday, November 13</i>	Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
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## GOSPEL MESSAGE

**November 6, 2022**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

### **Saints Named and Unnamed**

On All Saints Day, many congregations read aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. We don't call them saints because they were perfect but because they were loved by us and by God. We acknowledge that all people, being simultaneously sinners and saints, lead complex lives full of both bad and good. We rest in the sure promise that at the end of their lives, God has welcomed our loved ones to their eternal home.

In this passage from Luke, Jesus' words remind us that there are more saints than we could ever list in our litanies. There are many saints whose names we do not even know. Those whom God calls "blessed" are often marginalized and forgotten: the hungry, poor, suffering, and rejected. Yet, these unlikely saints are the ones Jesus calls us to emulate. We are to live with our hearts fixed not on the rewards of the world, but on the treasures found in God's unending presence.

So today, as we honor the saints we knew personally by speaking their names, we can also honor the saints we have never known, those who have been forgotten by humans but remain favored by God. We might imagine adding their names to our never-ending litany, an ongoing celebration of all the faithful who have gone before us.

We might even imagine our own names being added to that list. After all, we too are made saints, not by our own merit but by God's gracious transformation that begins at our baptism. When we reach the end of our own complex lives, we will join the lineage of saints, both named and unnamed, who have gone before us. Until then, we can still live into our sainthood, just as Jesus recommends, by living each day with radical generosity and love.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00AM & 9:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM

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