

All Saints Sunday

November 2nd, 2025 ~ 8:30am



+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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WELCOME



() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music, Welcome & Announcements

*Litany for All Saints Sunday (by Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto)

- P: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.
- C: **We remember choir members, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.**
- P: We remember preachers, lay leaders, and Sunday School teachers who led our worship and taught us through the years.
- C: **We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.**
- P: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.
- C: **We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today. We give thanks for the saints who came before us, those who are present here with us, and those who will continue after us. Thanks be to God!**

*Opening Hymn #423 “Shall We Gather at the River”

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray. ~ Almighty God, You have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Je-

P: sus 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.**

The 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.

¹ 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: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ 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: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever — forever and ever."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149 (read responsively, lector then congregation)

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

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⁶ **Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ **to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,** ⁹
to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading ~ Ephesians 1: 11-23

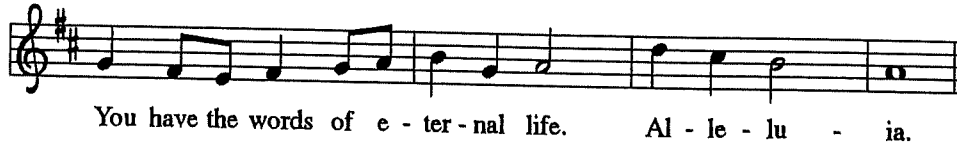
After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)





*The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 6: 20-31

The Holy Gospel according to the 6th chapter of St. 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.

²⁰ Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "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. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon

***Hymn #427**

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

***The Apostles’ Creed** (professed together)

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.

***Prayer of the Church**

After each prayer petition, please respond:

Har us, O God ... **Your mercy is great.**

Anthem **“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”**

The Blessing of the Communion Elements



The Lord’s Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

Communion will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the wafer will be dipped in the chalice so that both elements are received together.

Post Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: God our hope, we give You thanks that You have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your Church. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless + and keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth, forevermore. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #873 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*The Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

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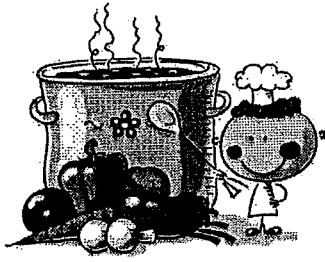
... to Maureen Wagner for serving as our lector

... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech

*On this All Saints Sunday, we especially
give thanks for the life and love of church
member, Leona Callahan, who now rests from
her earthly labors in God's loving arms.*



The altar flowers have been sponsored by
Alicia Baird in loving memory of her
grandmothers. ♥



Soup & Bake Sale and Basket Raffle

Sat., November 8th from 9am-noon

What a great way to purchase a delicious meal to keep warm during these cooler autumn months!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to provide soup and/or assorted baked goods for this occasion.

... Please take note ...

There are information sheets available on the narthex table indicating the needed items for our Mission District Christmas Ingathering event which will benefit the clients of Bright Hope Pregnancy Center and Sharing Life. All items should be brought to the church by November 23rd.

In addition, poinsettia orders must be in by 11/9.

Cost is \$7.00 and should be paid to Nancy Filler



To be remembered in prayer ... Richard Eisenhart, Hope Geary, Jeanne Logan, Barbara Shaneberger, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, the family & friends of Pastor Bruce MacLaughlin, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †