

Nativity Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Our 92nd Year”

November 2, 2025



Welcome to Nativity Lutheran Church; please take a moment to fill out the visitor cards found in the pews. Prayer request can be filled out on the reverse side of the visitor card; you may place the card in the offering box or give them to Pastor Kuhl. The service today includes Holy Communion and all who desire to receive what our Lord offers in this meal, his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to partake. For your convenience, restrooms are located in Goetz Hall on the lower level; the staircases in the church building narthex access them. There is a semi handicapped, unisex restroom located through the left front door of the sanctuary.

All Saints Sunday

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Steven C. Kuhl

Lector/Reader: Arlene Renard

Minister of Music: Dennis Jon Wolfgang

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.

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Prelude

Agincourt Hymn – John Dunstable

Based on the ancient tune “Deo Gracias” which can be found to other texts at No.’s 316 & 322 in the ELW Hymnal

Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus) from “Requiem” - Gabriel Fauré

Translation: “ Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.”

Elegy – Sir George Thomas Thalben-Ball

“Song of Sorrow

Welcome and Announcements

All Saints Remembrance

The festival of All Saints occurs just as the landscape in the Northern Hemisphere heralds the dying of plants and the quiet of winter rest. In like manner, the readings and liturgy of this day call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come.

As the church year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality. At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While both life and death may bring us fear and uncertainty, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death. Christ has claimed us in baptism and nourishes us in the communion of his body and blood. Christ leads us to the New Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

Greeting and Litany for the Faithful Departed.

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: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, who have fought the good fight of faith.

C: Death has no dominion over them.

P: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

C: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Let us pray. O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ. Hear us as we now remember before you those dear ones who have passed away this year and years past. May our memory of them encourage us in faith toward you and service for the world. **C: Amen.**

The Presider names the faithful departed from the past two years according to the pattern below and lights a candle as a bell is rung

*David R. Bond
Beverly R. Neusen
John Ernest Soderstrom*

P: For blessed _____. (Bell)

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Remembrance

The Verses will be sung by the cantor, please join in singing the following Refrain.

During the singing of the Hymn, you are invited to come forward and light a candle or candles for your departed love ones.

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED

Based on the funeral liturgy, adapt. PAT

Paul A. Tate

The musical score is written on six staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Life is changed, not end-ed; earth-ly pain tran-sced-ed. God will gent-ly wipe a-way the tears from our eyes. Life is changed, not end-ed; bro-ken bonds now mend-ed. We know that we will rise a-gain, for life is changed, yes, life is changed, but not end - ed." The final note of the last line is a whole note, and the piece ends with a double bar line.

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P: Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in the faith and members of our family. We, too, seek to do your will:

C: Guide us.

P: We, too, desire to be your servants:

C: Strengthen us.

P: We, too, long to know you clearly:

C: Teach us.

P: And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day - “Today’s Readings” Insert

Please respond Amen.

**Please be seated for the Readings*

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 - “Today’s Readings” Insert

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Psalmody

Psalm 149 - “Today’s Readings” Insert

Sing the Lord’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

(Psalm 149:1)

Please join in chanting responsively using tone 2.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23 - “*Today’s Readings*” Insert.

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.

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Gospel Acclamation - ELW No. 174

Celtic Alleluia

Please stand if you are able.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is announced: Luke 6:20-31

Response: **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.

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R: The Gospel of the Lord.

Concluding Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Steven Kuhl

Hymn of the Day

For All the Saints – ELW No. 422

Tune: SINE NOMINE

Please stand for the final verse.

Rite of Reception of New Members

Presentation of New Members

Following the hymn of the day, those being welcomed, representative/s of the congregation, and ministers gather at the font or at a convenient place before the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these or similar words.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A representative of the congregation or the presiding minister may introduce each new member.

*Gerald and Tammy Newburg
Arlene Renard*

Apostles' Creed

The presiding minister may introduce the Creed.

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: **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.**

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

A: Let us welcome these sisters and brother in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of the People

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of Peace

Offering Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful – ELW No. 184

**Please stand if able.*

You may place your offerings, visitor cards and prayer request cards in the white church found in the narthex of the church either before or after our worship service.

Offering Prayer

**Please stand if able.*

P: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Meal/Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface –

ELW page 107

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW page 108

Eucharistic Prayer VIII – ELW page 67

With spoken Responses.

Sung Eucharistic Acclamations – ELW page 109

...until he comes.

Christ has died. ...

...Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer and Lamb of God – ELW Page 112

Invitation To Communion

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Distribution

**Please be seated.*

All are Welcome to receive the Lord's Meal at His table.

Please come forward to the Communion Rail.

Communion Music

Meditation on "For All the Saints" – Dennis Janzer

Post Communion Canticle – ELW page 113

"Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;"

**Please stand if able.*

Prayer after Communion

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River – ELW No. 423

Tune: HANSON PLACE

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude Variations on “Come, Come, Ye Saints”

Franklin D. Ashdown – Tune: *ALL IS WELL*

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Dennis Jon Wolfgang – Director of Music/Organist

James Ribnek, III – President

Dr. Robert Saur – Vice President

Jill Mickelson – Treasurer

Nicole DeBack – Secretary

Church Council Members at Large

Sandra Larson, Dennis Jon Wolfgang

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

As a Community we pray: For those with immediate needs of healing and strength: Gary Brautigam, Marvelyn Cockroft, Gary Hanson, Cheryl Isotalo, Maureen Jones, James Larson, Sarah O'Brien, Rev. Mick Roschke, Marion Saur, Maureen Sopa, Jennifer Wigand and Rev. Dean Willick. If you know of individuals that need to be added to or taken off the list please let any Council Member know.

There are no Birthdays this Week.

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service – Please join us as Nativity hosts an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve

Worship Service. St. Theresa Catholic Church and Martin Luther Church will join us for this very special worship service on Wednesday November 26th at 7:00 PM. The service will highlight the 1700th year anniversary of the Nicene Creed, with clergy from all three parishes and a thirty plus voice festival choir participating. A pie social will follow so please invite you friends and relatives and bring a pie to share.

This Week's Calendar

Location Key: "S"=Sanctuary, "G"=Goetz Fellowship Hall, "UC"=Upper Meeting/Conference Room, "C"=Children's Area

TODAY:	11/2	All Saints Sunday 11:00 AM "S" Nativity Worship Service with Communion Following Worship: Coffee and Fellowship
Tuesday:	11/4	12:00 PM "G" S.A. 12-step
Wednesday:	11/5	9:00 AM "UC" Quilters 8:00 PM A.A. Al-Anon
Friday:	11/7	12:00 PM "G" S.A. 12-step
Sunday:	11/9	Pentecost XXII and Veteran's Day Remembrance 11:00 AM "S" Nativity Worship with Communion Following Worship: Coffee and Fellowship

Next Sunday's Readings – Pentecost XXII

Job 19:23-271, Psalm 17:1-9,
II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

Future Dates

November 9th – 11:00 AM – Veterans Day Remembrance

November 23rd – 11:00 AM – Christ the King

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service

Wednesday, November 26th – 7:00 PM

Nativity Hosts St. Theresa Catholic Church and Martin Luther in
a combined Festival Worship Service.

November 30th – 11:00 AM – First Sunday of Advent

Lutheran Rite of Healing with prayers and anointing for those
who wish.

Hanging of the Greens Following Worship

Wednesday December 24th 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve Worship Service

A Nativity Christmas Concert

Saturday December 27th 2:00 PM

Stewardship/Offerings: We are always grateful for everyone's financial support, no matter how large or small the gift. If you cannot attend worship in person, you may mail your offerings and donations to the church at any time. The mailing address is on the back of this bulletin. Have you remembered Nativity Lutheran Church in your estate planning?

Commemorations this Week

Commemorations: When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of men and women across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. As we remember such Christians, we remember them in the context of remembering Christ. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint

and sinner. Yet their lives point to how God's "extraordinary grace (works) in ordinary people". "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith" (Augsburg Confession).

Monday, November 3rd, Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639: Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and Ana Velázquez, a freed black slave from Panama. Martín apprenticed himself to a barber-surgeon in Lima, Peru, and was known for his work as a healer. Martín was a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and engaged in many charitable works. He was a gardener as well as a counselor to those who sought him out. He was noted for his care of all the poor, regardless of race. His own religious community described him as the 'father of charity.'" His work included the founding of an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for dogs and cats. He is recognized as an advocate for Christian charity and interracial justice.

Friday, November 7th - John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1710; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries: Three missionaries are commemorated on this date. Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. Ordained in 1820, he established Sunday schools and taught at Gettysburg College and Seminary. Heyer became a missionary in the Andhra region of India. During a break in his mission work he received the M.D. degree from what would later be Johns Hopkins University.

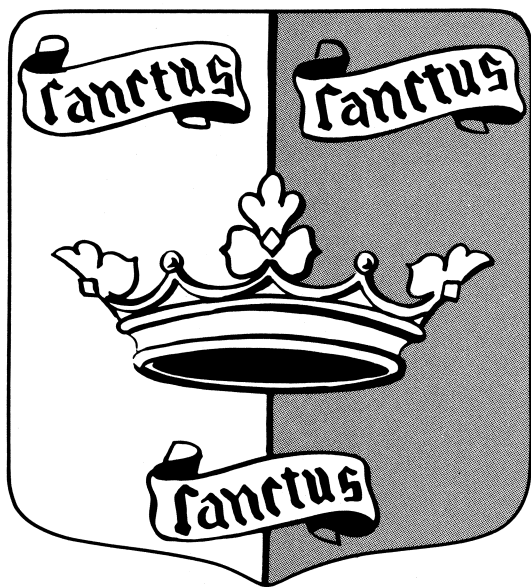
Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg (ZEEG-en-balg) was a missionary to the Tamils of Tranquebar on the southeast coast of India. The first convert to Christianity was baptized about ten months after Ziegenbalg began preaching. His missionary work was opposed by the local Hindus and also

by Danish authorities in that area. Ziegenbalg was imprisoned for his work on a charge of converting the natives. Today, the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church carries on his work.

Ludwig Ingwer Nommensen was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. In the early 1860s he went to Sumatra to serve as a Lutheran missionary. His work was among the Batak people, who had previously not seen Christian missionaries. Though he encountered some initial difficulties, the missions began to succeed following the conversion of several tribal chiefs. Nommensen translated the scriptures into Batak while honoring much of the native culture.

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Traditional Worship Service

Sundays at 11:00 AM

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