

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* Wood

The Call to Worship

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. There is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise God's works to another and shall declare his mighty acts.

All your people praise you, O Lord, all your faithful servants bless you.

We bless God's holy name now and forever.

*The Hymn *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* 477

*The Call to Confession

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." With this assurance, let us confess our sin before God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Lord, sometimes we lose the focus in our lives: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still more – and it so easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way without even realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. [Silent Confession.] Lord, renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of our salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. God cleanses us from the stain of our sins through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response *Glory Be to the Father* 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

The Special Music *Holy, Holy, Holy* Dykes/arr. Lanier
Ruth Estell, harp

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading Revelation 7:9-17 page 340 NT

The New Testament Reading 1 John 3:1-3 page 326 NT

The Psalm Psalm 34:1-10,22 page 614 OT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 54 & 55
Question 54. What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?
I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.
Question 55. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?
First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

The Hymn *For All the Saints*, verses 1-3 526

Remembering the Saints

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Always Remember Me* Blake

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* verses 1-3, 5 see insert

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

*Postlude *Praise God!* Livingston

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Liturgist: Peggy Donaldson

Greeters: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Fellowship Hour Server:

Ushers: Randy Wierda & Patty Donahue

Musical Talent: Laurel Taipale

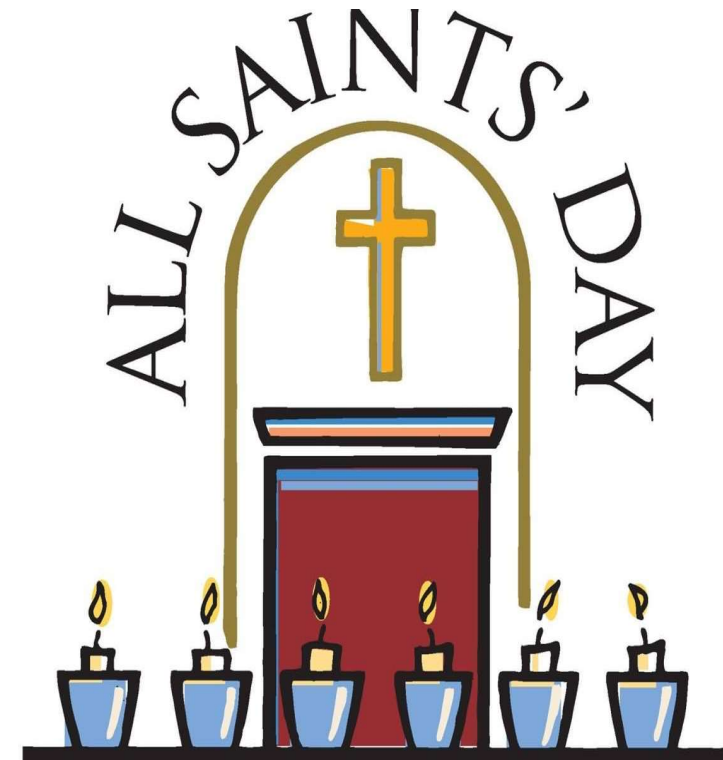
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Celebrating All Saints Day

November 2022 – October 31, 2023

Congregation Members

Maxine Berden
Patricia (Pat) Perea
Raymond Shepherd
Richard (Dick) Rice
Harry Doutre
Sharon Barber
Joan Hall

Family and Friends of Members

Levi Anderson – Nephew of Pam Moran
Stephanie Donaldson Bell – Granddaughter of Bob & Peggy Donaldson
Ramona Cardwell – Sister of Sally Carney
Lynne Nickle – Sister of Cheryl Kelley



Announcements and Upcoming Event

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, November 6 @ 1:00 p.m.**
You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Florence Gilmour Circle



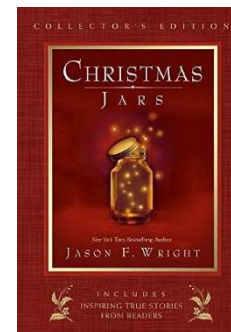
All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **November 8** at 9:30 a.m. in the church library as we continue our discussion of chapter 6 of **Bad Girls of the Bible**.

Harvest Potluck

Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck on **Sunday, November 12th**, at 5:00pm. We supply turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. **Please sign up in the gathering area TODAY** so we know how many tables to set.



Random Acts of Kindness A Book Group for Christmas



To get into the holiday spirit, we are going to have our first Christmas inspired book club. The book is "Christmas Jars" by Jason F. Wright. Grab a copy or download the book, read it over the next several weeks, then we will meet on Thursday, December 7 @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss the book, eat some treats and enjoy some holiday fellowship! Please bring a treat to share with others. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. No need to sign-up, just show up.

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!” ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. Then they threw themselves face downward in front of the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!”

¹³ One of the elders asked me, “Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?”

¹⁴ “I don't know, sir. You do,” I answered.

He said to me, “These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ That is why they stand before God's throne and serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will protect them with his presence. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, ¹⁷ because the Lamb, who is in the center of the throne, will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

1 John 3:1-3

3 See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children—and so, in fact, we are. This is why the world does not know us: it has not known God. ² My dear friends, we are now God's children, but it is not yet clear what we shall become. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure, just as Christ is pure.

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

34 I will always thank the LORD;

I will never stop praising him.

² I will praise him for what he has done;

may all who are oppressed listen and be glad!

³ Proclaim with me the LORD's greatness;

let us praise his name together!

⁴ I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me;

he freed me from all my fears.

⁵ The oppressed look to him and are glad;

they will never be disappointed.

⁶ The helpless call to him, and he answers;

he saves them from all their troubles.

⁷ His angel guards those who honor the LORD

and rescues them from danger.

⁸ Find out for yourself how good the LORD is.

Happy are those who find safety with him.

⁹ Honor the LORD, all his people;

those who obey him have all they need.

¹⁰ Even lions go hungry for lack of food,

but those who obey the LORD lack nothing good.

22 The LORD will save his people;

those who go to him for protection will be spared.