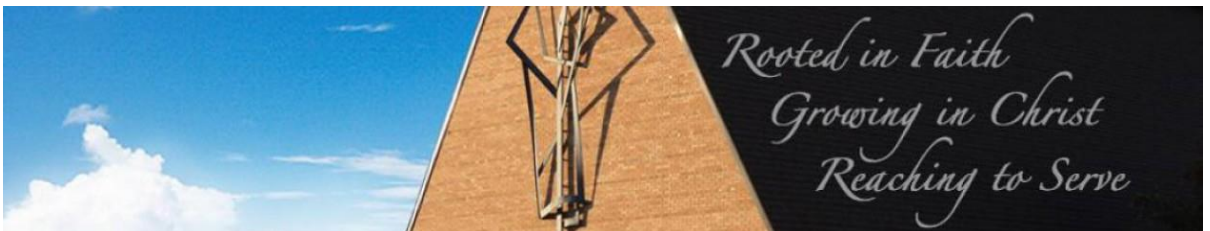




November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney

PRELUDE

Kristen Weikum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship, this day we celebrate All Saints. All saints that are baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in our region, today's 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. We begin our worship with a litany of the baptized.

Please rise as you are able.

LITANY OF THE BAPTIZED

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the water of baptism, we have been welcomed into the community of God's saints on earth and have been clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We give thanks for the gift of baptism ~ *Anastacia Ivy Dryer, Nicholas Jerome Cazin, Harrison Lofquist*. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the new life in Jesus Christ.

C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

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.

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

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PRAYER OF THE DAY 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: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

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

¹⁵For 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.

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

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

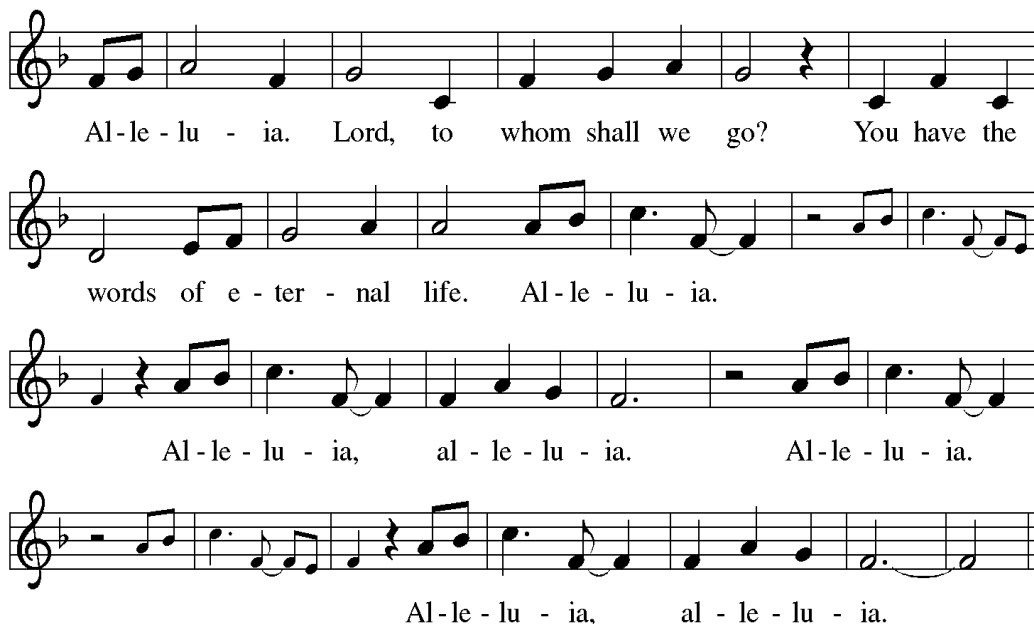
²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All the Saints, Versus 1,2, 6, 7

ELW 422

MEMORIAL RECOGNITION

LITANY OF THE SAINTS IN LIGHT

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.

C: He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.

C: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

P: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness.

C: We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed on your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors.

P: We give thanks for the lives of ~

*Delores Severson, Mary Yapel, Terri DePaulis, Frank Staudahar,
Geraldine Gradisher, Fred McCue, and Ruth Thompson*

Into your hands we commend them, merciful Savior, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own redeeming.

C: Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

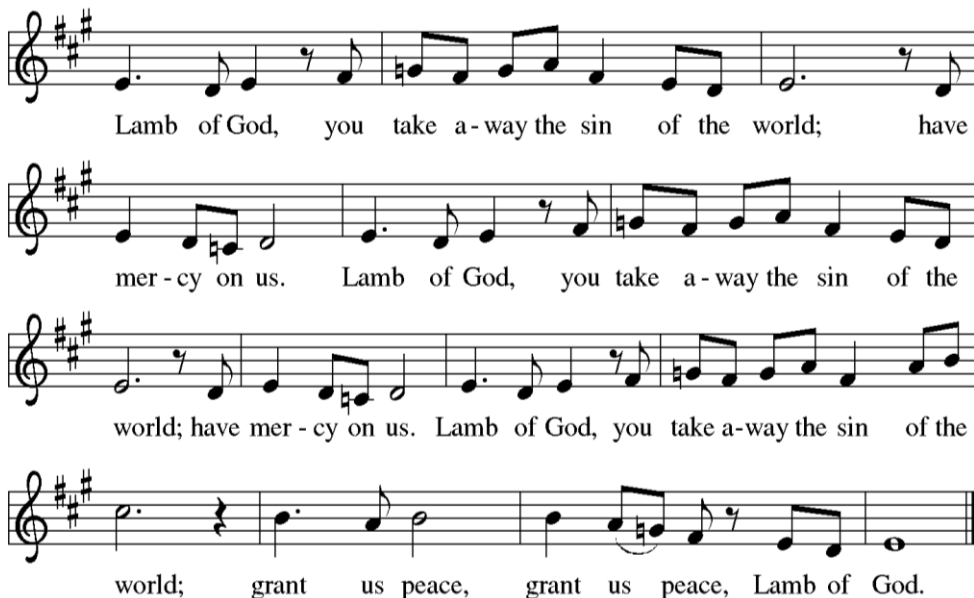
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG

For All the Saints vs. 3, 4 & 5

ELW 422

Come to the Table

ELW 481

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

**Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum

We hold in our prayers

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Dan, Adeline, Jesse, Tedd, Ed, Karen, Ralph, Diane, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Kate, Matt, Ken, Ruth T., Hermine, Deb L., Matt, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Brandon, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Marlene, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria. Call Ginny Ahrlin, prayer leader for this month, at 218-749-0056 for prayer needs.

If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

Visitors and Friends

We at Our Savior's practice open communion during Sunday Worship. Our Lord invites us to share a holy meal at His altar, and we understand that invitation to be open to all who wish to commune with us. You are therefore welcome to join us in our Lord's Supper. If you prefer a Gluten Free wafer or juice, please let the Pastor/server know.

A warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us this morning! Please join us for coffee fellowship following the service.

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office Admin hours will now be Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Liz will be here Mondays & off Fridays– 218-780-8907 or lizcheney44@gmail.com

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Liz Cheney

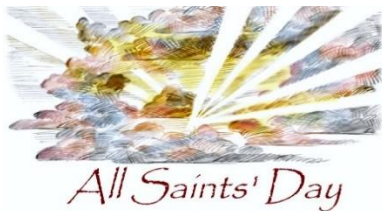
Church Secretary: Colleen Brown Jacobson

Bookkeeper: Carole Rutka

Musicians: Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, Ginny Ahrlin

Custodian: Steve Gagnon





ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR All Saint's Sunday, Nov. 5th, 2023

THANK YOU All who joined us for the wonderful worship service last week: the meal preparation & clean-up, and for our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat – We saw approx. 250 children, not counting the parents. Our church parking lot, narthex and Fellowship Hall were filled with families from our community! *Thank you for taking part in this outreach ~*

THANKSGIVING BASKETS Please see the Narthex Kiosk for sign-up sheets. We are collecting for 10 baskets this year! Delivery day is **Mon. Nov. 20th**, let us know if you would like to help. Please have your donated items in by Sunday, Nov. 19th, thank you!

BE THE LIGHT SUNDAY Join us next Sunday, Nov. 12th for our *Be the Light Sunday* ~ We will all meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship to learn together.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 4TH - 8TH Join Pastor Liz on **Wednesday, November 15th from 6-8pm** for our first Youth Group! We will share dinner together at 6 so come hungry! This will be a monthly time to gather together for food, fun and fellowship as we get to know each other and deepen our faith together! Kids are welcome to bring a friend! *See the back page for the monthly schedule!*

TECH TEAM FORMATION Within the next few weeks OS will have the equipment and ability to live stream our worship services, funerals, weddings, concerts, etc... LIVE! People will be able to tune in at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and watch our worship in the moment on both our FB page & YouTube. This is very exciting! Pastor is looking to put together a Tech Team that would be able to help on Sunday mornings get mics on, camera on, radio on, etc... Dan Peliska has been our solo Tech Team with help from our secretary Colleen. It's time to expand our team, and with our new equipment, now seems to be a good time. Please talk with Pastor Liz if you are interested in helping out in this way.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE It is time to re-energize our Social Concerns Committee as we prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, but beyond that there are many social concerns OS could be a part of. If you are interested in social justice, outreach ministry and concern for our local community this is the team for you! See Pastor Liz for more information.

OSLC's "SEW-WHAT QUILTERS" donated 28 quilts to the F. Donovan Treatment Center in Virginia this week. Staff stopped by the church to receive them & met with our quilters – and Pastor Liz blessed the quilts for people in recovery. What a wonderful way for the church to share a bit of love & compassion for those turning their lives around!

LITTLE PANTRY We are collecting food & other items in the narthex shopping cart for the outside pantry. This month the "National Health Observance" is *Diabetic Health*. In addition to picking up **sugar-free candy & low carb/high protein snacks**, since it's cold out consider these items: **dry soup mixes, meals in a box, dry beans, rice, pasta, instant potatoes, powdered milk, nuts, peanut butter**. Please do not include foods that can freeze & get ruined at this time (canned goods, liquids...)

RADIO SPONSORSHIP If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday Worship in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.**

OSLC INFORMATION: *Thank you for being here today. Parents: As you enter the Sanctuary, to the left, there is an activity tree holding canvas bags with toys & books for your children to use during worship - feel free to use them! Bathrooms are located to the left and down the hall as you exit the sanctuary. During the week, Church Office hours are 10am – 5:00 Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday. If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 (if we do not answer, leave us a voice message so we can get back to you promptly).*

THIS WEEK @ OSLC - TAKE HOME FOR A REMINDER

WELCA BIBLE STUDY: Tues, Nov. 7th @ 1pm in the Fireside Room

COUNCIL MEETING: Wed., Nov. 8th, at 5:30pm

NEW “FUNDAMENTALS” STUDY TIME: We will meet Tues., Nov. 14th 5:30 and Tues., Nov. 28th @ 5:30pm in the Fireside Room, Open to all!

QUILTING: Wednesdays, 9:30am – 2 or 3pm in the Fellowship Hall

Lefse Making Event

Come find out how to make this favorite for the Holidays!

We have equipment, just bring yourself ~ Our Savior’s
Thurs Nov 16th 10am



➤➤➤ Lutfisk & Meatball Dinner at Gethsemane Lutheran

Join our neighbors @ GELC for a fun evening of partaking in yet another holiday tradition! Tues., Dec. 5th 3pm -7pm. Pre-order for take-out or come in person: Adults \$20, Children 6-12 \$8. 5 & under free!

Youth Group Schedule 6-8pm

Wednesday, November 15th

Sunday, December 17th (due to Midweek Advent Worship every Wednesday)

Wednesday, January 17th

Wednesday, February 7th

TBD for March (due to Lent and Holy Week)

Wednesday, April 17th

TBD May - end of the year event

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Just scan it with your phone’s camera to learn more about contributing to OSLC’s Ministries!

