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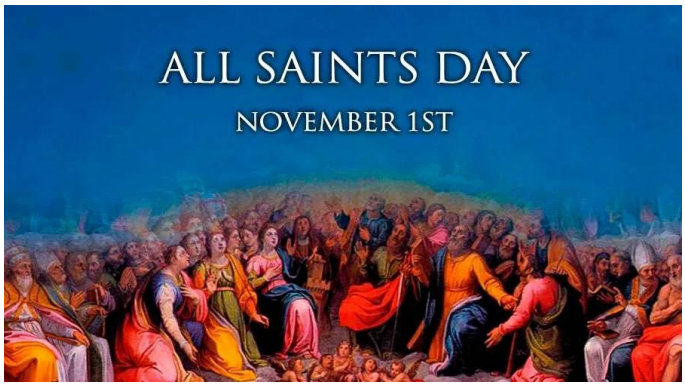


Our Mission Statement
We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.
(Ephesians 4:1)

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All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Please stand as you are able where marked*

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*****The Confession and Absolution***

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)
Pastor: Most merciful God.
People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen
Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

******Opening Hymn: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, Rejoice Hymnal #555***

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The Cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak,
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, no-blest mirth,
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the hymns of fathers loved, The psalms of ancient day.
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As warriors through the darkness toil Till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end, The wearied ones shall rest,
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

******Psalm:*** **Psalm 149 (read responsively)**

Liturgist: Praise the Lord.

People: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Liturgist: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

People: let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Liturgist: Let them praise his name with dancing

People: and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

Liturgist: For the Lord takes delight in his people;

People: he crowns the humble with salvation.

Liturgist: Let the saints rejoice in this honor

People: and sing for joy on their beds.

Liturgist: May the praise of God be in their mouths

People: and a double-edged sword in their hands,

Liturgist: to inflict vengeance on the nations

People: and punishment on the peoples,

Liturgist: to bind their kings with fetters,

People: their nobles with shackles of iron,

Liturgist: to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints.

People: Praise the Lord.

******The Gloria Patri: (sung)*** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

******The Kyrie:*** (**responses are sung**)

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.
People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

******Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)*** *And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

******Collect:***

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Liturgist: Let us pray.

People: O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son, Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Scripture Lessons:

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-17

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living
God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth
and sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants
of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every
tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were
standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on
their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and
from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the
ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more,
neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb in the
midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;
and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved,
we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he
appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in
him purifies himself as he is pure.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia: (sung) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Anthem

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the fifth chapter of Saint Matthew beginning with the first verse.
*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples
came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Liturgist: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
*****People:** ***(sung)*** *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

Children's Sermon: ***Supreme Happiness*** ***Jeane Flesch***



Pulpit Hymn: ***When We All Get to Heaven*** ***Hymn #55 (Power & Praise)***

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place, ***(Chorus)***

When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will over-spread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh, ***(Chorus)***

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of His in glory Will the toils of life repay. ***(Chorus)***

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;
*Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold. (****Chorus)***

Sermon: ***Pastor Emeritus Irvin Stapf***



The Sermon Response: ***(sung)*** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

Passing of the Peace

******The Nicene Creed:***

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

******The General Prayer: (after each petition)***

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.
People: Hear our prayer.

******The Prayer Response: (sung)***

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

******The Preface: (responses are sung)***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

******Proper Preface:***

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: And now do we praise thee, that thou didst send unto us thine only-begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, thou didst reveal the fullness of thy glory. Therefore, with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

******The Sanctus: (sung)***

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blesséd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

******The Consecration:***

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

******The Eucharistic Prayer:***

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary precept, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, thy servants, and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all thy saints. And unto thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in thy holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

******The Lord's Prayer:***

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

******The Agnus Dei: (sung)***

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Communion (If you are baptized, believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, have honestly confessed your sins, and believe that under the bread and wine Christ gives us his true body and blood, you are welcome to come to communion.)

******Post Communion Blessing:***
Pastor: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.
People: ***Nunc Dimittis*** *(Simeon's Prayer):* ***(sung)*** *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
People: ***(sung)*** *And His mercy endureth forever.*

******Closing Prayer:*** **(responses are sung)**
Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
People: *Amen.*
Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Pastor: Bless we the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

******The Benediction****:*
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: ***(sung)*** *The threefold Amen*
A-men, A-men, A----men.

******Closing Hymn:*** ***For All the Saints*** ***Hymnal #144***

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!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in their well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light, Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold, Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.



The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors commeth rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Postlude***

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev. Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: Rev. Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: Rev. Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: Rev. Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: Rev. Dr. Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Robin Nicholson	Hope Johnston	Dorothy Foster	Rev. Joe Christina
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Norita Shipley	Jimmy Beall	The Shriver family
Ben Flynn	Carolyn Kelly	The Gray family	Paul Beall
The Stapf family	The Fry family		

For those that have suffered loss due to hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters
For the President and the leaders of our nation
For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Bethany Hueter, Ethan Stone, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson, Travis Hawk
For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson
For a Region congregation: Pastor Joe Christina, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Fayetteville, NC
For our missionary work: Pastor Scott Yount
For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ
For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: St. Anne's Episcopal Church
For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches
For our college students: Maddie Day, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf, Jenna Perini, Gianna Clarke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Monday – 11 AM at Joe's home.**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday – 10 AM at Church in the Adult Sunday School room.**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday – Sunday morning at 9:30 AM**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: clcmd.org or christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **We are collecting flour and sugar for Damascus HELP during the month of November. There is a collection bin in the Narthex.**
- **There are many shoeboxes in the Narthex for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas. They are due by November 15th.**
- **After Service today we will have the dedication of the Memorial Garden, as well as the Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.**