

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Welcome to 9:30 am Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church
35 Wilson Ave, PO Box 338; Gilbertsville, PA 19525

PRELUDE:

Give Thanks for Saints

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GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 423 Shall We Gather at the River

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899; Music: Robert Lowry.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW 428 Give Thanks for Saints

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962, ©2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.; Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

BELL CHOIR:

In Remembrance

Composer, Bill Ingram; ©1972, ©2000 Van Ness Press, Inc., admin. LifeWay Worship

HOLY COMMUNION:

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

setting, Raymond Haan; ©1986 Sacred Music Press

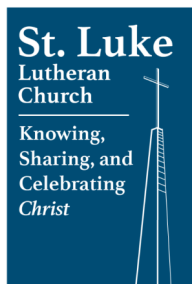
SENDING HYMN:

ACS 950 Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

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St. Luke Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Lenapehoking people and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.

WELCOME

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.


GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.


And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING:

A reading from 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:

A reading from 1 John 3:1-3

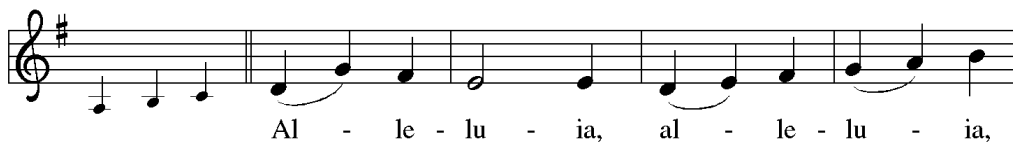
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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.

Please rise in body or spirit

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL:

The holy gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

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.

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

The Rev. Burlington Latshaw

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428

The assembly is seated.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Those being welcomed, representatives of the congregation, and minister gather before the assembly.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for the Ramus family, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as newmembers into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A representative of the congregation may introduce each member.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

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?

The Ramus family say: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

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.

Let us welcome these sister and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

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.

ALL SAINTS LITANY

Let us pray.

For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us,
for all who have done good works in this congregation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who teach and those who learn,
for those who serve and share the gospel,
for those who are still to come,
that faithfulness and service may abound,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction,
wrath, danger, and need,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

We remember:

George Freyer	Laurie Swinehart
Michaela Johnson	Dorothy Jones
Dorothy Wilson	Margaretta Biehl
Betty Shenk	Richard Nyman
Beverly Ritter Lapp	Stacey Puzauskas Hensley
Dolores Weiss	John Huber
Lisa Schneider	Grace Bealer
Bill Yanalavage	The Rev. Wanda Craner
Greg Loney	Emily Fager Bradfield
Hal Baughman	Paige Longstreth
Elsie Ball	Erma Klinger
Charles Christman	Charles "Bud" Cattell
Clayton Rhoads	Mike McLaughlin

O God, remember your church throughout the world.

Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another.
As you have received our sisters and brothers
who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life,
bring us at last with them into the light of your presence,
that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks to our new members, Matthew, Ashley, Azlyn, Carter, and Laykn whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. 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.

“In Remembrance”

St. Luke Bell Choir

MEAL

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

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the
hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

All are welcome to the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, and those who need to have the pastor bring the elements to them should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing.

LORD'S PRAYER

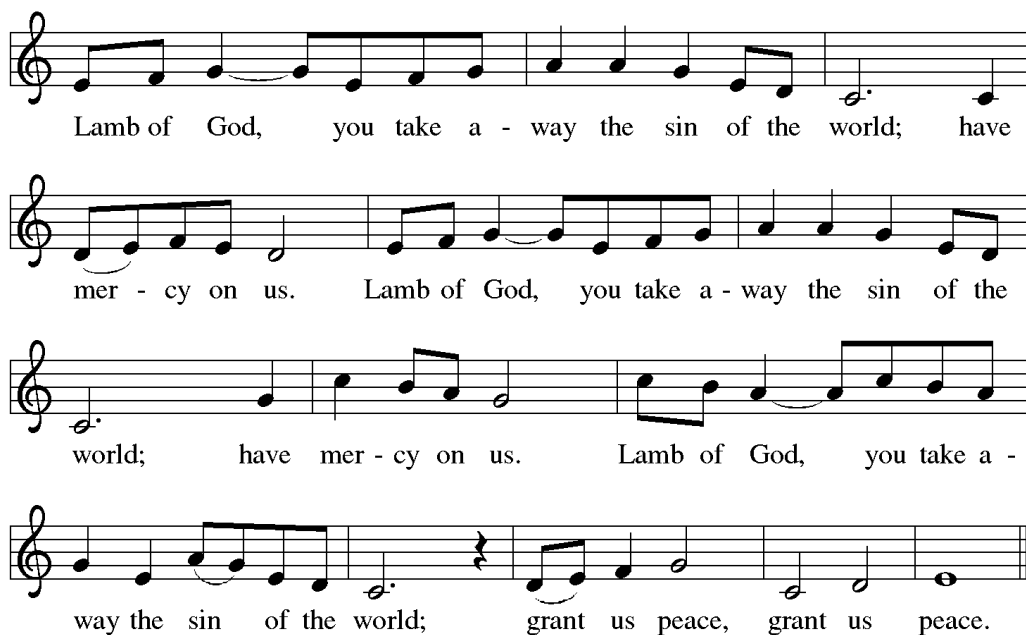
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Com and feast at Jesus 'table

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep
you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise in body and spirit.

BLESSING

Church, receive this 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.



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
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 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

From Sundayandseasons.com

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leader & Message: The Rev. Burlington Latshaw

Director of Music: Lincoln Noecker

Lector: Connie Hukari

Audio Video: Ron Ball

Ushers: Gary Fronheiser, Ron Hukari

Sacristan: Kathy Billger

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 5—11

Monday – Psalm 5; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Tuesday – Psalm 5; Lamentations 2:13-17; Acts 13:1-12

Wednesday – Psalm 5; Proverbs 16:21-33; Matthew 15:1-9

Thursday – Psalm 70; Amos 1:1—2:5; Revelation 8:6—9:12

Friday – Psalm 70; Amos 3:1-12; Revelation 9:13-21

Saturday - Psalm 70; Amos 4:6-13; Matthew 24:1-14

IN OUR PRAYERS: This morning in our prayers we remember the saints whose commemorations fall during this week:

November 6 William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

November 7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, 1787

PRAYERS FOR Health and Healing:

♦ Ann Rhoads, health issues

♦ Linda Saul, health issues (friend of Val Schlegel)

- ◇ Salem Ruth Frech, surgery but doing well (daughter of Steve Frech)
- ◇ Terry Orenreider, back surgery
- ◇ Bonnie Kuser, kidney surgery
- ◇ Tom Ward, medical testing (friend of the Romasco family)
- ◇ Butch Moyer, hospitalized (brother-in-law of Hilda Cooney)

PRAYERS FOR those in grief:

- ◇ Family & friends of Elsie Ball, mother of Ron Ball.
- ◇ Family & friends of Erma Klinger, aunt of Celeste Ball.
- ◇ Family & friends of Charles Christman
- ◇ Family & friends of Charles “Bud” Cattell, uncle of Val Schlegel
- ◇ Family & friends of Clayton Rhoads
- ◇ Family & friends of Mike McLaughlin (neighbor of Hilda Cooney)

PRAYERS FOR those Needing Continued Prayers:

Bob Arobone	Tom Bucks	Kristopher Yoder
Jalen Gray	Larry Kuser	Sharon Smith
Bonnie Ritter		

PRAYERS FOR those at home:

Gloria Christman	Jean & Bill Christy
Marie Geiger	Paul McFarland
Ruth Nice	Helen Penketh
Ann Rhoads	Cookie Stasik

Thrivent Action Team

Following the worship today, you are invited to help make goodie bags for the children of the clients at Salvation Army. Thank you Celeste Ball for sponsoring this action team project.

Craft Show

St. Luke FUNdraising Team is holding the 10th Craft Show on Saturday, **November 18 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.** There will be vendors and Granma's Attic will be well stocked with bargains and treasures. There will also be a Basket Raffle, food, beverages, and baked goods. Hoagies can be pre-ordered by seeing Bonnie Kuser, Ross Geiger, or Kathy Billger. Hope to see everyone on the 18th.

Date	Week of Nov. 5-11	Location
Sunday, November 5 All Saints Sunday	9:30 am Worship	Nave
Tuesday, November 7	3:00 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	Memorial Hall Memorial Hall
Wednesday, November 8	1:00 to 4:00 CCR Shopping	CCR
Thursday, November 9	6:00-8:00 pm CCR Shopping 6:45: Council Meeting	CCR Memorial Hall
Friday, November 10	8:30 pm AA Meeting	Class Room Downstairs
Worship Leaders	Sunday, November 12	Sunday, November 19
Lector	Joe Vendetti	Kathy Billger
Ushers	Dave Girton, Ron Hukari	Larry Billger, Terry Conrad
Audio Video	Mike Ferraro	Ron Hukari
Office Volunteer	Pat Hallman (Nov. 9)	Donna Biehl (Nov. 16)
Sacristan	Kathy Billger	Kathy Billger

Worship and Stewardship

Our October Commitment

Budget \$16,320
Mission Support \$680

Our Generosity

\$ TBD
\$ TBD

Overage/Shortfall

\$ TBD
\$ TBD



READER

All Saints Day

- Today is **All Saints Day**.
- On All Saints Sunday, we **remember saints** who have died.
- We also **celebrate saints who are living** and still doing God's work!

Remembering Saints

Write the name on the candles of saints living and dead to celebrate and remember them.



How Can YOU Be a Saint?

Saints are people who live faithful lives serving God. How can you be a saint? Think of a way to serve God and others in each of these different places:

At your family dinner table

In the classroom

Riding the bus

On the playground

Shopping at the mall
