

Grace Lutheran Church

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All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

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+ *Those who are able please stand.*

(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sisters and brothers, to give thanks for their lives, to commend them to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

As a sign of us all being clothed with Christ in baptism, a pall is placed on the altar.

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

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

+ ALL SAINTS LITANY

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God: **Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life. A candle will be lit and a bell will toll.

Maynard Earl Parris, Robert "Bob" Leonard Kerr Jr, Barbara Dennis Miller, Irving Ray Peeler

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

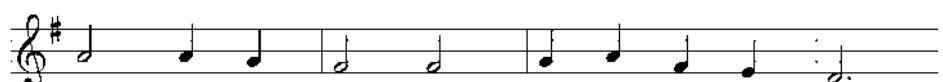
Amen.

Candle lighting during the Gathering Hymn for all those who have entered the Church Triumphant.

+ GATHERING HYMN: "For All the Saints"



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
 saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



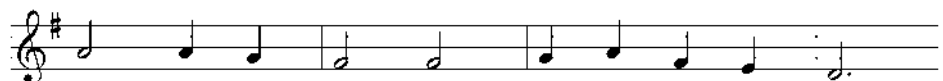
your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 and you, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west:



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song.
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;



yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

+ 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.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-8

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**
³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**
⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
⁸**to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**
⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Shall We Gather at the River

Refrain

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

+ GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

+ GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
per - nal an - them ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!

"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the

pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:

"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

+ NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in hope and trust, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Immersed in the loving cloud of witnesses we offer our prayers with joy and hope.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All this we ask through Christ, who reign with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come to Me and Rest”

Chancel Choir

+ OFFERTORY SONG “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LBW#564

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

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.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

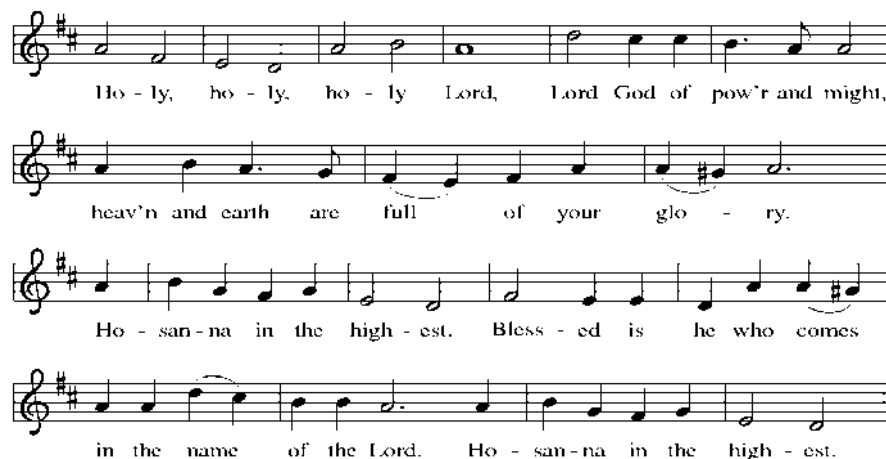
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



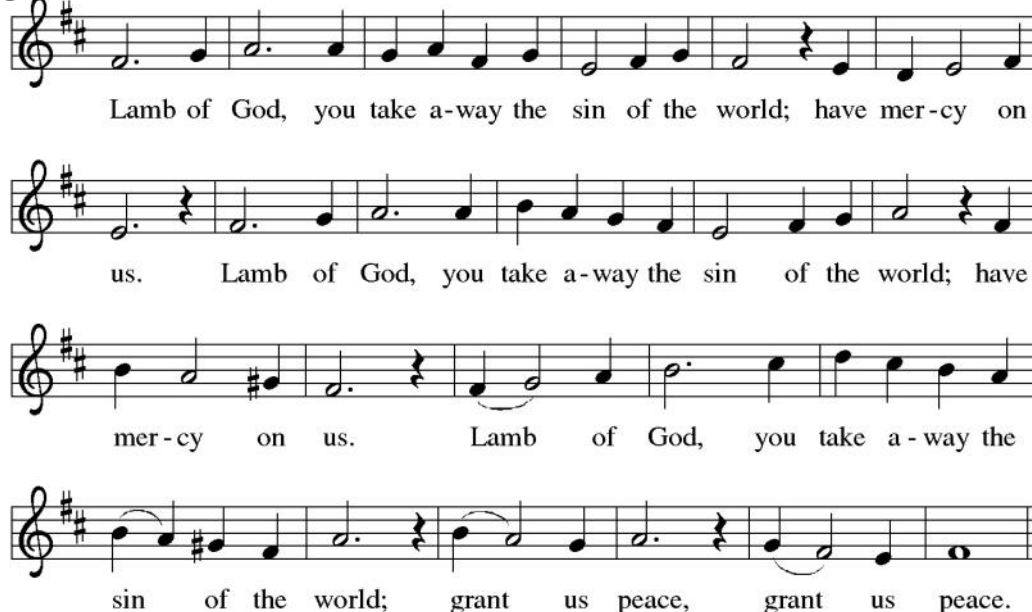
+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION – All children of God are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward to receive the bread and wine from the pastor/communion assistants at the direction of an usher.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let Us pray together...

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.

+ BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

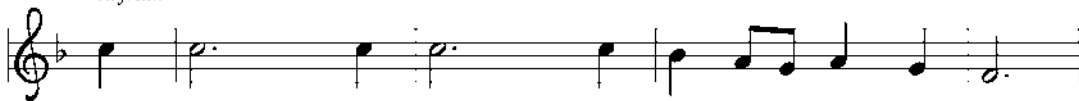


- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



- your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



- Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high.
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Jerry Heilig, Bruce Miller

Community Concerns:

Scout & Skylar Harmon (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Abigail Kamugisha (*Anna Kamugisha*),
Debbie Everhart (*Vicki Morris*)

Comfort:

Family and friends of Earl Parris

Family and friends of Bob Kerr

Family and friends of Barbara Miller

Family and friends of Ray Peeler

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury,
Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Margie Martin, Judy Copeland, Diane
Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Danny Benfield, Jesse
Martin

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families

All the Saints who have entered the Church Triumphant during this past year:

Maynard Earl Parris	September 15, 1958 to March 6, 2025
Robert “Bob” Leonard Kerr	November 27, 1945 to March 17, 2025
Barbara Dennis Miller	December 28, 1948 to September 7, 2025
Irving Ray Peeler	May 25, 1952 to August 30, 2025

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Useful Information

<u>Serving 11/2/2025</u>	
Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Lynn Lippard
Lector	Patsy Parnell
Communion Assistant	Sarah Nolan & Kristina Martin
Acolyte	Abigail Kluttz
Crucifer	Cooper Miller
Torchbearers	Kenley Miller & Olivia Miller
Security Team	Zach Moore & Cody Ritchie
Sound System	Kurt Weddington
Teller Team	Helen Correll, Gene Stirewalt & Michael Miller
Ushers	David & Brenda Miller Michael & Kristi Miller

<u>Serving 11/9/2025</u>	
Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Jamey Basinger
Lector	Earlene Rivers
Communion Assistant	Sarah Nolan & Kristina Martin
Acolyte	Bayley Carter
Security Team	Travis Nolan & Monty Brown
Sound System	Keaton Sloop
Teller Team	Helen Correll, Gene Stirewalt & Michael Miller
Ushers	David & Brenda Miller Michael & Kristi Miller

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Parnell by Patsy.

CLEAN WATER 5K will be held on Saturday. Race applications under the portico.

CIRCLE OF HOPE will be providing the meal at Rowan Helping Ministries on Tuesday.

ROWAN SALISBURY CHORAL SOCIETY concert at Grace on Friday at 7:30 and on Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury at 3:00pm.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on November 16 to vote on Congregation Council members and the 2026 Proposed Spending Plan.

NOMINATIONS FOR CONGREGATION COUNCIL will be taken today. The following people are NOT eligible for nomination: **Jamey Basinger, Julie Heilig, Gary Elmore, Mike Yost, Randy Basinger, David Diggs, Gene Stirewalt, Donnie Stout, Monica Basinger, Shelly Hunter, Aaron Linker, Mike Stout, Nicole Ritchie, Michael Miller, Marcus Reynolds, Greg Hartsell, Kristina Martin, Duane Nolan, Sarah Nolan, Dan Roseman**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon	Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	
	Women of Christ Fellowship	7:00pm
Tues	Quilting	10:00am
	Circle of Hope at RHM	6:00pm
Wed	Children's Choir PK-1st	6:00pm
	Children's Choir 2nd– 5th	6:30pm
	Chancel Choir	7:00pm
Sat	Clean Water 5K	

This Week's Giving 10/26/2025		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Attendance 162			
Current	\$ 16,295.19		
Sunday School (Attendance 58)	\$ 70.00		
Director of Youth and Family Ministries	\$ 25.00		
Property Fund	\$ 100.00		
Benevolence	\$ 2,555.00		
World Hunger	\$ 100.00		
Total Current	\$ 19,145.19	\$ 7,815.00	\$ 11,330.19
Ray Peeler Memorial	\$ 100.00		
Barbara Miller Memorial	\$ 375.00		
Funeral Meal Fund In Memory of Barbara Miller)	\$ 100.00		
Bobby Kerr Memorial - Kids to Camp	\$ 100.00		
Earl Parris Memorial	\$ 100.00		
Lewis Moose Endowment Fund	\$ 125.00		
Lutheridge/Kids to Camp Endowment	\$ 825.00		
Van Fund	\$ 25.00		
Paving	\$ 25.00		
Altar Flowers	\$ 150.00		
Quilters	\$ 25.00		
Clean Water 5K	\$ 1,100.00		
Building Fund	\$ 170.00		
Facility Rental (Capital Improvement Fund)	\$ 100.00		
Youth of Grace	\$ 100.00		
Kids of Grace	\$ 5.00		
Total Offering	\$ 22,570.19		