The Feast of All Saints (Observed) November 2, 2025





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+ WELCOME – AS WE GATHER + + PREPARATION +

907 GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT Him - self Him 1 God is pres - ent: Let now a - dore 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing; bless - ing. Pu - ri - fy 3 Fount of ev -'rv mv spir \mathbf{o} 0 And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. in His God is See the hosts the throne "Ho - ly, ing. ho - ly, sur - round Like the ho - lv Trust-ing on - lv in Your mer it. All with - in keep si - lence; tem ple; Hum - bly kneel in lv!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and ho Wor - ship - ing be - fore You. Mav I cease-less an gels, He His deep - est rence. a lone On throne rev blend Bow Your To here: gels ing. ear 118 Let ly dore You. Your will Ev er still a Praise His and Sav - ior; Is God name for - ev - er! our Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now Hear. O rais - es. Rule Your Church ter - res trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt.

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(Stand) (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

+ INVOCATION +

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, 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.
- P 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(Stand)

PSALM

Psalm 149; antiphon: v. 4

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

¹Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

⁵Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

8to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

⁹to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.





2 All cre - a - tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High." Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon - or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a - lone! Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do - min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne. Now be His from all His crea - tures And to ev - er - last - ing days!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thar

Thanks be to God.





Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.
- ¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
 - ²And 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Blessed"

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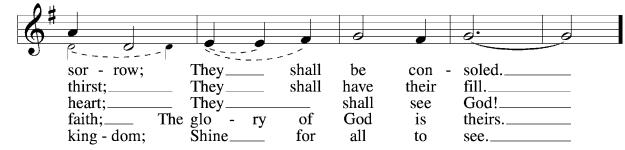
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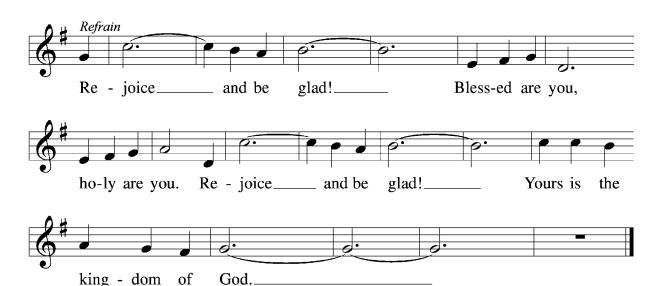
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SERMON: "The Touch That Transforms"

I believe in one God.

the Father Almighty,

(Stand)

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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 sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P ... let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. . . .

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **

The names of those who are to be remembered are read, a chime is tolled following the reading of each name.

- To Him be the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(Sit)

OFFERING

<u>Members</u> simply text the word <u>CHECK</u> to **785-828-4482** then click & submit online to **Check In** for attendance during the day. Or please complete the "**Let's Connect" Card** in the pews with your Name(s), email, and phone and hand to the ushers as they are returning from the altar. **VISITORS**, please hold your card to give to Pastor at the door and receive a 'Thank You' Gift.

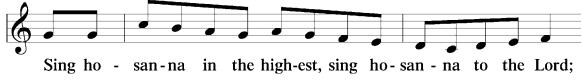
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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- PLift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:







PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight.

Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

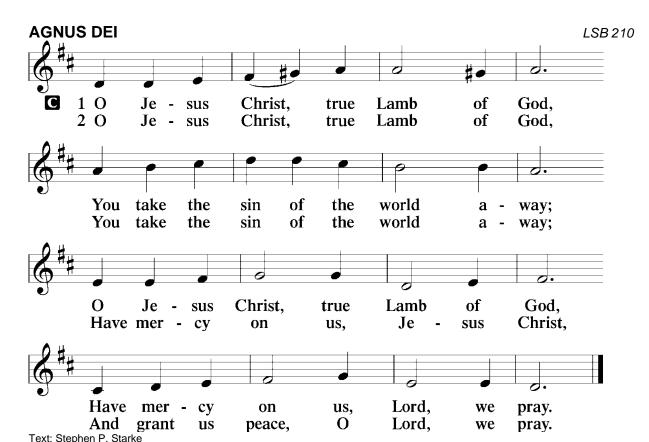
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily
bread;
and forgive us our trespasses

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
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.



(Sit)

DISTRIBUTION

(The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive)

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

Christ's Supper is a blessing to the individual and group at His table. In eating the bread and drinking the wine, our Lord gives into our mouths the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a physical gift of Jesus' love and real presence in, with, and under the bread and the wine. The person is receiving the assurance that his/her sins are forgiven and is strengthened in the hope of eternal life with Christ. As in his or her baptism, the person is joined with Christ.

In this communion we are also joined with other Christians who share our beliefs. At the Lord's Table we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and by a community of people who profess the faith with the same understanding that is ours.

We ask that you speak to an elder or pastor before partaking of the Lord's Supper if there is a question about our practice. Ask an usher to direct you.

If you are not sure if your understanding of scripture matches that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, you are welcome to come to the rail and receive a blessing. Signify as such by crossing your arms in front of you.

WHILE COMMUNING

- If you have difficulty walking to the altar, alert the ushers. The pastor and assistants will come to your pew to serve you.
- All are invited to receive the gifts. Please follow the directions of the Ushers/Elders to come forward.
- If kneeling is a challenge for you, please feel free to stand at the rail.
- If you are receiving communion, please slightly cup your hands to receive the host (Gluten-Free host is available in the center cup on the paten if desired lift your hand to reach for the host from the center cup). Otherwise, please cross your forearms in front of your chest to receive a blessing.
- An optional Non-Alcoholic choice (lighter-color/rose) is available in the center of the tray of individual cups.
- If you are receiving from the common cup, please cross your hands to indicate so to the lay assistant with the individual cups. Once the assistant passes, please place your hand out to receive the common cup and help guide it to your mouth.

(In dismissing the communicants, the following or something similar is said:)

THE DISMISSAL

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

700 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING





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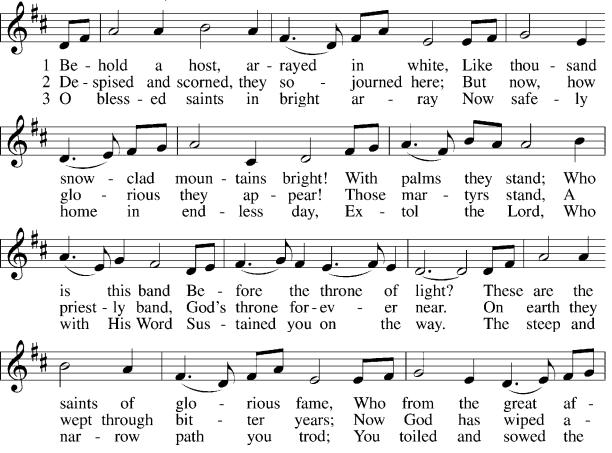
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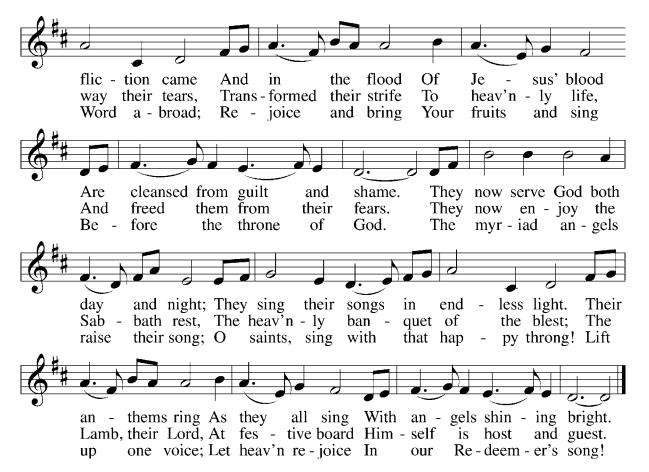
** REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **

The names of those who are to be remembered were read, a chime was tolled following the reading of each name. Names are listed here, as you recall them (and all who are in your hearts at this time) as being present with us at the Lord's Table in Holy Communion:

- Clark Gillard
- Ethel Kramer
- Delores Norton
- ❖ Patricia Rydeen

676 BEHOLD A HOST, ARRAYED IN WHITE





Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

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For the following hymn, please NOTE the symbol \triangle = STAND indicates that we Stand for the Name of the Trinity. Please remain STANDING (as you are able and without pain) for what follows verse 8.



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5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! 7 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!

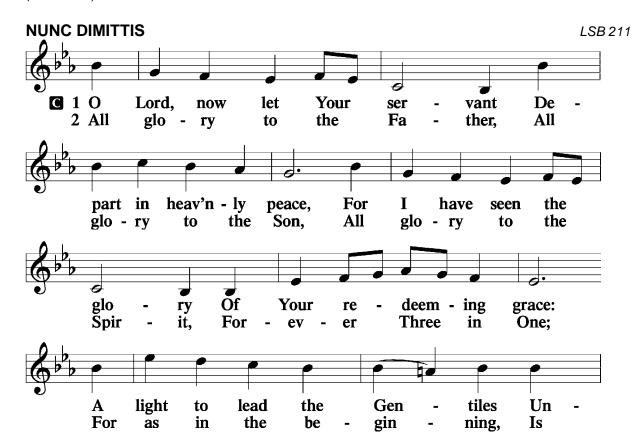
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

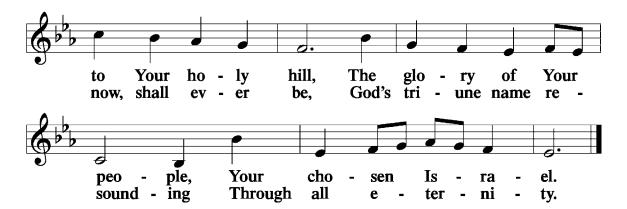
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

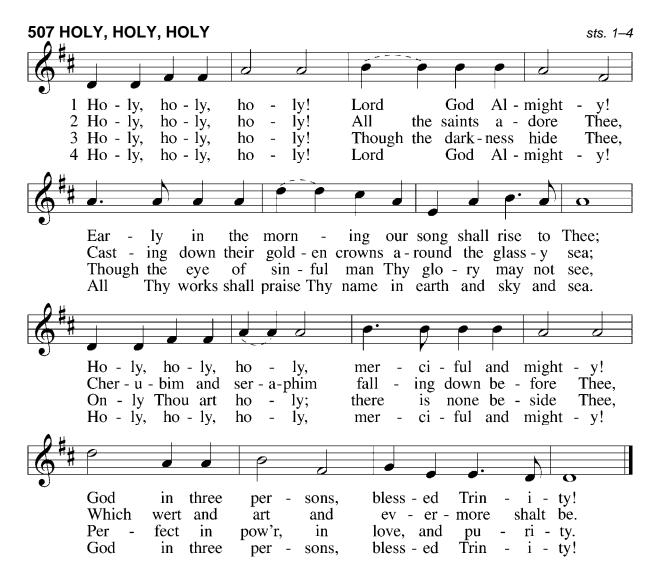
BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

C Amen.

(Sit)



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IN OUR PRAYERS

HEALING AND CARE: for those suffering from cancer: Stu Duncan, Jenny Peimann, Dan Henderson, Sheri Bravenec, Bonnie Von Lehe, Frank Wagner, Nancy Lahm, Barbara Feltner, Joetta Asbury, Tom Arb, Sharon Eilert (Eva's sister).

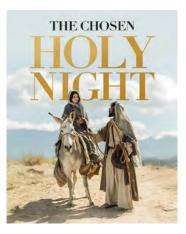
CONTINUED HEALING: Christopher Smith, Gabriella Schultz, Michael Nally, Charlie Timberlane, Logan Brady, Jean Curtis, Carl Sluder, Raymond Zorn, Lyn Wren, David Wagner, Cecil McMullen, Ann Becker, Mark Feltner, Darrell Sturdy, Diane Schulze, Keith Scheid, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, Harley Browning, Ruby Zorn, George Phoenix, Liz Eissler, Karen Persinger.

SHUT-INS: Don & Ann Becker, Virginia Elmore, Jim & Pat Croucher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this morning as we receive the Lord's Body and Blood. Fill out the "Let's Connect" card if participating. Please speak to the Pastor or an Elder if this is your first time to commune with us.

WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. You are invited for coffee and snacks after our service. You are also invited to stay for Bible Study and Sunday School.



Join The CHOSEN Study! Saturdays, 4:30-6 pm.

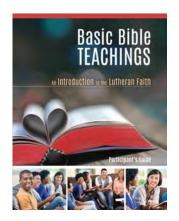
Each week, we'll gather to:

- + Read short Scripture passages connected to the episode.
- + Watch a full episode of "The CHOSEN."
- + Discuss the themes and "nuggets."

We continue with The Chosen "HOLY NIGHT" on November 8th and will be repeated on November 15th *Free - INVITE someone!!!*

NXT Youth Group is meeting Nov. 9! Bring your ideas and plans – we'll have Pizza at 11:00 am. We'd like to have Parents and Youth share **and consider bringing friends...**

I.F.B. Investigating Faith Basics – we are starting a course for ALL members and especially those who would like to become members. "Basic Bible Teachings" will be the workbook – bring yours if you have one already, and plan to take notes! Lots of lively discussion is encouraged as we learn from each other. **The plan is for 6 sessions, starting Nov 9**th **following service.**



HANGING OF THE GREEN! On November 23rd we will take some time to decorate the church following service – many hands make "light" work. (hint: the theme for this year's Christmas is "Light" and we'll be doing "14-Days of Light" as a TXT/Email Challenge).

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, Dec. 3, 2025: Save the Date!!!

Again this year we will be going out among the neighbors and caroling and bringing cheer following the midweek meal on Wednesday evening. All are invited to join us... (whether you can sing or not)!

Many Thanks to all those who assisted with and participated in "TREASURED: A Ladies Retreat"!

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

<u>Serving In Worship Today & Serving Next Week</u>
Check the schedule posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex

Record of Faithfulness

Attendance Last Sunday: 57

Offering Last Sunday: \$1831 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Last Sunday: \$450

KS District Reformation Last Sunday: \$670

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are very glad you are here! Our services may look and sound different (other worldly, perhaps), but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason and there is a certain rhythm involved. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Living Triune God comes to serve through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive the enlivening of our faith, forgiveness from our sins, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation as a gift we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

Pastor Jim Kirschenmann GV (314) 884-0828

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Bible Study and Sunday School: 10:30 am

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