All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

We welcome you to The Gathering Service



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Our Mission:

Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service, and our support

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lords Supper.
Wait for the Usher to guide you.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Bathrooms are located in two places. The downstairs restrooms can be reached by going through the double doors at the back of the sanctuary, then down the stairs to your left. Additional restrooms can be reached through the door next to the altar; proceed through the library, go around the corner, and use the second door on your left.

Worship Leaders Today

Assisting Minister	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Lector/Reader	Cyndi Allen
Acolyte	Bella Alaniz
Usher	Art Anderson
Audio/Video	Rich Alaniz
Counters	Art Anderson, Tim Smock
Altar Guild	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee

Worship Leaders November 15

Assisting Minister	Blaine Waters
Lector/Reader	Jean Parker
Acolyte	Jackson Glasoe
Usher	Arnold Conner
Audio/Video	JJ Conner
Counters	Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush
Altar Guild October	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee

Opening Song ***Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)***

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
   I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
   and grace my fears relieved.
   How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
   He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. *(Rx2)*

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
   But God who called me here below, will be forever mine.
   Will be forever mine, you are forever mine.

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Opening Prayer

Song ***God of Wonders***

1. Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;
   The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Refrain1: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

2. Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
   When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night. *(R)*

Bridge: Hallelujah, (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).

Refrain2: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares your majesty,
you are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Refrain3: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me,
father hold me, hold me.

Ending: Hallelujah, (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
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Lesson ***Revelation 7:9-17***

After 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And 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, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I 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. For 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for 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.”

A The Word of the Lord. ***C*** **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson ***Matthew 5:1-12***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A The Gospel of the Lord. ***C*** **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Song ***I Can Only Imagine***

1. I can only imagine what it will be like
   when I walk by your side.
   I can only imagine what my eyes will see
   when your face is before me. I can only imagine.

Refrain 1: Surrounded by your glory what will my heart feel.
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still.
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall.
Will I sing hallelujah will I be able to speak at all.
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

2. I can only imagine when that day comes
and I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine when all I will do
is forever, forever worship you.
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.*(R1, R2)*

Refrain 2: Surrounded by your glory what will my heart feel.
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still.
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall.
Will I sing hallelujah will I be able to speak at all.
I can only imagine yeah I can only imagine.
I can only imagine yeah I can only imagine.
I can only imagine yeah I can only imagine. *(E)*

Ending: I can only imagine when all I will do
is forever, forever worship you. I can only imagine.
I can only imagine when all I will do
is forever, forever worship you. I can only imagine.

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Prayers of the People

Prayers for our Departed Loved Ones

P O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for all the saints; for the holy patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown.

In particular, we pray for: Mark Frick..🔔.....Barbara Martucci 🔔

We pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Song of Offering ***Breathe*** ***Stand***

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:
your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread:
your very word spoken to me.

Refrain: And I, I'm desperate for you. And I, I'm lost without you.

(Repeat, Ending)

Ending: This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe.

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Eternal God,

C **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Great Meal

P Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **We gladly lift up our hearts and give God our praise and thanksgiving.**

Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

C **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

A Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Distribution Song ***What a Beautiful Name***

1. You were the word at the beginning,
   one with God the Lord most high.
   Your hidden glory in creation,
   now revealed in you, our Christ.

Refrain: What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ my king.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

2. You didn't want heaven without us,
   so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
   My sin was great, your love was greater;
   what could separate us now?

Refrain 2: What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ my king.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Bridge: Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
for you are raised to life again.

Bridge 2: You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
yours is the name above all names.

Refrain 3: What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is.
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Ending: What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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Blessing

A Let us pray. The holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Song ***All The People Said Amen***

1. You are not alone if you are lonely.
   When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
   We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
   It's all you got to lean on, but thank God it's all you need.

Refrain: And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa.
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."

2. If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
   Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
   We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
   God knows we stumble and fall,
   and he so loved the world, he sent his son to save us all. *(R)*

Bridge: Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God. *(R X2, E)*

Ending: And all the people said, "Amen."

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Dismissal

A Go in peace, encourage one another.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those named below and all the faithful departed

+ Richard Alaniz Sr., Robin Ruiz, Donald F. & Brenda Pamula, Raymond Tarbell, and Isabelle Reitz by Rich and Briana Alaniz
+ Clyde Bartlett, Arthur Anderson, Sr., Kevin Kala, Davida Pierce, Mark May, Alice Lynch, Danny Lynch, Sandy Kitchen, and Jon & Ardie Kayner by Art and Cindy Anderson
+ Alice Lynch, Clyde Bartlett, Mark May, Kevin Kala, Glenna & Emily Bartlett, Bob Bloom, Luella & Charles Robinson by Marylou Bartlett
+ Ray & Laura Viard, and Marilyn Cogley by Karen Pistner
+ Craig Cunningham, Mary Elizabeth & Guy Jacobs, Marie & George Cunningham, by Ethelynne Cunningham
+ Oliver G. Shadle Jr., Timothy Shadle, Robert Hecht, and Grand Birdie Jones by Laurie Hecht
+ James F. & Sally Bryan, James M. & Scotty Bryan, and Wayne & Mary Magee by Bonnie Magee
+ My parents, Sarah & Clifford Parker, my aunt Ellen Donly, and my brothers, Jack & Bob Parker by Jean Parker
+ Bill Voigt, Joe Anderson, Katherine & Lynn Snyder, Louise & Bill Voigt, Shirley & Lynn Snyder, Jr., Evelyn & Jack Winslow and Rae Vorsheck McCaleb by Linda Voigt
+ Robert Sprouse, Rose & Allen Simons, Sandra Carlson, Parmney Sprouse, and Louise Sprouse by Candy Sprouse
+ Owen & Elouise Hunter, John Hunter, and Melissa Gallraith by Bonnie Stearns
+ Robin & Kenny Waters by Blaine Waters
+ Blane Dessy, Marianne Marin, Katrina McDougall, Betty & Larry Shannon, Don & Peg Curtis and Pam Urann by Robin Curtis
+ My parents, Edmund & Florence Crane, my in-laws, Charles & Susan Damon, sister-in-law, Joyce Crane, friends, Eileen Custer & Bernice Fryer, my godmother, Milly Bojarski, my grandmother's, Pauline Slomski & Josephine Krasinski by Shirley Damon
+ Ron Braden, Buzzy Chatham, Dick Clar, Norb Wolf, Mabel & Douglas Butt, Betty Wolf, Pam & Walt Griesbach, and Mitchel Stinson by Ernie & Carol Ann Wolf
+ My mom, Joanne and Toby by Anna Anderson
+ Florence Burwell, and Jean Allen by Cyndi Allen
+ My parents, Hildegard and Kurt Lauber, late husband's Donald Kohl and Tarzan Booth, by Lisa Booth
+ Robert "Bud" Bresee by his family
+ Bernice & Ernie Fryer, Edward Post by Linda Fryer
+ Bob Hough, Robert & Eleanor Hough, Frank & Audrey Buterbaugh, and Sharon Concilla by Sandy Hough

+ Kenneth & Eleanor Defoe, Wallace & Hazel Jones, Yvonne Cowan, John & Gertrude Rettman, Donald & Mary Jane Rettman, Douglas Rettman, and George & Antoinette Defoe by Gene & Linda Jones

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **November** the ***Christmas Needy Fund*** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Bible Study: Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm in the Study Lounge and Wednesday night 6:00 pm in the Study Lounge.

Veterans Miracle Network Drive: through November 15 We will be collecting personal care items and monetary donations. Pick up a wish list off the Narthex counter.

Sound Bath: Sunday, Today at 4:00 pm Join us in Fellowship Hall for an uplifting meditative service. Bring comfortable chair or yoga mat if you like.

Taize Service: November 8, both services. We will not have communion.

OWLs: Sunday, November 15, 2:00-4:00 pm. Going to the play "Over the Tavern" at the Erie Playhouse.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Prayer Service: Saturday, November 21, 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex or contact the Church Office by ***November 15*** if you plan to attend and indicate what food item you will be providing for the dinner. **Please remember to bring your prepared food item to the dinner.**

Community Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, November 22, 5:00 pm. The Wesleyville Community Thanksgiving Service is at Hope and Faith Chapel, 2313 Bird Dr.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

November 3 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.
November 9 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.
November 16 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.
November 17 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my grandson Liam's 15th birthday on November 3rd by Karen Pistner

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of loved ones by Linda Voigt

The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving of God's many blessings by Robin Curtis

This Week at the Church

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

Sunday 11/1	***All Saints Sunday***	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach
	4:00PM	Sound Bath
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:30PM	Bible Study
Wednesday	11:00AM	Worship Committee
	1:00PM	Bound Together
	6:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	12:00Noon	CYFM
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA
Saturday	8:00AM-5:00PM	FootSteps Meeting
Sunday 11/8	***24th Sunday after Pentecost***	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Taize Service (no communion)
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study

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