

WELCOME TO

Alamance Lutheran Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. – Thurs. 9:00a – 12:00p

and by appointment

If you are a guest with us today, please sign the guest registry located in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. Also, please sign the Communion record book found at the end of each pew, denoting any prayer concerns and requests for pastoral visits. Thank you.

CLERGY:

Rev. Ron Philabaum, Pastor

Rev. Bob Hawkins, Homebound Visitation

STAFF:

Kay Howe, Bookkeeper

Matt Swaim, Director of Contemporary Music; Coordinator for Media and Publications

Joy Rust, Director of Traditional Music

GENERAL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30	Contemporary Worship
10:00	Sunday School
11:00	Traditional Worship

For a complete calendar of events, please see our newsletter or our website.

Large Print Bulletins Are Available

Call the church office and request one in advance.

Bulletins can be accessed from our website,

www.alamancelutheran.org, on the “Publications” page for viewing on your mobile device.

As Lutherans we understand that in, with and under the forms of bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not pretend to understand how this can be, we trust only in the promises he made—“this is my body...” and “this is my blood” Matthew 26, Mark 13, Luke 22, and I Corinthians 11. **If you are visiting with us, you are welcome to receive this gift with us.** We offer either wine or grape juice for those who prefer it. The pre-filled glasses contain juice. For people unable to tolerate gluten in their diet, gluten-free bread is available. Simply say “gluten free” when bread is offered.

Restrooms are located between the sanctuary and the chapel near the church office and are accessed via the door at the front right hand side of the sanctuary or the outside sidewalk.

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THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

HYMN 424 (ELW)

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW pg. 147)

Canted by Daniel Slaughter



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



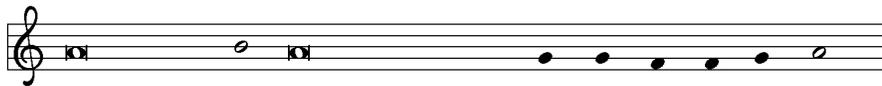
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 509

“God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Revelation 7:9-17

L: The Word of the Lord,

P: Thanks Be To God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Heaven's Choir"

Words and music by Pepper Choplin

*In heaven's choir we'll join saints in glory.
In heaven's choir we'll worship the Lord.
And when we bow before His throne,
We'll sing "Holy, holy, holy, holy."
We'll praise the Lord on high in heaven's choir.*

SECOND READING:

1 John 3:1-3

L: The Word of the Lord,

P: Thanks Be To God.

The congregation stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12).

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

READING OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

PASTOR RON'S MESSAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD (No Age Requirement!)

SERMON

Rev. Ron Philabaum

“Who is Blessed Anyway?”

Please stand as you are able for the Sermon Hymn, Apostle's Creed and Prayers.

HYMN 422

(Verses 1-5)

“For All the Saints”

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 into hell. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

A brief silence.

A Gather your church from every nation, tribe, people, and language to proclaim your salvation. Defend and preserve those who are persecuted because of their faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Reveal your will for your creation, mighty God. Renew waters, lands, and skies that are threatened by our carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for the works of your hands. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Move the hearts of all who participate in upcoming elections. Give courage, generosity, and vision to candidates and voters alike. Guide elected officials to answer the call of those who cry out for fair and just policies. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Soothe the pain of those who suffer, especially **Jerry Combs, Bucky Fogleman, Ruth Gaines, Melba Iwaniec, Fleecie Jerrell, Jim Phelps, Helen Seymour, Tony Solazzo, Helen Stokes, John Beam, Bruce Bell, Angela Boyd, Gray Carpenter, Diana Chevalier, Bobby and Beth Crutchfield, Efran Cruz, Amy Deal, Kayla DeGroat, Lawrence Edwards, Will Eidson, Wanda Enoch, Brooks Estep, Walter Griffin, Stacy Hall, Polly Hawkins, Tempy Kimrey, Cheryl Lauzau, Jerrod Martin, Jill Page, Johnny Rogers, Alex Sharp, William Sims, Billy Slaughter, Marlene Sullivan, Sue Swaim, Shari Vassello, Gail Whitesell, and Zach Worlary.** Comfort those who mourn through the ministry of nurses, those who provide hospice care, visitation ministers, chaplains, and caregivers. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Seek the lost, those who hunger and thirst with questions of faith, and those absent from our worship today. Make us ready to receive newcomers you send to our congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We remember with thanksgiving the blessed saints whom you have received into your glory, especially (*we toll a bell for each of those who have died since last All Saints Day in remembrance of them and in thanksgiving for their lives*). Guide us with them to the springs of the water of life. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Worshippers may exchange the peace of the Lord. Please be seated for the offering.)

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING AND SETTING OF THE TABLE

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

ELW 184

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated **until** the Words of Institution are spoken.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“Rest”

Words and music by Matt Maher and Thad Cockrell

P *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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

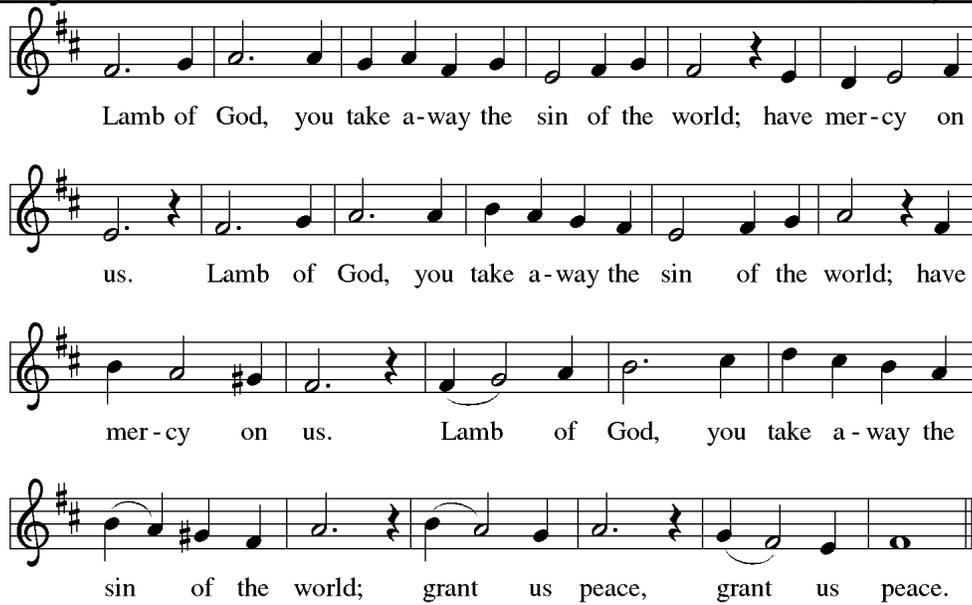
P Let us pray as our Savior taught us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life. Rest in God’s love.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated. All baptized Christians are invited to share in the gift of Holy Communion with this congregation. Communion will be offered continuously by intinction (worshippers receive a wafer from the pastor on their side of the sanctuary and dip into grape juice in the ceramic chalice or wine in the pewter chalices). Worshippers are invited to come forward down the center aisle and to commune at the station on their side of the sanctuary before returning to their seats via the outside aisles. We offer gluten-free bread for people unable to tolerate gluten in their diet. Simply say “gluten free” when bread is offered. The Baptismal font is open and available for those who wish to remember their Baptism by tracing the sign of the cross in water on their forehead.



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.

ELW 423

“Shall We Gather at the River”

After all have communed, please rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

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

BLESSING

May the love of God surround you; the grace of † Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

HYMN 422

(Verses 6-7)

“For All the Saints”

DISMISSAL

P Our worship now is over:

C Our service now begins.

A Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship Today at 10:30

Worship Assistant: Ted Milling
 Lector: Heidi Hollingsworth
 Acolyte: Luke Lewis
 Communion Assistants: Melanie Thomas, Barry Crouse
 Communion Setup: Elizabeth Lockley
 Communion Cleanup: Steve Cole
 Council Duty: Ted Milling

PARISH CALENDAR**Sunday, November 5**

9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am All Saints Day Worship

Monday, November 6

6:00pm Poundfit

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day
 7:00pm Women of the ELCA

Wednesday, November 8

10:00am Alanon
 10:30am Bible Study at Low's
 6:30pm Shelter Meal
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice
 6:30pm Chapel Choir Practice
 7:45pm Alamance Ringers Practice

Thursday, November 9

6:00pm Poundfit
 6:30pm ALC Hosts NC Synod Leadership Training

Saturday, November 11

6:00pm Movie Night (Fellowship Hall Multi-media Area)

Sunday, November 12

8:30am Contemporary Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Traditional Worship
 5:00pm Quilting

News and Announcements

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale and Don Slaughter Memorial Barbecue. Thank you to those who donated items, helped prepare food, sold barbecue, etc. Your ministry will help four of our youth have a very meaningful experience at the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering.

THIS AFTERNOON, November 5th, we will be moving several pews from the rear of the sanctuary to the chapel. This will allow us to have consistent, more comfortable pews in the entirety of the chapel and to allow us to in time to space out the pews in the sanctuary to make everyone more comfortable. If you can help move pews (we have dollies), please contact Matt or Pastor Ron. We will plan on starting early afternoon.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet this Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:00pm. The program, "I Am She," will be led by Esther Philabaum. Please join us for great fellowship and discussion!

THE OWL'S (Older Wilder Lutherans) will be meeting for lunch on Thursday, November 16th at 11:30am at Pandwar Indian Cuisine on Garden Rd (near Wal-Mart). Please join us for some delicious pre-Thanksgiving Indian cuisine!

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING- NYG HOUSTON 2018, a journey in growing discipleship and faith. Please save this fundraising date:

- **DECEMBER 16TH, 2017.** We will be helping you WRAP up Christmas. More details to follow for this exciting day! Thank you in your support for the Youth in their mission to Houston.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 10:30AM (Dec 24th): 4th Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Service, The Children's Christmas Program, and the Baptism of Angus Myrick(!) in the Sanctuary
- 4:30PM: Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion Worship Service in the Chapel
- 11:00PM (Prelude at 10:30PM): Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary

Prayers and Concerns

We pray for the victims of the Manhattan terrorist attack this past week. We pray for those who were injured and for the friends and family of the eight people killed in the attack.

We pray for Pastor Bob Hawkins and his family following the recent passing of his sister Marcia and the hospitalization of his sister-in-law Polly with heart problems.

We pray for Helen Seymour, who has been transferred to Hospice care with numerous health concerns.

We continue to pray for Helen Stokes, who is recovering at Twin Lakes following a recent fall.

We pray for Jerry Combs, who is awaiting additional treatment for heart issues.

We pray for Jerrod Martin, friend of the Philabaums, following an ATV accident and back injury.

We pray for Bobby and Beth Crutchfield, following the death on their 21-year-old son Ben.

We pray for Shari Vassello, following the death of her father.

We pray for Bruce Bell, husband of Rev. Glynn Bell, who is dealing with numerous diabetes-related health concerns.

We pray for Sue Swaim, Matt Swaim's mother, who is beginning chemotherapy treatments.

We pray for Will Eidson, young son of Pastor Brad and Lauren Eidson.

If you know of anyone who is sick, has had a recent hospitalization, has a surgery scheduled, or is homebound who is not currently on our prayer concern list, please call or text Pastor Ron.