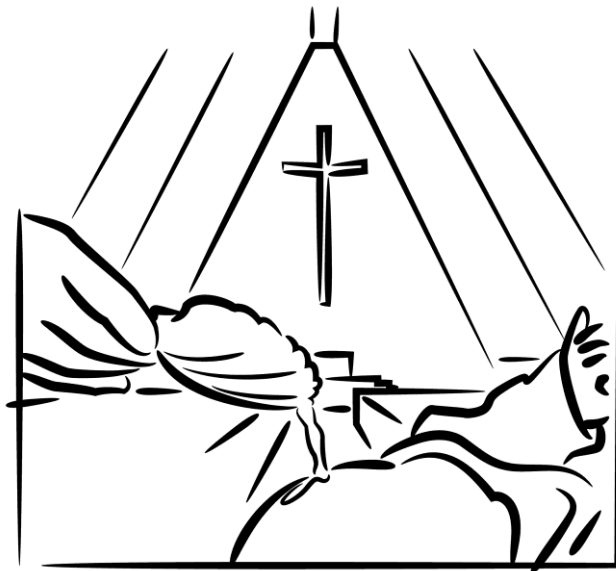


# All Saints Day (observed)

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" ..... LSB 822

## **INVOCATION**

*P: In the name of the Father,*

**C: who created us.**

*P: In the name of the Son,*

**C: who redeemed us.**

*P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,*

**C: who sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 149:1–2*

*P: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,*

**C: His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

*P: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;*

**C: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*1 John 3:1–3*

*P: In today's Epistle, John writes, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." Yet, we do not live our lives as if we are children of God.*

**C: Father in heaven, forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name, which we bear as Your baptized children. You lavishly love us, but we have not shown love for You or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*P: "Beloved, 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. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure" (1 John 3:2–3). 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.**

## **INTROIT**

*Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

*P: 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.*

**C: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me.**

*P: For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.*

**C: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

*P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: 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.*

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** ..... LSB 813

**Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. Refrain  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

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## **SALUTATION and COLLECT**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy,*

**C: we give thanks for Your loving kindness shown to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors.**

*P: Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life. Grant that, having been loved so richly by You, we would go and do likewise, loving our neighbor as ourselves;*

**C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup> After 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, <sup>10</sup> and crying out

with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And 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, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I 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. <sup>15</sup> "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. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For 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."

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*1 John 3:1–3*

<sup>1</sup> See 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. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE**

*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

*P: Alleluia.*

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

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 5:1–12*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice 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.*

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

***HYMN*** “For All the Saints” ..... *LSB 677 vs. 1,2,3,4,7*

***SERMON***

***APOSTLES CREED***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***

*P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith.*

*P: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Blessed are the poor in spirit. Lord God, we recognize that we are spiritually poor and morally bankrupt. Grant us forgiveness for the sake of Jesus. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: Blessed are those who mourn. Lord God, we mourn our sin, but we also mourn the wages that sin brings – death. Give us the comfort that Jesus gives, which will be fully realized in heaven. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: Blessed are the meek. Lord God, in humbleness, we come before You, casting off our pride and arrogance. Bless us with the hope of the new heavens and earth on the Last Day when we are resurrected. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Lord God, we desire to be right in Your eyes, and we thank You for Your forgiveness. Do not cast us aside, but satisfy us with Your salvation. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: Blessed are the merciful. Lord God, having been shown mercy by You, we are merciful to others. Work in us appreciation for Your mercy and grace. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: Blessed are the pure in heart. Lord God, continue to preserve us from having hearts that follow after anyone but You. Give us purity of heart so our eyes may be fixed on You alone. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: Blessed are the peacemakers. Lord God, use us to be agents of peace in a world conflicted by sin as we bear witness to the Prince of*

*Peace. Especially bless the peacemaking efforts of those in civil authority. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Lord God, watch over us when we are persecuted for following You. Grant us and to all Christians steadfastness of faith. Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*P: O Lord, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.*

**C: Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

## **PREFACE**

*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 Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

*P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have made us a part of the family of saints through the redemption that has come from Your Son. As a loving, heavenly Father, You have graciously made us Your children, now and forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

**SANCTUS**.....LSB 961

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You as our heavenly Father have promised the rights and privileges that come with belonging to Your family. As beloved family members, You promise to be with us always and are visibly present among us today in the body and blood of Your Son for the forgiveness of our sin.*

*Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

## THE 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.**

## PAX DOMINI

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI..... LSB 948



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al-



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** “Wide Open Stand the Gates”..... **LSB 639**  
“Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”..... **LSB 949**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

*P: Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Revelation 7:12*

*P: Amen! Blessing*

**C: and glory**

*P: and wisdom*

**C: and thanksgiving**

*P: and honor*

**C: and power**

*P: and might*

**C: be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

*P: 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.**

**HYMN** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”..... **LSB 733 vs. 1,2,5,6**

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## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

### **Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Malachi 4:1–6

2 Thessalonians 3:(1–5) 6–13

Luke 21:5–28 (29–36)

### **THIS WEEK— (November 6th – 13th)**

**Sunday:** Daylight Saving Time Ends; Worship/HC, 9:00am;  
Christian Ed, 10:30am

**Monday:** Elders, 6:00pm

**Tuesday: Election Day—GO VOTE!**

**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation Class 2nd year, 5:00pm;  
Confirmation 1st year, 6:00pm; Clay Meeting, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm;  
Bible Class, 7:30pm

**Friday:** Veterans Day! Thank you to all who served!

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am; Christmas Plant  
Orders Due Today

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 10/30/16)**

General Fund: \$3919.00; Blessings: \$33.84; Memorial: \$155.00;

Miscellaneous: \$3.47

Total Attendance: 124 (Midweek: 11; Sunday: 113)

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

### **C.L.A.Y. FUNDRAISER—CHRISTMAS PLANT ORDERS ARE DUE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th.** Please make checks payable to 'C.L.A.Y. Fundraiser', enclose payment with your order form in an envelope marked 'C.L.A.Y. Fundraiser' then put it in Bobbie Lutzow's mailbox. Thank you for helping us with our fundraiser.

**FRIDAY IS VETERANS DAY!** Thank you to all of you who served. You protected our country and made us safe. You are very much appreciated; you are our heroes!

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH FALL CHORES or CLEANUP?**

**C.L.A.Y. is willing to help!** Please sign up at the table under the **C.L.A.Y.** glass-enclosed white board in the fellowship room near the mailboxes. On the sign-up sheet, please include your name, address, phone number, and job description.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** The sanctuary Christmas decorations are being up-dated. The council has authorized \$800 of church funds for this project, but after surveying what is needed it appears that the cost will exceed this amount. An appeal is being made to the congregation to consider a donation towards this project. If you would like to donate towards the new decorations please place the donation in an envelope with your name, mark the envelope **Christmas Decorations**, and place it in the offering plate.

**HUMAN CARE FOR NOVEMBER:** The items needed include: warm socks, gloves, pullover hooded sweatshirts, hand / foot warmers. Thank you for donating to the Wausau Community Warming Center!

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“All human governments, even bad ones, are actually God’s agents of stability and order. How wonderful when individual Christians and their congregations don’t just hunker down and hide in their holy fortresses until judgment day. How wonderful when they get out into their communities and help, clean, repair, and build. How wonderful when their acts of love and mercy, given as freely as Christ’s love and mercy, touch and bless the lives of their neighbors, not just fellow church members. And how respectful when Christians refrain from ridiculing their elected officials, even when they strenuously disagree with them. To love God is also to love your country, you know.” — Rev. Mark Jeske, [www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org), ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))