

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

"Saved by Grace. Reaching out in Faith."

Sunday, November 1, 2026

10:15 AM



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Our Mission Statement
"Saved by Grace. Reaching out in Faith."

All Saints Day November 1, 2026

Welcome to St. Luke's. Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Blue Welcome Cards help us welcome visitors, inform us of changes in your contact information, and let us know your prayer concerns. Welcome Cards may be placed in the offering plate stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

Holy Communion All who are baptized and believe that with the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and salvation are encouraged to come to the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Rest Rooms are on the main floor at the south end of the office hallway.

Ushers and other members are here to help you if you need assistance.

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked ☩



WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Let the Voice of Praise Resound”

Karg-Elert

The organ chimes call us to worship.

INTRODUCTION

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS †

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel as you are able.

Holy God,
**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.**
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
† Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

GATHERING HYMN

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

#876

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

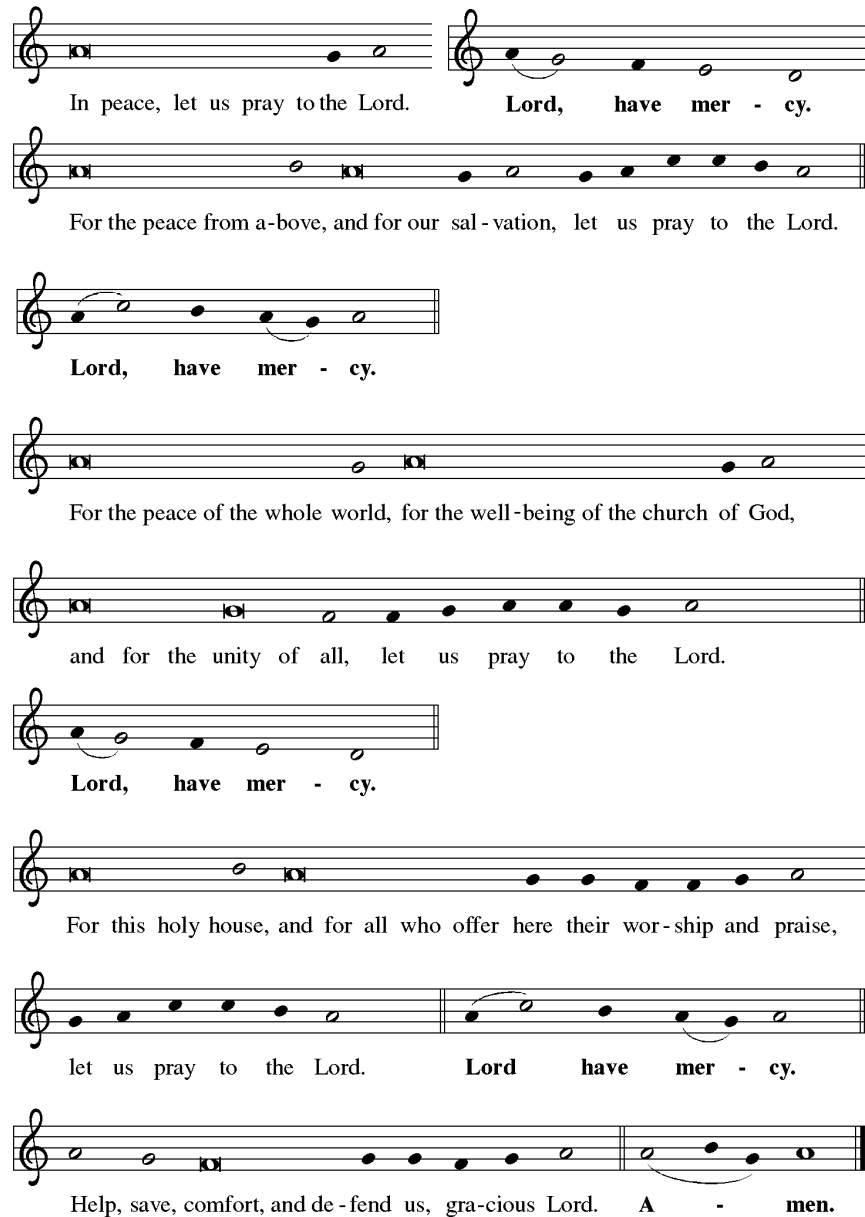
Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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.

KYRIE



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

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.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Mulcahy

FIRST READING:

Revelations 7:9-17

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ 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, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who 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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Sing with All the Saints of Glory”
Rachael Lewis violin

Gerike

Stanzas

Sung by choir

1 Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Choir and congregation

3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives, who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O death-less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life e - ter-nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,
when, a - mid earth's clos-ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

SECOND READING:

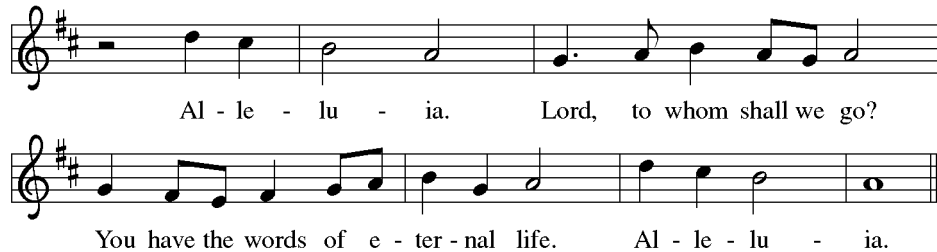
1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak 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 will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

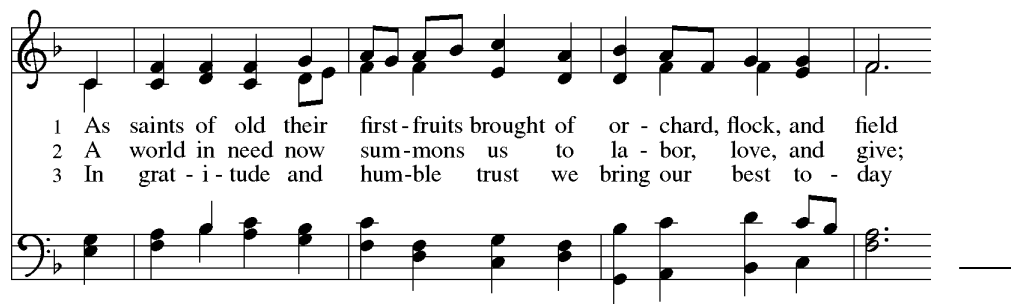
SERMON

Pastor Mark Bauer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As Saints of Old”

#695



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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 to the dead. 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 THE CHURCH ¶

Response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Voluntary

“Give Thanks for Saints”

Hobby

OFERTORY HYMN ¶

“As the Grains of Wheat”

#144 vs 1

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
may we share the pres - ence of your love.

Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER ¶

Eternal God,
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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ¶

DIALOGUE ¶

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

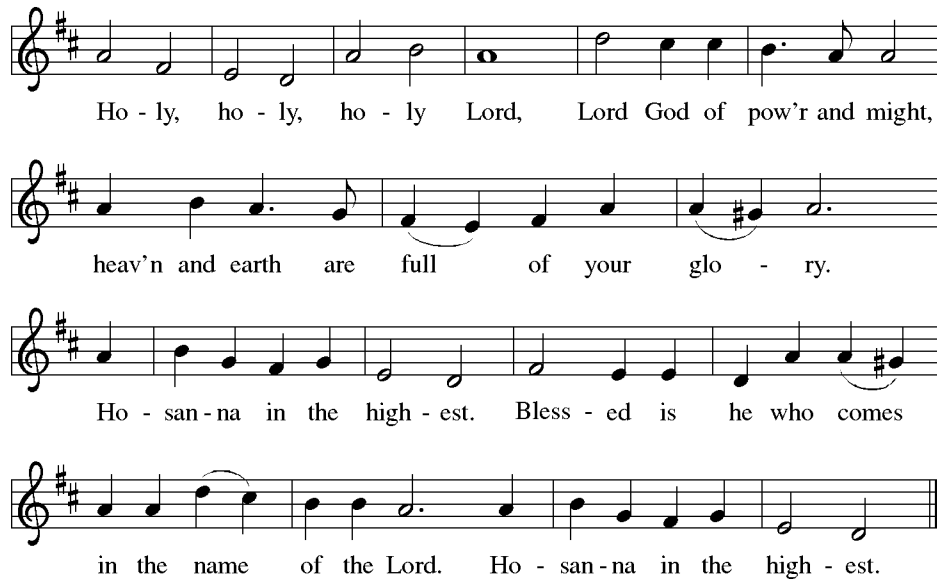


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE ††

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ††



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION ††

LORD'S PRAYER ††

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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,

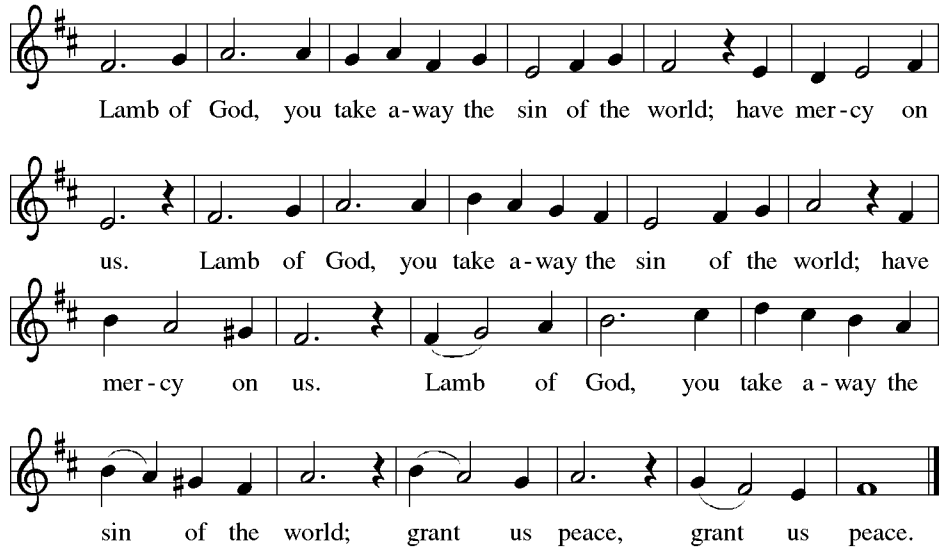
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER $\frac{1}{2}$

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is served today from the communion rail. Approach from the center aisle and fill spaces from the back, under the Christ window, kneeling as you are able. Receive in your hand the host (bread) from the pastor. Take an empty glass from the first tray, then receive the wine from the communion server. (The pre-filled glasses are grape juice.) Place your used glass in the second tray. Return via the side aisles following the blessing from the pastor.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Shall We Gather at the River"

#423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;
 gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

#418

1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING ††

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

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER ††

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.

Amen.

BENEDICTION ††

The holy Trinity,
 Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
 today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN $\sharp$

"For All the Saints"

#422



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

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!



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



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .



all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 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!

DISMISSAL ✠
 Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Silent prayer with chimes.

POSTLUDE *“For All the Saints”* Linker

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Today, SUNDAY 11/1	NEXT SUNDAY 11/8
Worship Leader	Pastor Mark Bauer	Pastor Deb Monnin
Organist	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller
Acolyte	Julianna Lewis	Zoey Kennedy
Children’s Message	Megan Mulcahy	Noisy Offering
Lector	Rachael Lewis	Lonnie Collins
Communion Servers	Beth Arheit McCarty, Julianna Lewis	Jane Williams, Lauren Williams
Ushers	Lois Kennedy, Tyler Arheit	Jack Williams, Bob Williams
Altar Guild	Beth Arheit McCarty	Beth Arheit McCarty



The flowers in the chancel this morning were given by
 Moritz & Williams Families in memory of Donald Moritz
 and
 Sandy Miller in celebration of all our many blessings

On this All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for the witness of those who have preceded us in
our pilgrimage on earth and who now rest in the Lord:

Pastor Chuck Boomhower

Dean Conley

Tom Curtis

Chad King

Ted Lammers

Louise Myers

Mike Myers

Bonnie Nielsen

Elizabeth (Davis) Stapleton

Rylee Grace Stockhous

June Wickerham

Barney Williams

Chris Williams

Jan Williams

Janice Williams

Mark Williams

Shirlee Zerkel

Richard Zurfluh

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A. (WELCA)

**Mary/Martha Circle meets on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 11am,
in the Pastor's Study.**

Lunch provided by: Mila and Sarah

Projects for November & December

Global Mission Thankoffering:

Turned in to be blessed on **Sunday, November 22nd** for National Welca (Bring your checks made out to WELCA and place them in the offering plates)

Local Mission Project:

Angel Tree Benefits Churches United Pantry (C.U.P.) Take a tag or two, buy the item & bring it to church and place it in the box next to the tree.

Local Mission Project:

Hats, Mittens, Scarves and warm socks for Salvation Army (delivered before Christmas)



Hanging of the Greens Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year. It's also time to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. Plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, November 22** – Christ the King Sunday – to help with the trees, wreaths, garland, and other seasonal decorations which beautify our church.



Sunday, November 29, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, 2026 @ 10:15 am ~ Third Sunday of Advent



DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Payment must accompany the order! Please make check payable to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please call Robin at the church 419-227-1961. Orders should be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. You can also find order forms in the Gathering Area.

Number of Red Poinsettias 6 ½" _____ @ \$14.00 per

Number of White Poinsettias 6 ½" _____ @ \$14.00 per

Number of Pink Poinsettias 6 ½" _____ @ \$14.00 per

Your name: _____

Phone # _____ Amount enclosed: _____

DEDICATIONS

In loving memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In celebration of: _____

Please check one of the following:

I will pick up my plant(s) at the 12/24 service
Please deliver to a shut-in

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Tues, 11/3	6:00 pm	Election Day Voting NLC Altar Guild
Thur, 11/5	10:00 am	WELCA
Sun, 11/8	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Choir Christian Education Hour Liturgy of Holy Communion

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Meadows of Marion - Dorothy
 Lockhaven - Barb
 Wyngate Senior Living - Glen & Elizabeth
 Pat, Ida, Madison, Judy, Norman, Natalia,
 Andrew, Timothy, Susan, Florian

Scripture readings for 11/8/2026

Amos 5:18-24
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13



Mark your calendars and plan to be present for our **annual congregational meeting, Sunday, November 15**, following our morning worship service. The agenda includes examining and voting on the proposed 2027 budget and the election of members for the church council.

“NUMBERS” from October 25, 2026”

Attendance: 58

Giving: \$1,728.60 given to the glory of God for the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Lima and beyond.

<p><i>Staff</i> Interim Hospital Visitation Pastor - Samuel Payne (Cell:419-371-9774) Organist – Sandy Miller Choir Director – Brian Reeves Office Secretary – Robin Hefner</p>	<p><i>Congregational Leadership</i> President - Rich Moritz Vice President - James Williams Secretary - Lois Kennedy Treasurer - Alison Williams Tyler Arheit Susie Cornell Perry Luhn Marcy Reeves Jane Williams</p>
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