

SAINTS IN OUR BLOOD AND SKELETONS IN OUR CLOSET!



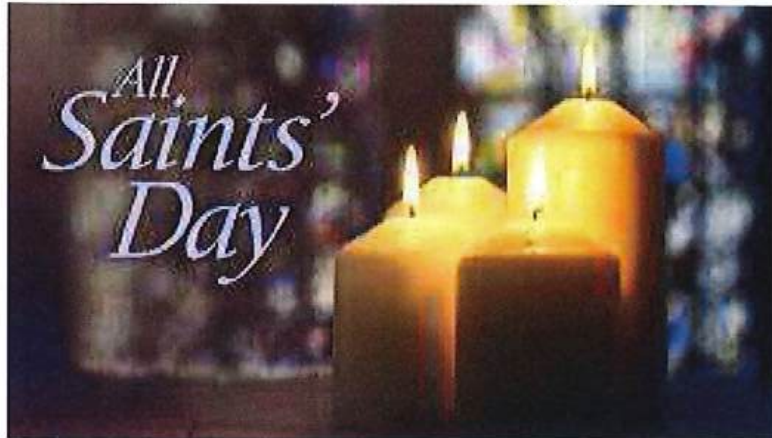
Sunday November 2, 2025

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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November 2nd, 2025



Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honored to have you here. We hope that our worship time together will be meaningful to you and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please fill out a pink attendance form and place it in the offering plate during the offering.

A friendly reminder ...please silence your cell phone.

If you are unable to join us in person,
Please join us on Zoom!

Sunday Service is live on zoom every week at 9:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827

Password: 1966

Introduction

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN #414

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

INVOCATION:

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!

THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

Page 148 in the front of the Hymnal

Choir: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

All: Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

P: The Lord be with you

C: and also with you!

P: Let us pray

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 SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The readings can be found on the back of the bulletin

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: Page 151 in the front of the hymnal

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark Chapter 12
beginning at the 28th verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON: Pastor Plumstead

"Saints in Our Blood and Skeletons in Our Closet"

HYMN OF THE DAY #422 Please Stand if able **"For All the Saints"**

NICENE CREED:

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

P: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: and also, with you

P: In gratitude for the gift of forgiveness, let us share God's peace with each other.

COLLECTION of TITHES & OFFERING

P: Please be seated as the gifts of the Lord are gathered.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: Please stand if you are able.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our
Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in
glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and
all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for
us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to
accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving
the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy
people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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:

P: There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

You may be seated.

“Lamb of God”

(Page 154 in the front of the hymnal)

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, please come to the altar for a blessing. The wine and grape juice are administered by the individual glass. If you are unable to come to the table, speak with an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Please join us in singing: "We Remember You"

**In broken bread and the cup that we share,
we remember you.**

**In broken bread and the cup that we share,
we remember you.**

We remember You, Jesus.

We remember Your love for us.

We remember the blood you shed.

We remember you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve
in Christ's name.

Amen.

The Blessing:

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 427

"For All Your Saints, O Lord"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Altar flowers this week are given to the glory and honor of God, and in celebration of Darrol and Denise and also, Max and Morgan's wedding anniversaries from Denise Ross.



November 1st Max and Morgan Serrao

November 3rd Darrol and Denise Ross

November 8th John Thompson

MEETING: November 3rd @ 7:00 PM



This meeting is open to the congregation to attend. Get involved in planning our worship services. No singing required, unless you want to!



Monday November 17th 6:30 PM

All are welcome to attend.



Pastor Plumstead wants you to get the most out your worship experience. Each week the scripture lessons and sermon title will be listed here for the following Sunday. This will give you the opportunity to study the text ahead of Sunday, with the hope of helping you connect with the message on a deeper level. The bold print will indicate the focus of his sermon.

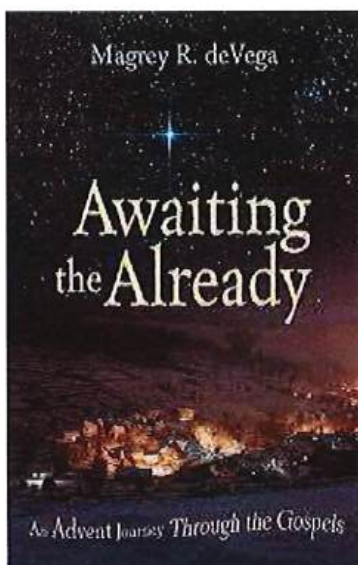
November 2nd Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; **Gospel Mark 12:28-34**
Sermon title: Saints in Our Blood and Skeletons in Our Closet

November 9th Job 19: 23-27, **1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-9**
Sermon title: The Staying Power of Love.

November 16th **Ezekiel 37:1-14**, 2 Thessalonians 3:8-13, Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
Sermon title: Can These Bones Live?

November 23rd **Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**, Psalm 100, Gospel John 6: 25-35
Sermon Title: Getting the Story Straight

November 30th Isaiah: 2: 1-15, Romans 13: 11-14, **Gospel Luke 1:57-80**
Sermon Title: The Dawn From On High



An Advent Journey Through the Gospels...

This is a 5 week bible study, lead by Pastor Plumstead
Please speak with Victoria if you interested for more details.



Continuing our support, again this Thanksgiving we will sponsor a complete Thanksgiving meal basket for 2 veteran families in need, through the great local organization

VETWORK

The mission and purpose of the agency is to meet the immediate and long-term needs of lower-income veterans from all branches.

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. One for each family. The sign up sheet helps to ensure we give at least one of each necessary item to complete a basket, still, additional donations are always welcome.

Mark Your Calendar and Get out Your Casserole Dish
Sunday November 23rd

The LCHS Friends and Family Thanksgiving Lunch!

Service will be moved to 10:30 AM

The feast, fun and fellowship follow

There are sign up sheets in the lobby



THE WEEK AHEAD

November 2nd, 2025 to November 9th, 2025

Sunday 2 nd	9:00 AM	LCHS Worship/Fellowship Pastor Wayne Plumstead
	11AM-1:00PM	JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 3 rd	10:30AM	Al-Anon Meeting Room 6/7
	1:00 PM	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
	7:00 PM	Music and Worship Meeting
	7:00 PM	JCI Prayer Session
	7:00PM	Boy Scouts 11/12
Tuesday 4 th	7:30 PM	Al- Anon Meeting
	7:30 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday 5 th	7:00 PM	JCI Bible Study
Thursday 6 th	7:30PM	AA Meeting Room 11/12
Friday 7 th	10:00am	AA Meeting Room 11/12
	2:00pm – 8:00pm	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
Saturday 8 th		

WEEKLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
November 2nd, 2025 **November 9th, 2025**

Pastor	Pastor Wayne Plumstead	Pastor Wayne Plumstead
Lector	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Communion Assistant	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Ushers	Pat Padula Lou Padula	Pat Padula Lou Padula
Acolyte	Lou Padula	Lou Padula
Sound Booth	Victoria Cambridge	Victoria Cambridge
Altar Guild	Carol Paonessa	Janice Hurley
Keyboardist	Daniel Sullivan	Wayzeta Strouse
Music Leaders	Ben Gilluly	
Sunday AM Fellowship	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Set up/Make Coffee	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
Offering Counters	Dody McNally Denise Ross	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

PRAYER LIST 11/2/25



- ~ Miranda Boylan
- ~ Chris Byron
- ~ Megan Caruso
- ~ Bill & Joanne Clark
- ~ Jeffrey Clark
- ~ The Congdon Family
- ~ Alice Cranmer
- ~ Christine Davis
- ~ Maureen Doheny
- ~ William Doheny
- ~ Stephen Donofrio
- ~ Ingie Gilluly
- ~ Jerry Hanford
- ~ Carol Hemberger
- ~ Ellen Knolmajer
- ~ Geri Marchitto
- ~ Carol Martinek
- ~ Izzy Martinez
- ~ Trish Martinez
- ~ Jack Masterson & family
- ~ Mimi Matey
- ~ Dennis McNeil
- ~ Eileen Moyer
- ~ Patricia Schmelz
- ~ The family of Andrew Senesie
- ~ Prudence Simonds
- ~ Vicki Thompson
- ~ Dawn Thumhart
- ~ Jennifer Tondera

Name to be added/removed _____

Your Name _____ Date _____

Phone number _____



If you have someone you would like on the list please fill out the above form, include your phone number and you will be contacted once a month to see if that person should remain on the list.

Need to add or remove a name? Please notify the church office.

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Worship with Communion Sunday's at 9:00am



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Our worship service is live-streamed every week on Zoom @ 9:00am.

If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on zoom!

Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827 Password: 1966



Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday following service!



for worshipping with us!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm

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Interim Pastor: The Reverend Wayne Plumstead

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are a Christian community.
Committed to knowing God • to serving ALL people • to sharing the
“Good News” of Jesus Christ!

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

1 In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: 2 I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, 3 and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. 16 I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 17 "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you

may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

The Greatest Commandment

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" 29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." 32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025

A day of celebration and remembrance for those who have gone before us.

Tammy Adams
Linda Benson
Dennis Brink
Carmine Cecchini
Sandra Christopher
Inge Darroch
Allan Horvath
Elizabeth & Harry Loser
Bill Madden

William McCarthy
Julio Orellana
Anna & Louis Rea
Kippy Ross
Lynn timer Ross
Barbara Rush
Dan Schastny
Andrew Senesie



But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and
possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Daniel 7:18