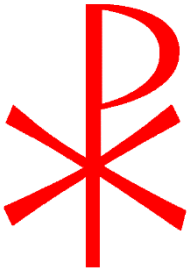


Welcome to Worship  
St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



November 5, 2023  
All Saints' Sunday



Disciples and Ministers: *All the People*  
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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Pastor Elizabeth Hadler*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Janet Goldner*  
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Ushers: *Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney*  
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## **To the Glory of God**

November Candles: [\*available for sign-up\*](#)  
November Bulletins: [\*available for sign-up\*](#)  
November Newsletter: [\*available for sign-up\*](#)

**The Flowers** are given by Arica & Matt Matthes in loving memory of Matt's father, Carl, whose birthday is November 8.

**Choir** rehearsals are Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. You may join us anytime. Everyone age 16 and older is invited to join us. Come and lift your voice in praise to God.

Extra copies of the **November** issue of **The Good News Letter** are on the information table in the Narthex.



# Order of Worship

All Saints' Sunday, November 5, 2023

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

*Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."*

### AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

*Please take a moment for silent confession.*

Leader: Holy One,

**ALL: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **ALL: Amen.**

# \*GATHERING HYMN #422

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

## \*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

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

## \*KYRIE HYMN #151



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	<i>Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.</i>
2	<i>Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.</i>



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## \*THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL: O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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# GOD SPEAKS TO US

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## PROPHETIC READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

Reader: After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. Then they threw themselves face downward in front of the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!”

<sup>13</sup> One of the elders asked me, “Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> “I don't know, sir. You do,” I answered.

He said to me, “These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> That is why they stand before God's throne and serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will protect them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, <sup>17</sup> because the Lamb, who is in the center of the throne, will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

Reader: I will always thank the LORD; I will never stop praising him.

**ALL: I will praise him for what he has done; may all who are oppressed listen and be glad!**

Reader: Proclaim with me the LORD's greatness; let us praise his name together!

**ALL: I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me; he freed me from all my fears.**

Reader: The oppressed look to him and are glad; they will never be disappointed.

**ALL: The helpless call to him, and he answers; he saves them from all their troubles.**

Reader: His angel guards those who honor the LORD and rescues them from danger.

**ALL: Find out for yourself how good the LORD is. Happy are those who find safety with him.**

Reader: Honor the LORD, all his people; those who obey him have all they need.

**ALL: Even lions go hungry for lack of food, but those who obey the LORD lack nothing good.**

Reader: The LORD will save his people; those who go to him for protection will be spared.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **DISCIPLESHIP READING**

1 JOHN 3:1-3

Reader: See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children - and so, in fact, we are. This is why the world does not know us: it has not known God. <sup>2</sup>My dear friends, we are now God's children, but it is not yet clear what we shall become. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him

as he really is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure, just as Christ is pure.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**ALL:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader/  
Cantor

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**ALL:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12

*In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed (graced) with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 5. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "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. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY #785**

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL: 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.**

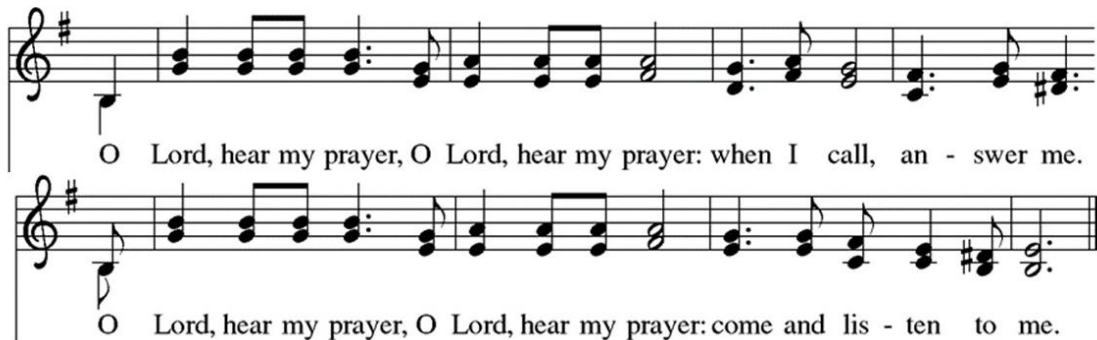
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

## **\*PRAYER SONG HYMN #751**

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

We pray for Rick, Kolton, Ron, Jim, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Howard, Jim, Emelyn, Isabella, Kevin, Shirley, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Doug, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Holly, Tessa, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, and Cooper.

## **\*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: and also with you**

*Please share God's peace."*

**INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS**

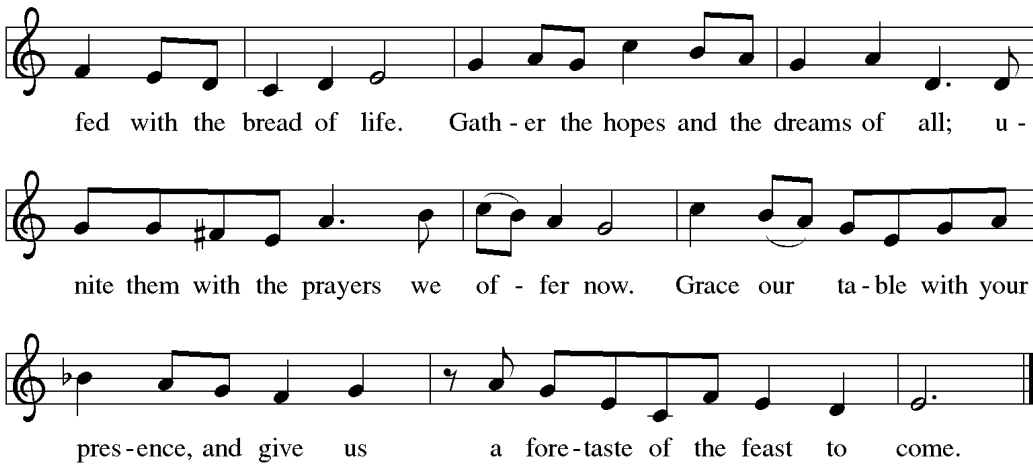
Leader: In gratitude for all that we have received from God let us now present our tithes, and offerings for the work and mission of God's church.

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #182**

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## GOD NOURISHES US

### \*THE TABLE PRAYER

Leader: God of all creation, all you have made is good.

**ALL:** God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from our abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen

# \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 129

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: 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, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

**ALL: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life and the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. And so, with all the universe and the hosts of heaven, we join in praise and sing...**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying

**ALL: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Leader: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying

**ALL: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.**

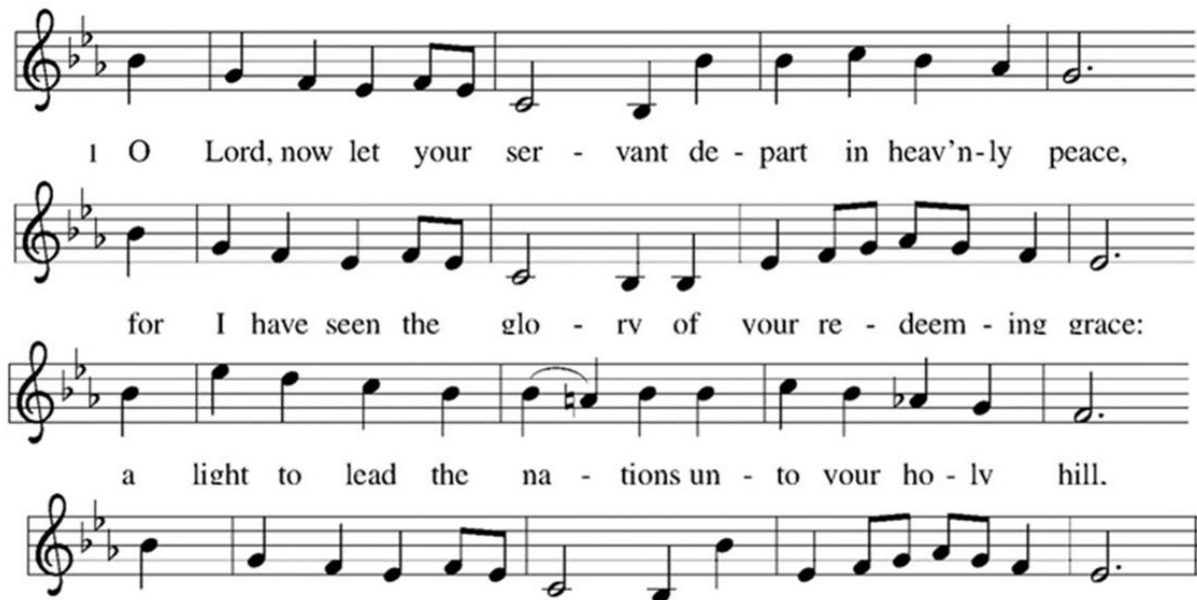
Leader: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## DISTRIBUTION

## \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

VERSE 1

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.  
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join me prayer,

**ALL: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

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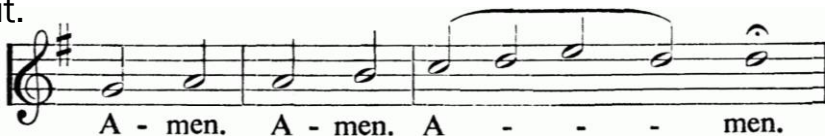
## GOD SENDS US

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### \*BLESSING

Leader: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

### \*THE AMEN



### \*SENDING HYMN #796

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

### \*DISMISSAL

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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**ELCA "Hunger Appeal" Offering** - Each week as we leave worship, we remember the poor by placing loose change offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex.

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Please remember to stop by the Information Table and sign the greeting cards, reminding our members and friends that we are thinking about them.

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**Reminder that the church office will be closed tomorrow, November 6.**

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**We welcome** Pastor Elizabeth Hadler to worship with us this morning. Elizabeth attended the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in St. Paul, Minnesota and was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1996. She has served churches and colleges in Minnesota, Missouri, and Ohio. Most recently, Pastor Elizabeth served as the interim pastor for 6 years at Living Word Lutheran Church in Medina, Ohio. She is married to Gary and they have 6 children and 2 grandchildren. She is the head tennis and pickle ball teaching pro at the Findlay YMCA and the assistant women's tennis coach for the University of Findlay. See the November newsletter for more details.





Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the saints who have gone before and those who live among us today. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Howard Till, Jim Heize, Emelyn, Isabella, Keven Bickle, Shirley Hollowell, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



**North Baltimore Food Pantry November** requested donations include: laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.

Our local food pantry is planning to prepare 25 food boxes for those in need in our community. We are being asked to provide **25 cans of sweet potatoes/yams and 25 cans of cranberry sauce**. Please place your donations on the shelves above the coat racks in Luther Hall by **November 12**. Thank you.

**Annual Fundraising Dinner** next Sunday, November 12, following worship. Plan now to join us for good food and fellowship.

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## **Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 19 following worship.**

### **On the agenda:**

1. Election of 4 Council members for 2-year terms. Those completing their terms are: JoLynn Stewart, Vice President; Clay McCartney, Treasurer; and Suzanne Bucker, Secretary. There is also one vacant position to fill.
  2. Presentation of the 2024 budget
  3. Approval for new door
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*Remembering  
and  
giving thanks.*



1 They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from the God  
of their salvation. Psalm 24.5

# Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

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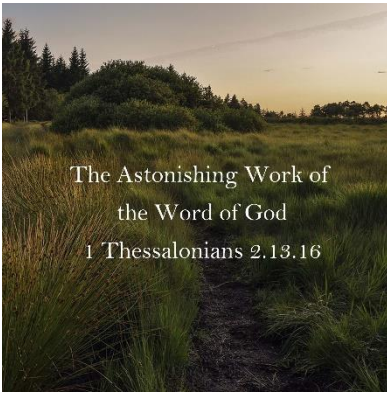
3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.

# If We Honored One Another

In October 1517 Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses became public. It was a protest against the injustices he saw being committed by the church and its authorities. In today's readings we learn injustices were committed by the people in charge during biblical times as well, and times haven't changed. But while hypocrisy, bribery, and injustice seem a constant throughout our history, God's saving word is an even greater constant and a reason to thank God.



Luther, in his explanation of the fourth commandment, said we are honor not only our parents but also "others in authority." It makes sense to think of the commandment this way. Luther believed that honoring our parents and those in authority was akin to honoring God. But Luther doesn't stop there. It isn't enough for us to honor those with authority over us; they in turn are to honor us by providing for our physical and spiritual needs.

What would the world look like if we simply honored one another? If we really cared about caring for one another? It sounds like a utopian idea, but we shouldn't give up on it too easily. The church is and should be a resource for spreading the gospel, and while good works don't get us into heaven, they are a tangible expression of the gospel's message.

It's easy to focus on what's wrong with people today. We are good at pointing fingers. But today's readings should prompt us to look at how we participate, as Paul puts it, in a life worthy of God, who calls us into God's kingdom and glory. God calls us into the kingdom through love and brings us to it through grace. How can your congregation give thanks for that amazing gift?

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