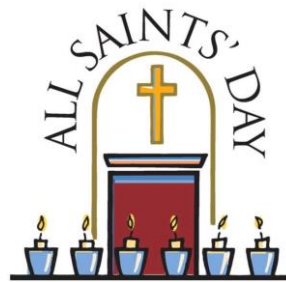


***All Saints' Sunday***  
**November 3, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion**  
***First Lutheran Church***  
Pastor Bryan Anderson



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*(Before the service, you are invited to light a candle on the table in front of the altar today in memory of departed loved ones. If you desire, you may ask an usher to do this for you as well.)*

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

P This is the day the Lord has made,

**C let us rejoice and be glad. †**

**\*Opening Hymn #174 (LBW) vs. 1-4 – For All the Saints**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*Confession of Sin**

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

*(Self-examination)*

**C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*Promise of Grace**

**Scripture Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17**

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. **10** They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!" **11** 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, **12** saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!" **13** One of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?" **14** "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. **15** 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. **16** Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, **17** 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."

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of Praise #352 (LBW) vs. 1-4 – I Know that My Redeemer Lives!**

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, **2** and he began to teach them: **3** "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! **4** "Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them! **5** "Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised! **6** "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully! **7** "Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them! **8** "Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God! **9** "Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children! **10** "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! **11** "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. **12** Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

**Sermon**

**Reception of New Members – LBW Page 198**

*All Saint’s Remembrance (A bell is chimed and candles are lit for those buried by the congregation this past year and the newly baptized.)*

**Special Music: Sherry Wirth**

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Words of Institution**

**Communion Distribution**

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



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Pianist: Sherry Wirth  
Reader: Linda McIntire  
Communion Asst: Hannah Eckwall  
Altar Guild: Brad & Jo Nilssen  
Ushers: Anthony Holloman & Dale Wirth  
Greeters: Laura Lieffring and Dean & Jane Scholz  
Counters: Hannah Eckwall & Janet Monson  
Fellowship Servers: Kristi Niles Family  
Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM–21; 10:00 AM-190; Total: 211

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to all who join in worship today, especially any guests. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. A welcome cake for our new members will be served in the hall.

**Today we welcome** the following new members into our church fellowship:

**Delores Levendoski**  
**Matt Steffen, Angie Peterson & Camden Steffen**  
**Ben Strobach**  
**Sally Wirth**

**We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:** Dixie Croes, Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), and Ashley & Hayden (Nancy & Roy McQuinn's granddaughter & husband) deployed to Middle East. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**Connections** magazines are available to pick up in the entry.

**The Fall Church Dinner** will be held on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-7:00 PM. Sign-up sheets for workers are in the entry. Lefse workdays will continue with Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM peeling and mixing potatoes and Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> rolling lefse at 9:00 AM.

**There is a General Raffle** with all items on display that will be held in concert with the Fall Dinner. Tickets are available in the church office or from Kathy Wick. Along with the General Raffle is a Basket Raffle. Please have baskets at the church by tomorrow, Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. A sneak peek will be open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM next Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale then and during the Fall Dinner.

**Poinsettia Orders** for the Christmas Season are now being taken. If you would like to place an order in honor or memory of someone, order forms can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church.

**Shopping cards** for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

### **THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Today</b>       | 11:00 AM-Fellowship<br>11:00 AM-Choir Practice  |
| <b>Monday</b>      | <b>9:00 AM-Prep. for Lefse Making</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | <b>9:00 AM-Lefse Making</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | 5:30 PM-8:30 PM-Youth Supper with Open Youth Room<br>6:15 PM-7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation<br>7:30 PM-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation   |
| <b>Friday</b>      | Youth Apologetics Conference, Eden Prairie (Nov. 8-9)   |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | 7:00 AM-Women's Book Study  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship<br><b>9:00 AM-Noon-Basket Raffle Sneak Peek</b><br>9:30 AM-Fellowship<br>9:40 AM-Sunday School<br>10:00 AM-Traditional Worship<br>11:00 AM-Potluck (Youth Group Serves)<br>11:00 AM-Choir Practice |