



Community of Christ Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Steve Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Vater Unser In Himmelreich” by J.S. Bach Eric Dickey

Hymn

“For All the Saints”
High Voices VS 4 Low Voices VS 5

ELW 422

Greeting

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.**



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

P 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.**

Childrens Sermon

Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

“Filled with the Glory” by Don Besig

Choir

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After 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.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹And 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,

¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

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

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.

¹⁵For 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.

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

¹⁷for 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.”

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according... **C** Glory to you, O Lord!

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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 righteousness’ sake, 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord! **C** Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“Jesus and the Island of Misfit Toys” *Pastor Steve Bond*

The Apostles' Creed

C 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.

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P 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.

A brief silence.

AM Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you; **Tom Jennings, Kay Burdo, Phyllis Sturgeon, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Brittany Dewitz, Brianna Chevez, Sue Brown, Carl & Judy Mock, Deann Schiavone,**

Heidi Lohrmann, Val Brown, Christina Temple, Barb, Joe Perkins Jr., Warren Kingsley, Richard Hannum, Denny Masters, Dan Whitacre, Ron Hetherwick, Shirley & Mike Barns, Austin Cunningham, Tristan Kimmey, Paula Gruhler..... and all others whom we remember in silence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love; ***Anna Heinz, Paul Ludwig, Barb Metcalf, Brad Dick, Bob Longnecker, Betty Lloyd, Dolores Almester, Ginny Dickey, and those whom we name in our hearts before you....*** Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C And also with you!**
Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

Our Tithes and Offerings *Bring your gifts to the Altar or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

Offering Prayer

AM 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 your 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

Presider: *Congregation:*



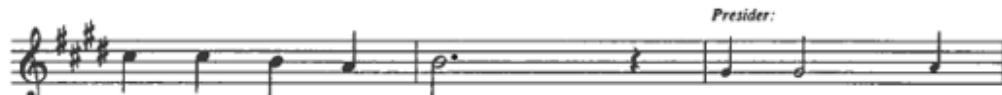
The Lord be with you. And al - so with

Presider: *Congregation:*



you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

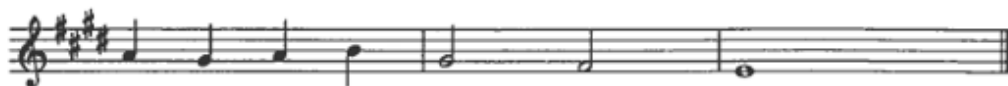


lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'HOLY'. It consists of five staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is in 6/8 time, and the second staff changes to 3/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

The Words of Institution

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. Jesus said, 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. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.

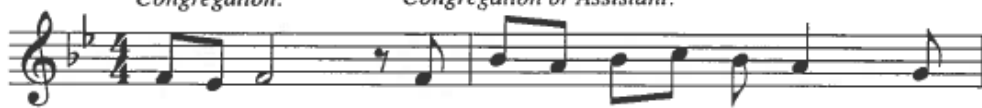
The Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Hymns

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and


Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

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Death Be Never Last

ACS 1030



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - er on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.



Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM 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.**

Prayer at the Sending of Communion

PO God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and

prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P 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. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

ACS 950



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



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Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
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num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Dismissal

AM Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

Postlude

Making Jesus Known”

God Bless His Saints! Welcome to All Saints Day! On this festive Sunday, we Remember those who rest with the Lord in Heaven and saints who serve Jesus in this life! Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! May God’s Word and Sacrament bless you today! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Community of Christ!

We WELCOME YOU to worship with us at one of our **TWO** worship services. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. in person or on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing you and as always **BRING A FRIEND!!!!**



Altar
Flowers
Ministry Opportunity

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of Jennie
Kronberg by Eunice Kronberg ♥**

Young Adult and Adult Bible Study please join Pastor Steve in the library!

Topics for November:

- Nov. 5 Grace and Gratitude: A Way of Life, Part 1
- Nov. 12 Grace and Gratitude: A Way of Life, Part 2
- Nov. 19 Grace and Gratitude: A Way of Life, Part 3
- Nov. 26 Grace and Gratitude: A Way of Life, Part 4

Monthly Sunday School gatherings for kids of all ages on the second Sunday of November from 9:15-9:45 am--join us for songs, stories, and activities in the time between services on November 12 here at Community of Christ!

Election Day Bake Sale! Please come support our teen bake sale this Tuesday at Community of Christ! A freewill offering will be accepted with proceeds going to the AW Food Pantry Backpack Program. Your support is greatly appreciated! Any questions please call 419-346-2568. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars! Our congregation will host an *annual meeting* on **Sunday, December 3** immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will receive the proposed budget for 2024 and elect four members for the church council. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you!



Amanda (Reisner) Worthington Releases C.D.!! Amanda, our wonderful singer here at Community of Christ spent her summer in the recording studio, Stone Soup in Maumee! She is going to have a C.D. release party **TODAY Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 p.m.** She will shower us with her beautiful voice in the sanctuary at CoC! Amanda's C.D. will also be available on Spotify. Eric Dickey will be accompanying her!



LAST DAY for Poinsettia orders! Please complete your envelope (located on the table in the gathering space or in the back of the church) with payment today! 😊 Flowers will be available for pick up after our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Thank you.

Calling All Hands for Advent Artwork

In advance of this year's Advent season, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, we are inviting all willing hands, from children to grown-ups, to help us create a new series of banners that will go up in the sanctuary for the four weeks of Advent and into Christmas. All you need to bring is yourself, preferably dressed in clothes you can do a bit of painting in, and we'll supply the brushes, designs, paints, and all the rest. But we would LOVE your help and hands. Come to the fellowship hall to add your creative touch at one of our TWO sessions for creating these pieces of original Advent artwork: Sunday, Nov. 12 starting at 2:00 p.m., or Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you then!

This Advent, we'll be creating a new resource for both our congregation and the wider community, a compilation of prayers and Scripture readings, and that will include a series of short daily videos where the prayers and scripture passages will

be read and shared. We would love YOUR help! If you would be interested in being a reader of a short passage of Scripture to be used in the video version of this Advent prayer-and-reading series, we'll invite you to sign up on the kiosk to claim a day's reading (usually just a few verses) and to sign up for a time to be recorded in the sanctuary. We'll be holding those recording sessions at several different windows of time later in November (Thursday, Nov. 9, Sunday, November 12, and Thursday, Nov. 16--see the sign-up). Reading your part will only take a few minutes, but this will be a great way to add richness and depth to our season of Advent, and it will help us create a great resource to share with our friends, neighbors, and the wider community. See Pastor Steve with any questions and add your voice to this Advent with us!

Please check EXPIRATION dates.....When shopping for food or cleaning out your pantry for the Food Pantry **please check the expiration date on the item. The dates need to be 2024 or 2025.** We are not able to give away expired food and lately, this has been an issue when going through the food items in the baskets. Thank you! Salem Lutheran is still in need of the #10 (6lb) size cans of veggies, fruit, and spaghetti sauce for their weekly Tues meals. All other food items are taken to the AW food bank @ Zion UM church. Also, if anyone is interested, Wayne King could use some help cooking on the third Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Salem. Meals are prepped, cooked, and served that day. Please contact Wayne @ 419-349-4873 for details. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:



VISITATION MINISTRY

Next Meeting Date

November 6 @ 10:30 a.m.



Next Meeting Date

November 08 @ 6:30 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

November 9 @ 10:00 a.m.



Next Meeting Date

November 14 @ 7:00 p.m.



Next Meeting Date

November 16 @ 7:00 p.m..



2023 Congregational Meeting!
 Sunday, December 3rd
 following the 10:00 a.m. service.
 Please plan to attend!

Worship & Sacrament
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Join us on Facebook Live at
10:00 a.m.
or
in person!

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

AA Meeting
Wednesdays 8 p.m.

Thursday Bible Study
(Sunday School/Council Room)
Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Caregivers Support Meeting
First Monday of every month

Worship Services
Available on the net
at www.commofchrist.org