



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024,
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

Pam Stover

Gathering Hymn

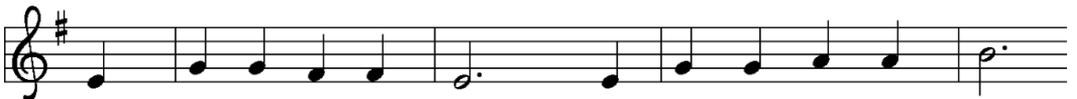
“For All the Saints”

ELW 422

VS 4 High Voice VS 5 Low Voices

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.**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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.

P Amen.

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

The Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things
new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he
said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

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



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel: John 11:32-44

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

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

Sermon

"Ahead of the Party"

Pastor Stephen Bond

Hymn

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW 439

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism--Reception of New Member, see. p.234, front of ELW (8:00 a.m. service).

Nicene Creed (10:00 a.m. service)

Nicene Creed

C 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

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

AM O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Martina Benton, Janet Dellinger, Jake Cope, Isaac Evans, Tom Szor, Debbie Carman, Alexis, Eli & baby Bibler, Cory Kaczor, Carolyn, Paxton Tuohy...** Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

AM O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you; **Raymond “buzz” Chamberlain, Robert Schalitz, Kay Burdo, Craig Burdo, Bob Schroeder, Dan Schroeder, Terry Odo, Marion Buffington** (*additional names are read that the congregation has lifted up*). With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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. A “gluten-free” host option is available upon request as well.

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.

The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.

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 Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Him thanks and praise.**

****The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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”



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Hymn

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 423

“Jerusalem My Happy Home”

ELW 628

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer at the Sending of Communion

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick/homebound*. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever. **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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Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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

“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 are given by Eunice Kronberg in
memory of Jennie Kronberg ❤️**

New Adult Sunday School Series: “On The Other Hand...” When the Bible Offers Multiple Perspectives What do we do when one Bible verse says one thing, and another verse seems to say another? When we die, are we waiting for a future resurrection, or are we immediately with God right away? How do we understand the times when Jesus takes a law from the Old Testament and then says, “But I say to you” and adds something different? Maybe you’ve found yourself asking questions like these, or others where you didn’t know what to do with the tension we sometimes hear within the different voices of the Bible. How do we know what

to do, and how do we make sense of the Bible when we seem to be dealing with writers who say different things? And when I come across those in the Bible, should I be worried... confused... afraid... or relieved? Let's explore some of these kinds of situations together in a new series for the late fall in our Adult Sunday School forum (meeting in the fellowship hall from about 9:10-9:50), which we're calling, "*On the Other Hand...*" We'll do some case study exploration of times when different Bible passages seem to point in different directions on the same subject, and different ways that we might understand what's going on in them. The goal is not just to better understand these individual passages or issues, but to grow as Bible readers to become better at wrestling blessings from the texts where we are convinced God is speaking to us through ancient voices. Join us for this series, between our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, running through November 24!

New Bible Study Series: "Freed... For Love" Explores Galatians!

We live in a culture where ads promise us great deals and promotions for "free," but they always come with fine print, conditions, or limits. What if the Good News of Jesus were different, and we really were freed without a catch--what if we were freed... FOR LOVE? That's the question at the heart of Paul's letter to the Galatians, and it's where our Thursday Bible Study series will take us. Starting right now, you can join us in person at 1:00 p.m. at Community of Christ for a deep dive into an important letter of the New Testament and the BIG questions like, "What puts me in the right relationship with God?" or "How does Jesus welcome outsiders?" and "What am I freed FOR in my life?" Everybody is welcome, and if you can't make a session in person, you can catch up online with our weekly video summary sessions which you can find on our Facebook page and YouTube. Come check out what it means to be freed... for love!

Today we WELCOME a new member to our Church Family! *Jami Williamson!*
We are excited to have you as a part of our church family!

Mark Your Calendars! Our congregation will host an *annual meeting* on **Sunday, December 8**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will receive the proposed budget for 2025 and elect four members for the church council. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you!

****Announcement: Deadline for Annual Meeting Reports****

Attention Committee Chairs and Council Liaisons: Please note that, due to the timing of annual report components and the way the November/December calendar falls, plus Michelle's upcoming vacation in early December, all annual committee reports should be submitted to the church office by **Tuesday, November 12**. Your

reports should summarize the key accomplishments of your committee over the past year and your goals and objectives for the upcoming year. To make this easier, you can copy and paste highlights from your previous month's reports. Additionally, please include your committee's description or mission, the chairperson's name, and a list of committee members. If you have any questions or need a template for your report, please contact Michelle at secretary@commofchrist.org. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! Our 2nd Annual Christmas Caroling event will be on Saturday, December 14th. Please join us as we go out and spread Christmas joy to some of our shut-ins and community members. No experience required! No talent required! The words for the carols will be provided so no need to worry about not knowing the words. Start time is currently being worked out and after spreading Christmas joy we'll share in some holiday cheer with pizza and snacks at the Swagler's home. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.



It's that wonderful time of year! We invite you and your family to dedicate a poinsettia in honor of a loved one. Please fill out your envelope (available on the table in the gathering space or at the back of the church) and submit your payment today! 😊 You can pick up your flowers after our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Thank you!

Poinsettia Order: \$10.00 per plant. You can choose from Pink, Red, or White.

**** Orders must be received by Sunday, November 10, 2024. ****



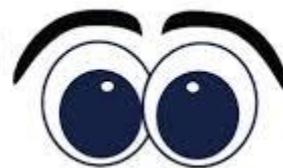
Worship Services

Available on the net

at www.commofchrist.org

OR you can use your cell phone camera to access our website with our QR code!

What's Happening This Week?



Fall Back
Sunday, November 3
Visitation Ministry
Monday, November 3, 10:30 a.m.
Outreach Meeting
Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.m.
LWR Quilt ministry
Tuesday, November 5, 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.
Worship & Music Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 10:00 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study
Thursday, November 7, 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir
Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.
Church Office Closed
Monday, November 11