

All Saints' Sunday

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Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

[9] After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

[10] and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

[11] And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

[12] saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

[13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

[14] I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

[15] "Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

[16] They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

[17] For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gradual

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

[1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

[2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

[3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

[1] Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

[2] And He opened His mouth 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 shall be comforted.*

[5] *"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

[6] *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11] "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

[12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 725

Sermon "And So We Are!"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Our Chime Choir will ring "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" during the gathering of our offerings.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,



- + Our sick and recovering: Berniece Homuth, Craig Schaan, & Alex Woroniecki;
- + The family of Tom Frank, as they mourn his death;
- + Rev. Matthew Thompson, installed today.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints'. The Lord's Church celebrates All Saints' to remember those who have died in the faith. We remember the grace of God in bringing them to faith and in preserving them in that faith in every joy and sorrow of earthly life. Especially, we remember how they served God, even in the face of persecution, even death. We do not worship the saints, pray to them, or ask them for help in living a Christian life. But, we do honor their memory and we pray that God would give us grace to imitate them in all virtuous and godly living. Visitors please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School the children will learn the account of the Passover, Exodus 11-12. This true story, about the night when the angel of death passed over the homes of God's people who had painted their doors with the blood of a lamb, foreshadows Christ, God's Son, who became the Lamb whose blood was shed for us. Jesus is our Passover Lamb, and thus we will never die—we have the gift of eternal life. Ask your children who gives us the faith to believe that Jesus is our Savior?

Our Voters Meeting will be this morning after worship. Along with other business of the congregation, we will be adopting our 2008 budget, electing officers, and discussing congregational support for Matt and Angie in their mission work. Potluck will follow, with free-will offering. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds in the amount of \$800. Proceeds from the potluck will be given to Matt and Angie for their mission work.

Matt & Angie are working to become missionaries in “10-40 Window” of Central Asia, an area between the latitudes of 10° and 40° north of the equator between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In this “window” are estimated to be 97% of all unreached people groups in the world. Prayer cards for Matt and Angie are on the table in the social hall. Please take one as a reminder to remember them in your prayers.

Rev. Matthew Thompson will be installed as Missionary-At-Large to the North Bismarck Mission Start today at Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, 6:00 p.m. (mountain).

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our brother in the Christian faith, Tom Frank. Christian burial was this past Friday, November 2nd. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).



The LYF is selling Christian t-shirts as a fundraiser. A full-color brochure and order sheet are on the table in the social hall. Please make your checks payable to Concordia LYF. The last day to place your order is Sunday, November 11th.

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated candy to make the LYF Trunk or Treat a huge success!

Higher Things Lock-in at Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, will be Friday, November 16 – Saturday, November 17. All LYF members should have received a schedule for the lock-in. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Heller. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor know as soon as possible.



LYF will be sponsoring a Gift Basket Silent Auction fundraiser again this year. We are asking all LYF families and anyone in the congregation interested in donating a gift basket, to have their basket at the Church by Sunday, November 18th to start the bidding. Late baskets will also be accepted. If you have any questions, please talk to Steve or Nona Blaisdell, 873-5426. These baskets will make great gifts for Christmas!



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 157 Offering: \$ 2,033.25

The Epistle reading for All Saints' Day reminds us that God has lavished such love on us so that we are now His children. As God's stewards we live out our stewardship in a way that gives evidence of our "family resemblance" as God's children.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Voters Meeting/Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Potluck
	12:30 p.m.	LYF to Dickinson Rec Center
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
	6:30 p.m.	LWML Fall Business Meeting
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Chime Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday School
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Thank you for filling out a Record of Friendship Card this morning.

We record both worship and Communion attendance.

Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.