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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024

November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE For All The Saints - Kevin Hildebrand

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

SOLO In Heaven's Eyes - Phil Mchugh

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS:

Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

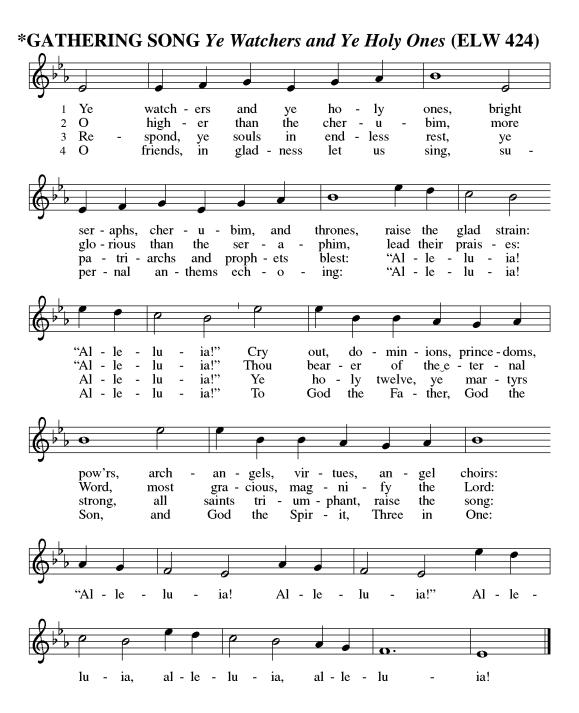
Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. And you will find rest for your souls.

The candles will float in the water of the Baptismal Font as a reminder of our Baptisms. St. Paul writes to the Romans. ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Candles are lit for the individuals who died since last All Saints Day and had a service from Solomons. A candle is also lit for any friends or family members you have lost to death that you mourn.

Esther Gift
Peggy Carl
Rosemary Wishard
Jennie Matthews
Linda Russ

Bernard Harris Jane Brindle Jean Jackson Deanna Vance Loved Ones Remembered



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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

SOLO God and God Alone - Chris Tomlin

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶ On 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.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he 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.

⁹ It 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 24

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it, the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ² For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas and established it up- | on the rivers.
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD, and who may stand in God's | holy place?

- ⁴ Those of innocent hands and puri- † ty of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by † what is false.
- ⁵ They shall receive blessing | from the LORD and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in.
- ⁸ Who is this | King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-|y in battle!

- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- lasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this | King of glory?
 Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation.

¹ I 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. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And 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;

⁴ he 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."

⁵ And 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



Lord, we sing

*GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to John.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

for

the good news that you bring.

When 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." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus 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." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I 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." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Holding a Tear!

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE FOR THE FINAL VERSE

HYMN OF THE DAY For All the Saints (ELW 422)



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

*CREED

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.

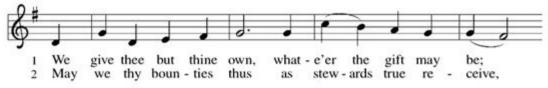
*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please respond.)

P: Merciful God. C: receive our prayer.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*OFFERTORY We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW 686)





Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

*OFFERING PRAYER

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.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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. 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.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray in song as Jesus taught us.

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.

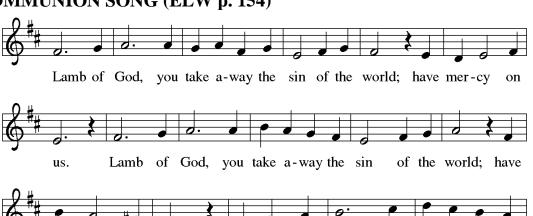
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

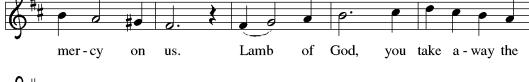
Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)







COMMUNION HYMN Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

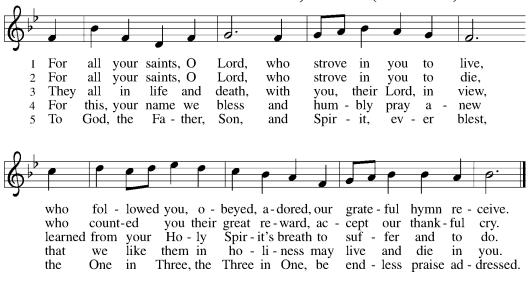
*BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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*SENDING SONG For All Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427)



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE Voluntary on "For All the Saints" - David M. Cherwien

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Communion Clean-Up	Jerry & Ilona Laney
Communion Bread	
Communion Assist	Janice McEntire
Coffee Station	
Attendance last Sunday	40

Glimpses of Vibrancy

This week we give thanks for the many gifts Solomons Lutheran continues to share into the surrounding community. Today we lift up the gift of *Relay for Life*. May this gift continue to be a significant **Glimpse of the Vibrancy** of the love of Jesus Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God, Happy 52nd Anniversary to my parents given by Bo Coldsmith.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

We welcome **Jesse Holtz** and **Suzanne Hubbard** to our worship this morning. Thank you for being with us and sharing your musical talents and gifts!

Jesse Holt, tenor

Jesse Holt, Jr., is a multitalented personality who has participated in the Crittenden Opera Workshop and sung in the Washington Concert Opera chorus. A graduate of Howard University, Jesse is a retired physical education teacher who has taught and coached tennis in various venues. A 2016 graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity, Jesse recently completed a Doctor of Ministry at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. His focus is on creating outreach community ministries beyond the walls of the church. He is a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Gettysburg.

Suzanne Hubbard, pianist

Suzanne Hubbard is a retired USDA dairy genetics scientist as well as a retired organist and pianist from several Maryland congregations. Her musical training started at age 4 with piano lessons from her grandmother. She has also studied classical piano and organ. Suzanne began studying lever harp in 2005 and has attended several "Beginning in the Middle" harp conferences for adult students. Originally from the Finger Lakes region of New York State and a graduate of Cornell University in animal physiology and anatomy, Suzanne moved to the metropolitan Washington, DC, area before retiring to Gettysburg, PA, in October 2021. Suzanne is a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Gettysburg.

Prayer requests for the following: Linda Berberich, Larry Socks, Karen Wolfinger, Fran Stouffer, Marty Wenger, Don Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Judy Johnson, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Andrea Marigroo, Millie Kulkusky, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Bonnie Hudson, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.

Please Be Aware: We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

November 3 - Coffee Hour Fellowship after worship

- 5 Christian Ed 7pm
- 7 Finance 6pm Choir Practice 7pm

Congregational Meeting Sunday November 17: The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on November 17. The primary purpose of the meeting is to approve a 2025 operating budget and to elect members to the congregation council. A proposed budget was sent to all member households and is available in the office. Please review the budget before the meeting. You may contact council president Ron Coldsmith with any questions. Since a quorum is needed all Solomon's voting members are encouraged to attend the meeting either personally or by Zoom on November 17. Zoom information will be sent via email before the meeting.

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary has cookbooks for sale, \$15 each. Lots of great recipes! Great for Christmas gifts! All proceeds go to support programs at Luther Ridge. If interested, see Becky Pecha, Frances Reichard, Margie Dale, or Bonney Coldsmith.

During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. You may place items in the totes under the coat rack at the back door.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Sunday, November 25 / 5pm at Solomon's Lutheran Church. Potluck Dinner & Dessert. All are welcome.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is November 16th. Menu: roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or corn, cranberry relish, applesauce, apple or pumpkin pie, roll, coffee, tea, and water. **Price:** Adults \$15.00, Children (5-11) \$7.00, Under 5 – Free. **Serving time** is 5:00PM – 7:00PM.

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Mike 's Bible study is held every Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We conclude at 9:50 a.m., to prepare for worship. We look at one of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. If you cannot join us every week, please join us when you are able! The Bible is our Book of Faith!

Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space. Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

Power Pack Meals: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

The Flower sign-up and all sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday school room. Please sign-up for as many as you can.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Hymn Notes:

"For All the Saints," our Hymn of the Day, was originally written as a processional hymn by the Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, William Walsham How. The hymn was first printed in *Hymns for Saint's Days, and Other Hymns*, by Earl Nelson, 1864, and included 11 verses! Bishop How is quoted as saying, "A good hymn should be like a good prayer – simple, real, earnest, and reverent." During his lifetime, he wrote nearly 60 hymns with "For All the Saints" noted as one of his greatest. The stanzas of the hymn describe the common life of all the saints: the credit due to Jesus Christ for drawing us all to Him, the strength and guidance we continue to draw from Him, our joint communion in Christ, the continuing struggle against evil, and the coming day when the dead shall rise and we shall all worship together before God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. No matter what path each of us travels, we all will enjoy the same glorious eternal life. What a beautiful and promising thought on this All Saints Day! (Then Sings My Soul, Robert Morgan; Hymnary.org). Updated 2016

"Shall We Gather at the River," our communion hymn this morning, was written by Robert Lowry, a minister in the Baptist churches in the eastern US during the mid-1860s. He had begun composing hymns and tunes in his childhood, and Once he became a minister, he realized he could reach more people through his songs than his sermons! This hymn is one of his best known, often used at baptisms. However, it is a song about heaven. He wrote that while he was a pastor at a church in Brooklyn, it was an oppressively hot day. He was lying on a lounge in what he described as "a state of physical exhaustion." His imagination took hold, and he had visions of the future, images of the apocalypse where he saw the brightness of the throne, the heavenly river and the gathering of the saints. The words to the hymn gradually started to take hold, first as a question..."shall we gather"...and then as an answer..."yes, we'll gather." With this question and answer, a hymn developed and later, he sat at his parlor organ and wrote the tune. Rev. Lowry is credited with writing more than 500 hymns, often both text and music. This hymn has been published in 695 hymnals, translated into many languages, and is sung throughout the Christian world. (Then Sings My Soul, Robert Morgan; Stories of the Hymns, Rawson and Tonioli)

2024 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to fill out the following form and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Order deadline for **red**, **white**, **or marble** (**pink & white**) poinsettias is November 10, 2024. Cost is \$8.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot (4-7 blooms)

The Christmas Poinsettias in Memory and Honor of Family and Friends have been donated by:

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Poinsettias must be taken home on Dec. 24th *after the evening service*. Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.