

THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. Timothy J, Mech THE ASSISTING MINISTER: Rev. John M. Berg THE ORGANIST: (8:00 & 10:45) Kantor Renata Peperkorn, (6:30) Jeanne Mueller THE CHOIR: (8:00 & 10:45) Mixed Choir THE INSTRUMENTALISTS: Amelia Clovis, violin, Jim Schlieder, trumpet THE COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (8:00) Nathan Wingfield, Dennis Barrow, Adam Glatczak, Jeff Jurss, (10:45) Tim Muth, Chad Hamilton, Jerry Toerpe, Terry Stenklyft, (6:30) Eric Nimmer, Tony Smith COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Stephanie Jablonski & Chris Melcher COFFEE HOUR TREATS: Trinity Childcare Staff THE SOUND BOOTH TEAM: Ron Mueller, Tom Kelly, Joshua Rach, Robert Wiltzius



"Jesus Already Voted...for You!"

† All Saints' Day †

November 3/4, 2024

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WELCOME: We cordially welcome you to the Lord's Service this day. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, the following suggestions may be helpful to vou:

- The Divine Service is printed on the panel. ٠
- Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. .
- The time before the service is a time of prayer and preparation to receive the gifts of salvation. In addition to prayer, look over the readings and the words to the hymns during this preparation time. A booklet entitled, "The Divine Service" located in the pew rack may also assist you in understanding worship at Trinity.
- Please silence all cell phones and refrain from taking pictures. Thank you.
- Visitors, please sign the guest register located in the Narthex.

GUESTS AND THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you desire to commune, please speak to one of the Pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving the sacrament, you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest in the shape of an X.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: A study of the scripture readings and hymns of the week will be available on our website on Friday mornings under the "Worship with Us Online" section and following the "Weekly Bible Study" button. This study is led by Pastor Mech and Pastor Berg. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel so you get notified of new content. Online Bible Study content will be updated and available every Friday morning.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND CHILDCARE PODCAST: You can also listen to the weekly Bible Study and the Sermon of the week on our website, on the go on vour phone, on vour computer in vour favorite music player, or in vour car -- just by searching "Trinity Lutheran Sheboygan" in your favorite podcast application. It is available on all major Podcast platforms. The Sermon for that week will be available Sunday Afternoon after the 8am Divine Service. Be sure to subscribe to the Podcast in your favorite player so you can get notified when new episodes are added.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here and have brought your children to worship. We invite you to use the church bags, Bibles, and children's bulletins found at each entrance to the sanctuary. While we want children to participate in the entire Divine Service, we understand that there may be times when you must leave the service for a little while. At these times, you may -use the Music Room, located next to the Narthex, or the Luther Room, located downstairs across from the restrooms. Both locations have the livestream of the service televised so you can continue to follow along. Changing tables are in the music room restroom and the restrooms downstairs. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

+ In loving memory of Raymond Cyras by his wife Erika and family

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME all our families and friends who are joining us for our All-Saints Day Celebration. Our services will honor our fellow members who joined the Communion of Saints over the past year.

MONDAY EVENING, WE WELCOME Jeanne Mueller as our guest organist. Kantor Peperkorn is attending the North/South Wisconsin Teachers' Conference.



RISE GRAB & GO: Stop by the church kitchen this morning and support our youth by grabbing your lunch to go! Enjoy brats, chili, and delicious desserts!

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL meeting is November 11, 7:30 pm.

PTL MEETING is November 13, 6:30 pm in the Church Lounge.

COUNCIL MEETING is November 13, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There is **NO TRINITY SCHOOL** on Mondav and Tuesdav (November 4 & 5) due to the North/South Wisconsin Teachers' Conference in Wisconsin Dells. The school office is also closed.

> Trinity LWML Fellowship Monday, November 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the church lounge Come join us for Bible Study and Fellowship

Pastor Mech will lead us in Bible study and will talk about his book, "Pastors and Elders--Caring for the Church and One Another"

Guests are welcomed and bring a friend!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER THANK YOU: Thank you to all the Trinity members who participated the Anchor of Hope baby bottle fundraiser. The bottles should be returned to church today. If any members still have bottles at home, please return them to the church office by Wednesday (even if you decided not to participate). Anchor of Hope reuses the bottles for more fundraisers.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - THE BLESSINGS OF ADVENT PROGRAM!



All Ladies! You are invited to our Advent by Candlelight event. It will be Saturday, December 7th from 9:30-11:30 am. Please come and enjoy a delicious brunch and a program to help prepare your heart for Christmas. Ask a friend to come with you! Please let us know that you are coming by signing the poster in the back of church or text Karen at 248-408-8714. Hosted by the Trinity LWML.

Divine Service - Setting One

PRELUDE: The King of Love Kristin Campbell Jerusalem the Golden Wilbur Held

INVOCATION: p.151

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #677 (vs. 1-3)

KYRIE: p. 152

HYMN OF PRAISE: p. 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT: p. 156

FIRST READING: Rev. 7:9-17

GRADUAL: (choir)

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-3

ALLELUIA & VERSE: p. 156

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

NICENE CREED: p. 158

HYMN: #677 (vs. 4-8, vs. 6: choir)

SERMON Text: Matthew 5:1-12 Theme: "Jesus Already Voted...for You!"

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS IN GLORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER:

OFFERTORY: p. 159

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: p. 160

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT: #676, #673, #639, #672

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: p. 164

BENEDICTION: p. 166

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #461 (vs 3: choir, vs 5: women, vs 7: men)

POSTLUDE: I Know that My Redeemer Lives Michael Burkhardt

HURRICANE RELIEF KITS

When the Southeastern District LCMS issued an urgent request for 18,000 hygiene kits and 15,000 flood clean-up kits for Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief, the response from our area churches was amazing! After sorting the piles of items collected at The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, the kits were assembled on Monday afternoon, October 28th. The total number of kits donated was **433 Hygiene Kits** and **38 Flood Clean-up Kits** which were delivered to the Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin Branch in Westfield. If you purchased items, assembled kits, or helped in any other way, THANK YOU!



Prayer: Heavenly Father, into whose keeping we entrust our loved ones, help us to look to You in our celebration of all saints, remembering the cloud of faithful witnesses with which we are surrounded. Grant that we may one day share in the joys of those who now rest in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

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All Saints' Day (November 1 on the Church Year calendar) commemorates all saints of God, known and unknown. Dating back to 609 A.D., the observance of this day has expanded from a commemoration of the martyrs who died for their faith to a commemoration of all saints. It is a festival of the church that exceeds all bounds of race and language and space. As we observe the day, we praise God who has triumphed through the faithful and whose abounding grace we saw in their lives.

The Confessions of the Lutheran Church encourage us to remember the saints such as we are doing today: "It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained in faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling." (*Augsburg Confession*, Article XXI).

The Scripture readings for today move from an emphasis on the saints who have gone before us to those who, living now, seek to live the life God has given through His Son. In the basic New Testament sense, a saint is one "made holy" by the Spirit of God, a part of God's "holy nation." The reading from John's **Revelation** comforts us with the certainty that "God will wipe every tear from their eyes." In the epistle of **I John** we are reminded that all the saints are "children of God" because of the love of God in Jesus Christ. Finally, the beatitudes of **Matthew** chapter 5, paint a picture of the Christian Church on earth as a people made holy through their connection to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The color of the day is white, signifying the purity and righteousness of heaven," through Jesus' blood and merit. Those who have died in the faith of Christ are now enjoying the eternal peace of the presence of Jesus Christ. We who are yet in this world "see through the glass darkly." While we have eternal life, we are still living in a world of sin. While we have Jesus with us each step of life, the tempter also is near. And yet, there is that "mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won." A oneness among the "church of earth" and the "church in heaven." This is the joy of All Saints' Day, which gives eternal hope and peace.

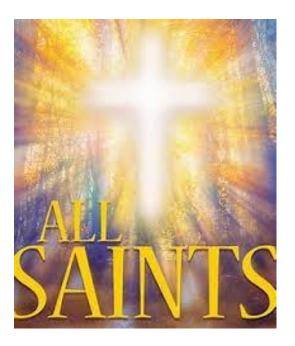
■ In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith.

Dorthy Wappler Raymond Cyras Emmy Jeletz Glenn Heitzmann Gwen Olsen Ronald Feld Delbert Haas Doris Sattler Thomas Hoem Charles Hess Marion Rieblodt Evonne Ravenscraft Carl Jagow Wanda Metscher Kathleen Splinter Sara Olsen Timothy Lubach

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen







Yes. Remembering and honoring the saints is very "Lutheran." God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions teach that remembering and honoring the saints is a great thing to do.



Why is it such a great thing to do?

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, which explains what Lutherans believe, teaches that we honor the saints for three reasons. Thanksgiving. When we honor the saints, we thank God for "showing (his people) examples of his mercy, revealing his will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church." (2) Strengthening our faith. When we see how our Lord forgives the saints, we are "encouraged to believe that grace does abound more than sin." (Do you remember when Peter, one of the disciples, denied Jesus three times? Even the Apostles sinned and received forgiveness.) (3) "the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues ..." We pray that God would keep us as strong in the faith as they were!



Parents: Explain to your children that we are not praying to the saints; we are simply honoring them on a special day in the Church Year. Remind them that, when we die, we will be with our Lord in heaven, which is where the saints are right now!

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Introit (front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer

Prayer/Devotion

Daily Readings listed on LSB p. 302	Wed: Jer. 8:18-9:12; Matt. 23:13-39
Sun: Jer. 3:6-4:2; Matt. 22:1-22	Thurs: Jer. 11:1-23; Matt. 24:1-28
Mon: Jer. 5:1-19; Matt. 22:23-46	Fri: Jer. 20:1-18; Matt. 24:29-51
Tues: Jer. 7:1-29; Matt. 23:1-12	Sat Jer. 22:1-23; Matt. 25:1-13

In Our Prayers This Week:

- + Bart Krepsky, son of Rose Krepsky, management of an illness
- + Bernadette Strate, sister of Tom Hoem; Sue Mack, cousin of Beth Riemer; Jennifer Pralle, sister of Katherine Pape; Sharon Riemer, sister-in-law of Beth Riemer; Pastor Timothy Kinne, father of Paula Harder; Benjamin Rondeau; Tim Fjeldstad; Sue Fjeldstad; Ronald Walters, grandfather of Tanya Wiltzius; Mary Yurk; Joy Maletzke, mother of Jeff Maletzke; Judith Fuchs, teacher at LHS; Doreen Powers, sister of Dennis Barrow; Rick Schneider all in cancer treatment
- + Dave Augustine; and Jan Muth, mother of Pam Langan, hospice care
- + Robert Badtke, Darryl Carlson, Nate Yeager, Anthony Dobrinsky, Chaplain Paul Rockrohr, Nathaniel Slimmer, Anthony Parotta, Jax Melcher, Naomi Harder, Ben Stucky, and David Halverson serving our country in the military
- + Our college and seminary students preparing for careers in church work: Ruth Eatherton, David Eatherton, James Pape, Harvey Peters, and Peyton Roethel
- † Carol Reineking, who is ill
- + Wayne Konetzki, brother of Alan Konetzki, who is ill
- + DeeAnn Ragaisis, daughter of Lois Schmideler, ill
- **†** Karen Carlson, recovering after breaking her arm
- † Sue Jerving, ill
- + Adam Strebe, family friend of Nicole & Derek Reiter, paralyzed waist-down after a motorcycle accident
- + The first birthday of Dane Spranger, son of Sam & Hannah (Barrow) Spranger
- + The family of Timothy Lubach
- + Trinity Staff member: Melissa Hauch, Middle School Teacher

Hymn of the Week: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

All Saints

Introit

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 - and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Learn by Heart: The Second Article (LSB p. 322 & 323)



LSB #534

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: "A Centurion Converts" is the title for this week's lesson. A faithful and generous centurion named Cornelius has a vision of God's angel telling him to bring Peter to Caesarea. In Joppa, Peter sees a vision of a sheet descending from the sky, filled with all

kinds of animals. The instruction to "kill and eat" confuses Peter, since many of the animals on the sheet are considered unclean. The Spirit tells Peter to go to Caesarea. At Cornelius's home, the Holy Spirit descends on the Gentiles as Peter preaches the Gospel to them. Peter commands the Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. **Revelation 7:9-17** ⁹After 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!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saving, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore: the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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."

1 John 3:1–3 ¹See 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. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1–12 ¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Notes on Today's Service

Treasures from the Church: "Our churches teach that the remembrance of the saints is to be commended in order that we may imitate their faith and good works according to our calling" (Augsburg Confession XXI).

Summary of Readings: "*A great multitude … from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,*" cry out, "*Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne*" (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time, with unified voices, eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "*shall see him as he is*" (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "*serve him day and night in his temple*" (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

The Church: "Christ, the Chief Shepherd, has called us out of the world and into His flock (1 Peter 5:2). Wherever one finds the living voice of Christ and those who by the Holy Spirit hear and believe it - both pastor and flock together - there is the church. Lutherans define the church as God's giving and our receiving, that is, Lutherans confess that the church exists where the sinner is being forgiven in the stead and by the command of the Lord Jesus. Christ's redeeming work and the delivery of that work through the preaching of the Gospel leave no doubt for the saints that there is a church or that they belong to it. Christ the Good Shepherd gives; His flock receives. Defining the church as shepherd and sheep (John 10:1-18) denies any claim that a special group within the church is the true church, whether the papacy, the local congregation alone, the clergy alone or even one particular institutional church body, such as the LCMS. The shepherd and the sheep belong together, regardless of time and place in the world. That happens primarily in worship, whether here on earth or there in heaven. In the Church Triumphant in heaven. God and the Lamb gather the great multitude of saints adorned as a bride before her husband; the saints stand before the throne to receive from Him and to praise Him with joyful thanksgiving (Rev. 21:1-7). Even now, before the final day, the church is known on earth in worship, where God gives, and His saints receive and give Him joyful thanks. Therefore, we deny that a group of Christians can be church without the office of preaching (AC V) and we deny that preachers can be church without faithful hearers (AC XXVIII). A congregation might be 'vacant,' but she is never without the preaching office of Christ, even when there is no ordained man to fill it at the moment. The Lord's promise that wherever two or three are gathered in His name, there He is among them (Matt. 18:20), makes clear that at least two are needed in the church: one for delivering and one for receiving the forgiveness offered in Jesus' name." - From "I Believe in One Holy Christian Church,' The Doctrine of the Church", The Lutheran Witness, June 1, 2021, Rev. Jason Lane

Sermon: There has been a big push for early voting this year. If you haven't voted yet, remember that election day is this Tuesday. When someone votes it's a way of choosing who they want as a leader. As of today, we don't know who the majority of "we the people" want as the president of the United States. In the kingdom of God, however, there is no question about who our Lord wants as His people. There is no doubt concerning the outcome of His election. It is already done. Jesus already voted...for you. You are His elect, those who are blessed from before the creation of the world.

NEAT REPEATS UPCOMING SALES:

 11/5 - 11/9
 Kitchen Items 50% Off

 11/12
 30% Off Everything in the Store

 11/13 - 11/16
 Baskets & Vases 50% Off

 11/19 - 11/23
 Toys, Games & Puzzles 50% Off

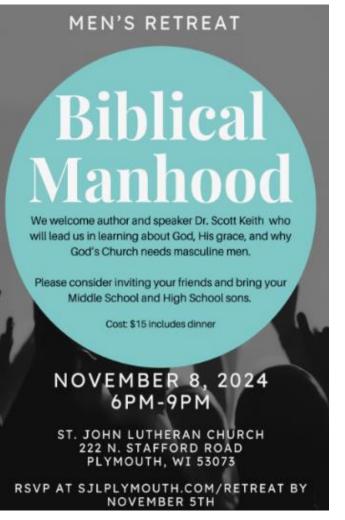
 11/26 & 11/27
 CDs & DVDs 50% Off

 11/29
 50% Off Everything in the Store

 11/30
 \$6 Bag Sale for Clothing



"The South Wisconsin District is excited to announce the launch of a *VOCATIONAL DIRECTORY*, designed specifically for LCMS business owners and professionals in South Wisconsin. This directory isn't about finding volunteers for *pro bono* work; it's about building a network of skilled professionals within our membership. We invite you to share your expertise with congregations across South Wisconsin by completing the form at <u>swd.lcms.org/PRO</u> as we work to honor our Christ-centered vocations. Together, we can create a resource that strengthens our community and serves our churches effectively!"



TELL THE GOOD NEWS! We sing, "For *all the saints* who from their labors rest, *who Thee by faith before the world confessed* Thy name, O Jesus, . . . Alleluia!" We are reminded that not just the great familiar names (Peter, John, Paul, Stephen, etc.) are saints, but *all who believe* in Jesus as their God and Lord and only Savior are *God's saints-His holy ones*. We who so believe in Christ Jesus are *sanctified*, *made holy* before God, by Jesus' blood. Note, too, that the *saints confess the name of Jesus before the world!* The salvation that we enjoy we want all people to know and enjoy as well. As you have opportunity, proudly *confess* the name of Jesus—*tell everyone what He has done! The Rev. Robert Zick, Director of Evangelism*

KID'S CHRISTMAS AT CAMP LUWISOMO

December 6-8, 2024 for children in grades 1-5* to have fun and focus on the real meaning of Christmas! * *We recommend children in Grades 1* & *2 have previous camp experience.*



Parent Bonus: Your children enjoy a weekend at camp, and you have time to handle preparations and enjoy time together before the busyness of the season!

Activities: Themes activities include crafts, devotions, cookie baking, singing, outdoor activities, games, and lots of fun, as we get excited about the real meaning of Christmas! Arrival / Pick Up: Arrival is 6:00 – 6:30 pm on Friday in the Welcome Center. Pick up your camper on Sunday at 11:00 am. Campers will already have enjoyed breakfast.

Registration Required (Limited Space): Reserve your space now! Registration closes Friday November 22nd (or sooner if we fill up) – so don't wait! To register, print the <u>Registration Form</u>, complete and mail with your payment check, or scan and email if you are paying by credit or debit card.

Cost: \$185

Includes: lodging in the Retreat Center, meals (Saturday Breakfast – Sunday Breakfast), awesome activities and lots of fun!

Financial Support (Contact the camp 920-622-3350).

What To Bring: Be sure to pack warm clothes (we'll be playing outside), comfy pjs and a cozy sleeping bag or sheets and blanket. Boots for outside are a good idea, or a second pair of shoes in case one pair gets wet. Also be sure to bring items for showering, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.

KARAOKE FOR LUTHERAN HYMNS... You can sing hymns like "For All the Saints," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," "Abide with Me" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of almost 50 hymns with text and music featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at <u>lutheranpublicradio.org</u>.

IN HIS IMAGE

Saturday, December 7th - St. John Lutheran Plymouth

Dr. Beverly Yahnke and Rev. David Fleming

With the legal redefinition of marriage, the confusion regarding gender, and rapidly changing sexual mores in society, biblical educators, pastors, singles, couples, and parents are looking for guidance in articulating and promoting a positive view of the Christian vision for marriage and sexuality.

Our goal is to equip people with tools to speak constructively and to live confidently amid the current confusion.

8 AM - 3 PM Snacks & Lunch Provided Cost = \$15

SJLPLYMOUTH.COM/RETREAT TO RSVP

KJohns@SJLPlymouth for additional questions



What is "All Saints' Day"?

All Saints' Day is the day during the Church Year that we celebrate, remember and honor all of those who have died with faith in Jesus and are now with Him in heaven.

Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day?

The word "saint" comes from the Latin word *sanctus* which means "holy" or "sacred." Saints are God's holy people. We thank God for the saints who have gone before us because of their great example of faith and God's great mercy in their lives!

Do you have to die to be a saint?

No way! All of God's faithful people are His saints! We were washed clean of our sins at our Baptism and made holy before God. That's what it means when we hear God's Word say: "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" (Rev. 7:14). Isn't it great to know that it is not what we have done that makes us a saint, but what Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection? He gives all of this to us through Baptism. He is the one who makes us a saint!



Parents: Talk to your children about those in your own family who have died in the faith. Explain that they are now with Jesus in heaven. Remind them that this is a fulfillment of God's promises at our Baptism.

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