

Divine Service

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

NOVEMBER 3, 2019 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



As you arrive, please take a moment to fill out the Record of Fellowship which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

Largo

George F. Handel

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 677 (stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6, 8)

“For All the Saints”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.


[John 20:19-23]

Standing


SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*


Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



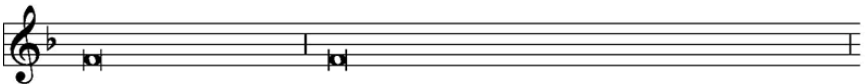
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



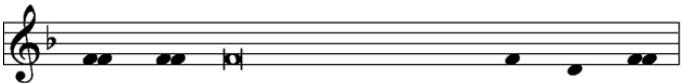
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sitting

A The First Reading for All Saints' Sunday is from Revelation, chapter seven.

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.

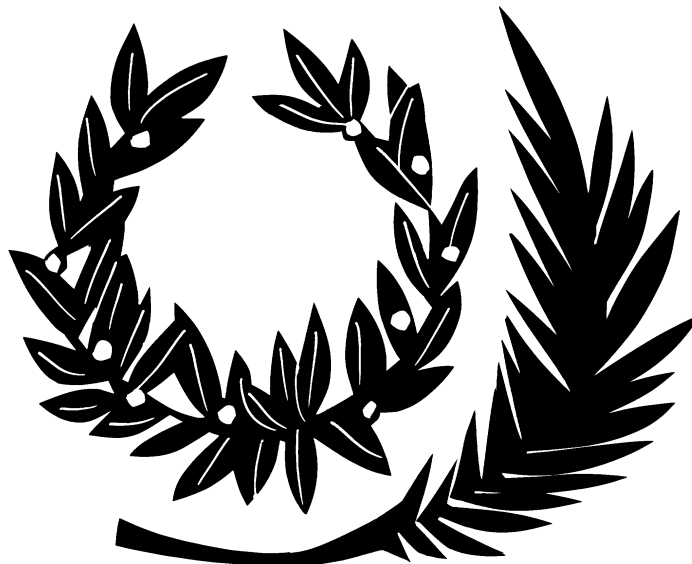
¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

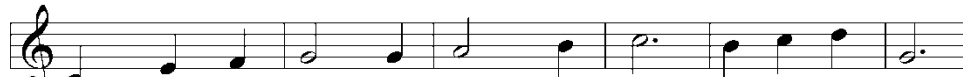


GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 484 (stanzas 1-2)

"Make Songs of Joy"



1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!



He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!
He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P 1 Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] 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."

Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P 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 and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

P Let us pray.
Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." *John 11:25-26 NIV*

Silence

P Ron Baskin (friend of Adrian Popescu)

Silence

P Carolyn DeLong

Silence

P Janet Evans (stepmother of Kati Durden)

Silence

P James Dickensheets Sr. (father-in-law of Debbie Dickensheets)

Silence

P Deb Kunkle (friend of J.P. Morr)

Silence

P Inez LaVan Reivitt (great aunt of Evan LaVan)

Silence

P Carl Pache Sr. (friend of J.P. Morr)

Silence

P Bonnell Robinson (aunt of Nancy Grossberg)

Silence

P George Sheehan (father of Jason Schoellen's friend)

Silence

P Edward Sherwood (uncle of Bekah Beckman)

Silence

P Ingrid Worthington (mother of Keith Worthington)

Silence

P Harry Wortman (former member of Ascension)

Silence

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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.

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip Bliss

MEDITATION

Matthew 5:6 – "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness – His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.



OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.
C And with your spir it.
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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.



AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Requiem

Rhett Barnwell

Lutheran Service Book 633

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32



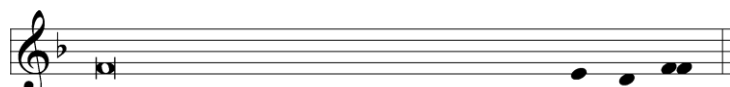
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



- C** A - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 838

"The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place"

POSTLUDE

St. Anne Fugue

Johannes Sebastian Bach

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Justin Ledford, *Elder*
Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Musician(s)

Julie Harbin, harp
Evan LaVan, cantor

Altar Guild

Jill Drachenberg/Linda Rathje

Usher(s)

Brian Beckman/Martin Kunkel

Greeter(s)

Anne Bigelow

Fellowship Host(s)

The Beckman family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Lay Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*
Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Musician(s)

Jessica Luhrs, cantor/clarinet

Altar Guild

Jean Meyers/Jeni Miller

Usher(s)

Greg Ison/Grayson Beckman

Greeter(s)

Tom Lawton & Linda Rathje

Fellowship Host(s)

Ruth Henry/Jean Meyers/Bob Wollman

Life Together

CALENDAR		
Sunday 11/3	All Saints' Sunday Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Minor Prophets Bootcamp</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship
Monday 11/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 11/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:45 – 11:45 AM
Wednesday 11/6	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 11/7	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 11/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 11/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 11/10	Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Minor Prophets Bootcamp</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✝ Minor Prophets Bootcamp

Theme: Throughout this twelve week study, each Sunday will offer an overview of one of the twelve minor prophets of the Bible. General themes and highlights of each text will be drawn out. Not only will the historical context be discussed, but also how the prophet points all generations to Christ and still speaks to us today. Books covered will be according to the following order: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Buckle your seatbelts, it's going to be a fast ride!

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from September 8 – November 24
Tuesdays at 10:45 A.M.

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall
Tuesdays in church overflow room

✝ *Death . . . Then What?*

Theme: That we all die is pretty much agreed upon, it's what takes place a moment later that makes us wonder. Explore this lively and completely relevant topic in *Death . . . Then What?* This video study broaches the topic of death—a subject of no minor interest to each of us. While various religions and philosophies inform a plethora of personal opinions worldwide, none of them offer any solace against the perfect judgment of an omniscient and righteous God. *That* relief is available only through Jesus' redemptive work on the cross. It is just this salvation, exclusively ours in our Savior Jesus Christ, which will be explored throughout the course of this series. Join us to learn about the glorious hope that has been secured for you!

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from December 1 – 22

Location: Church fellowship hall

SERVING IN HIS NAME

✝ Thank You from the Hispanic Lutheran Mission Society

Dear Pastor Miller

Please communicate our heartfelt thanks to our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension for your generous mission contribution in the amount of \$200.00 toward the educational pastoral support of pastors in Cuba.

It is because of your support that our brothers from Cuba will be able to participate in a two week theological course with Dr. Alberto Garcia in Guatemala.

We ask for your prayers toward this mission work, especially during the last two weeks in October.

In Christ,
Rev. Aurelio Magariño
Executive Director

✝ 1-1-1 Mission Update

Theme: September 1, 2018 – September 1, 2019. A year that hopefully will be remembered! Why? This was the first “model year” of “A Dollar for Missions!” The English District is showing what can be done when our congregations, YOU our people, are encouraged to gather a little for a GREAT/unified* goal. So how did we do after one year? \$54,578.73 extra was gathered! Praise God for this! The two missions (Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA and the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission) selected to receive funds from 1-1-1 will each receive approximately \$27,275.

Dear people of God, what the English District is doing is still only a “model.” We were to show the others this could be done. From the very beginning it was our hope that other districts of the LCMS would follow the “model.” The LCMS in National Convention passed the resolution from our English District to encourage others to do the same! The “model” is growing! As more participate the dollars also grow. Thanks to all of our congregations and people giving that extra \$1 a week! Join us! It matters!

Where will this “model” go? We SHOULD DREAM BIG! What if, while praying for workers, we earnestly recruit and fully fund the training and education of seminarians, teachers, missionaries, and then send workers into the harvest field that our Lord is preparing? Seeking the lost! Rejoicing over the found! You know what that means? More believers! More churches! More joy, here on earth and in Heaven! From this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says, “I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

✝ Fall Work Day

Theme: Help keep LCA beautiful! Bring your rake and a pair of garden gloves for a little fall cleaning of the church grounds. Please also plan to stay for a hot lunch as our way of saying Thank You!

Day & Time: Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Location: Church campus

✝ Altar Guild Cleaning Day

Theme: Calling all members of the Altar Guild! Your service is requested to help clean the sanctuary, and get everything ready for the busy season ahead. Thank you, in advance, for making such a difference!

Day & Time: Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church sanctuary

FELLOWSHIPPING WITH THE SAINTS

✠ Sixth-Annual Chili Cook-Off

Theme: Whether you have a time-tested recipe or just want to serve up something new, enter your chili into our Sixth-Annual Chili Cook-Off. Contestants have three chances to place: 1.) Tastiest; 2.) Spiciest; 3.) Most Original. And even if you're not competing, please plan to stay and sample all the chilis. Each of our chefs is counting on your vote! Don't miss the fun!

Day & Time: Sunday, November 17 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

- ✝ Jessica Luhrs, 11/4
- ✝ Amare Bentley, 11/9

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

- ✝ Titus Miller, 11/5
- ✝ Jessica Luhrs, 11/7

Wedding Anniversaries

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

- ✝ Titus Miller, 11/5
- ✝ Marion Griffin, 11/6

In Need

Recent Requests

- ✝ Family and friends of Judy Kniffin (aunt of Jeni Miller's cousin), for peace and comfort.
- ✝ Jean Meyers, for health and recovery after surgery.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Jeff Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Denise Wood (friend and former co-worker of Anne Bigelow), for a successful surgery.
- ✝ All who have lost loved ones this past year, for peace and comfort.
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in India, where an American pastor was arrested and detained on account of his faith.

Ongoing Requests

- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.
- ✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.
- ✝ Adi Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for strength and courage.
- ✝ Tom Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for relief and comfort.
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rhonda Zacharias (friend of the Millers), for health and comfort.
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, & all synodically deployed missionaries.
- ✝ Lutheran Church of the Ascension & Pastor David Miller
- ✝ Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center & Director, Barbara Collins
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Month (September) Year to Date (2019)

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Plate Offerings	641	210	7,600	3,910
Envelope Offerings	13,800	12,293	165,300	130,017
Open Arms	24,300	24,300	291,600	218,800
Other Income	342	54	4,600	2,630
Total Income	39,083	36,857	469,100	355,357

Total Expense	36,652	34,719	445,900	323,900
Income Less Expense	2,431	2,138	23,200	31,457

Giving is up approximately 3% YOY or about \$4K from YTD July 2019

Giving is 4% or about \$5K over Budget

Open Arms is current with their support fee of \$218K, giving LCA a Total YTD Income of \$355K

Expenses at \$324K are approximately 13% or \$37K higher than YTD Sept 2018.

Expenses are (-5%) below Budget due to capital expenditures being less than anticipated this year.

With Total Income of \$355K and Total Expenses of \$324K, LCA has YTD Net Income of \$31K.



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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located to the right of the church entrance, down the hallway. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

Children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship! For those who need it, however, we have a staffed nursery located down the hallway in the preschool. It is intended for children from birth to age 5. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

BABY CHANGING STATION

For your convenience, a baby changing station is located in both the men's and women's restrooms on this level, just down the hall. For further privacy, a mother-infant station, which includes a rocking chair and changing table, is available in the enclosed lounge of the women's restroom downstairs.

BUSY BAGS

Each Sunday your child may pick up a "busy bag" from the stand in the Narthex. Each busy bag has different books and activities for your child to keep them busy during the Divine Service when they are unable to focus. Please return the pouch and its contents to the stand in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday's service.

PRINT RESOURCES

Resources for personal devotions as well as understanding Lutheran faith and worship, are available to anyone gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Portals of Prayer*: Quarterly devotional resource for private prayer.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Christian Faith*: Luther's Small Catechism in convenient booklet form.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*: Easy to understand guide to Sunday's liturgy in the Divine Service.
- *What About . . . Fellowship in the Lord's Supper*: An explanation of one of the Lutheran church's most misunderstood doctrines. Learn more about the biblical, historic, and loving practice of closed Communion.