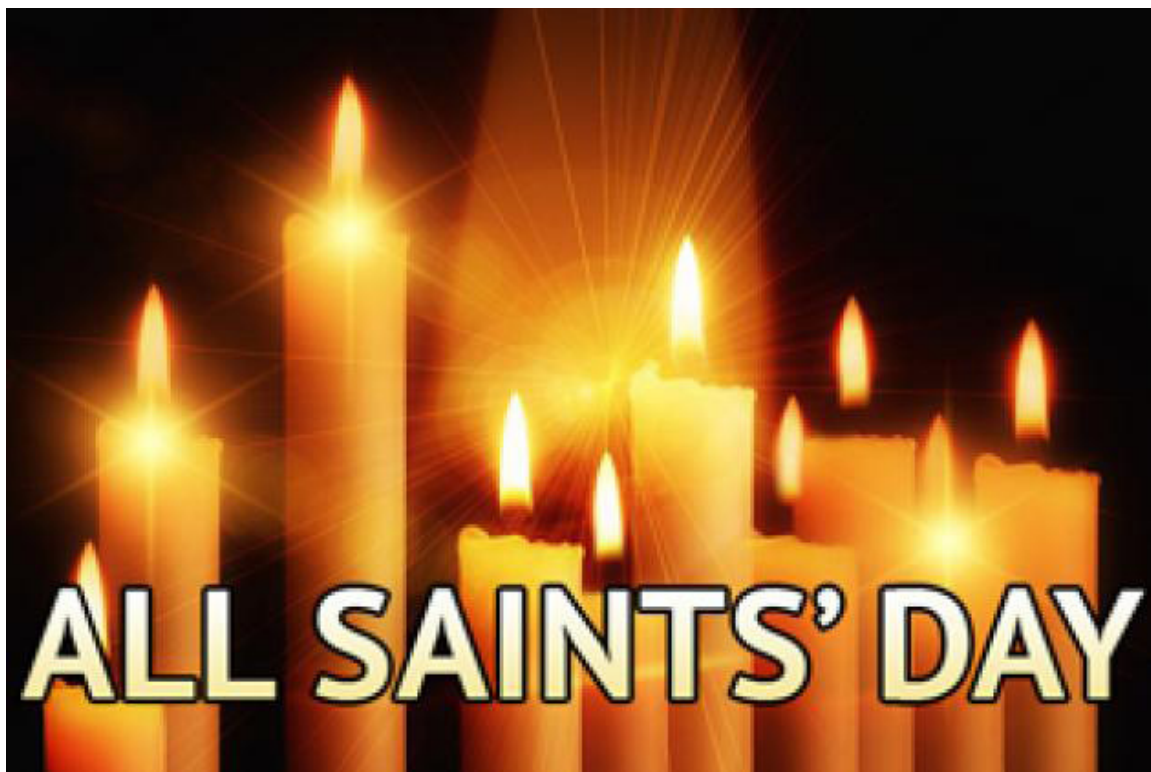


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November 7, 2021

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response. * indicates please stand, if able

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship with the cloud of the faithful,
to praise God with the saints of generations past.

Let us worship the One who weeps with us and laughs with us,
and who offers us the promise of life everlasting.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm *vs. 1 and 4*



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, our Maker; Jesus Christ, our teacher;
Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on us.
In silence, let us remember our faults and failings.

Silence before the prayer of confession.

O Christ, when you saw that Lazarus died, you began to weep.
So you weep with us when we are surrounded by death and decay.

Unbind us from the destructive forces of this world.

Unbind us from greed, power, and shame.

Unbind us from solitude, self-righteousness, and self-doubt.

Bind us instead to one another and to you.

By your grace, free us from all that keeps us bound

May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.

**We believe that God forgives and sets us free,
and we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls
and to loving one another.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, we are blessed when we seek your righteousness. Make us whole and holy people by your Spirit alive in us. May we receive your word and your world as blessing, in your name, most Beloved. **Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 25:6-9

adapted

On this mountain the God 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.

And the God of life will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

and will swallow up the shadow of death forever.

Then the Eternal One will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and will take away the disgrace of the people from all the earth.

We will say on that day, This is our God, for whom we have waited,

We have not waited in vain; truly, we have been saved.

Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6a

The promise of life everlasting means God lives with and in us always, even now. The new creation is revealed among us.

Then 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 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." 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." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace
arranged by Jay Althouse

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING John 11:32-44

Grief and love go hand in hand; they are part of life, but sorrow does not destroy us. By faith, we are unbound not only from death, but from the fear of death that paralyzes our lives.

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." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 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.”

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Soul Friends Forever

Rev. Jan Wiersma

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 325 By All Your Saints Still Striving

vs. 1 and 5

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your
5 We pray for saints we know not, for saints still

saints at rest, your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for -
yet to be, for grace to bear true wit - ness and

ev - er - more be blessed! For those passed on be -
serve you faith - ful - ly, till all the ran - somed

fore us, we sing our praise a - new and, walk - ing
num - ber who stand be - fore the throne as - crite all

in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

As we conclude the sharing of our joys and concerns, we will take time to name aloud or in the silence of our hearts all those who have gone before us into the eternity of life in God, and who remain with us in loving memory. As each is named, the congregation responds: **Stay with us.**

We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

We remember them.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

For they are now a part of us,

As we remember them.

Text by Rabbis Sylvan Kamens and Jack Riemer from *Gates of Prayer*, R.B. Gittelsohn

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS\

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! As it is written, "They will come from east and west, and from north and south, from all times and places to sit at table and bask in God's Eternal Presence in the Dominion of God."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God, the Beloved, dwells with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the One who gives us life.

Let us honor and praise God forever.

It is right to join with all God's saints in praise.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to the God of Abraham and Sarah...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS GTG 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

verse 2 only

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,

who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.

Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.

HYMN DURING SHARING GTG 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am *repeat, as necessary*

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, crying out with a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our “God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!”

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 326

For All the Saints (vs. 1 and 3)



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement is holding a

GENTLY USED CLOTHING DRIVE

for newly arriving Afghan evacuees and refugees.

WHEN

November 13th
9am – noon

WHERE

Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

559 20th St SW Rochester MN 55902



DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF

MOST NEEDED FOR ADULTS

— SMALL & MEDIUM SIZES

- Winter coats
- Hats, scarves, & gloves
- Pants: jeans & trousers
- Shirts: long-sleeves & sweaters
- Sweatpants & sweatshirts

MOST NEEDED FOR CHILDREN

- Winter clothing for layering
 - Newborn – 24 months
 - 2T – 6T
 - Youth 4 – 16
- Winter coats for newborn – toddlers
- Snow pants

PLEASE NO

- Shoes
- Undergarments
- Swimwear
- Sleepwear
- Items with stains or holes

Give Thanks in November

November 7 All Saints Sunday

November 14 Armistice Remembrance, Stewardship Sunday

November 21 PW Thank Offering

November 28 First Sunday in Advent, Greening of the Church



Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you have received.

1 Peter 4:8-9

STEWARDSHIP and DOUGHNUTS!!

Sunday November 14th is **DOUGHNUT SUNDAY!!** Also known as the annual Stewardship Sunday. This year, you are challenged to see how many “DOUGH”NUT\$ you can add to your 2021 pledge. If a traditional DOUGHNUT cannot be added to your pledge, let the traditional Long John “DOUGH”NUT guide you. We know that decisions should not be made on an empty stomach, so come and join us on Stewardship Sunday. In addition to the normal operating pledging, we also have an opportunity for Mission directed pledging available on your pledge card. Our tradition of DOUGHNUTS from **TTT**'s Bakery in Byron continues!!

This year's stewardship theme is Growing in Faith Together: Growing to Serve. You should have received a letter and pledge card recently. Please plan to return your pledge on Stewardship Sunday, November 14 or that following week.

Thank Offering²⁰²¹ OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.

—Proverbs 8:34*

Learn more about the
Thank Offering
of Presbyterian Women
by visiting
www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.



Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

On Sunday, November 21, CPC will be celebrating PW's Thank Offering. Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering provides a tangible way to show gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. In addition to the offering being collected, we will have Wes Brandenburger as guest speaker.

Wes Brandenburger is a former Psychologist who has been working as the Site Director for Gage East Apartments over the past 3 1/2 years. To read more about Thank Offering, as well as Wes - look on page 5 of our newsletter.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, November 7 All Saints Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Communion
(Onsite and Online)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, November 9

10:00 am PW Bible Study
12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due
12:00 pm Conference Call *
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, November 10

6:30 am Prayer Group
6:15 pm Jubellation Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 14 Armistice

Remembrance, Stewardship Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

Online Worship: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am
PW Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 am
<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>
+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* Tuesday's Conference Call

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>
+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Glenna Muir's sister, Annie
Sage and Jennifer Hall

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Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Mark Neville
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard