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“Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!” Psalm 67:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hallelujah! Alleluia! Sound familiar? These are songs of praise that have been passed down from the Hebrew language that we still use as songs of praise to God in church today. Hallelujah broken down means Halle- Praise jah: Yah, short for Yahweh. Praise Yahweh! Same with Alleluia, as the H in Hebrew is dropped off. Praise the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, He who will be who He will be, as He told to Moses at the Bush.

Praise God for what? As the Psalmist continues, Praise God for the fruitfulness of the earth. Praise Him for all of the great first article gifts that He gives to us. God gives us clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, husband, wife, and all that we have. Everything we have is given to us purely out of His Fatherly divine goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness in us.

If this is not enough of a reason, God also shines His face upon us, as we state in the Benediction. He turns His face towards us, not in anger and wrath as we deserve, but shining in mercy and grace. Mercy and grace shown to us in what Jesus has done for us. Jesus bore the pain, punishment, and death that we deserve. Because of Jesus, God shines. Like a mother or a father beaming over their child, so God Himself beams over us.

Indeed, we should rightly praise Him, us and all nations, we should praise Him for His love, mercy, and grace. We should praise Him for our daily blessings as He gives to us our daily bread and length of days. We should praise daily, yet often we forget, we stumble, we sin.

Thanks be to God for His continued forgiveness and love, that we can gather this Thanksgiving Day to praise Him for this body, and life, and so much more.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

Assisted Living Ministry

Here come the holidays with November bazars, craft sales, and Thanksgiving. Are you having guests, college kids home? Invite them to the Thanksgiving worship service.

The Assisted Living Ministry invites all to join in the ministry of bringing God's Word to those who cannot join with us for Christian fellowship and worship in our churches. On Friday, November 21st at 1:30pm they will be at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South, for hymn singing and a devotion. On the same day the group will meet for a no host lunch at 11:30am at Bar S, 5100 North Star Boulevard.

On November 17th Pastor Reinke will hold a worship service at Highgate at 1:30pm. All of these activities are great opportunities for Christian fellowship. Give them a try. You won't be disappointed!

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at Peace

We will once again have **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.** on November 28. It is the Order of Matins without Communion. During the service there will be a non-perishable food offering that will be taken to the Great Falls Rescue Mission. Following the service, we will have a time of fun, games and fellowship while we await the meal. There is a sign-up sheet posted and a tentative menu. Please sign your name and the number of people in your family and indicate what you will be bringing to add to the meal. We all have sooo much for which to give thanks!

LWML

- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study will be Saturday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m.** Carly Tuss is our guest speaker from The Angel Center. The ingathering of items that was collected during October will be given to her at this time. All are welcome to come and listen to her.
- ♥ **On Saturday, November 29, at 11:00 AM,** we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season. People young and old are asked to come and help for as long as their schedule allows.
- ♥ **Advent potluck meals begin on Wednesday, December 3.** Please bring a dish to share. Please plan now to attend!
- ♥ **We will have a baking day on Friday, December 12 at 10 AM.** We will be baking things for a bake sale that will be held on **Sunday, December 13** before and after the service. Funds raised will go to Mites.
- ♥ **Caroling has been changed to Saturday, December 20 at 1:30 PM.** We hope the change will allow more people to come and join us!

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

“God creates, redeems, and calls all human beings as His own precious treasures from fertilization to forever, regardless of ages, appearances, abilities, or impairments. The Gospel of Jesus Christ invites us to an honest humility and an enthusiastic hope that receive each one as gift and privilege!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“When life around us is dark and despairing, when troubles are real and overwhelming, when our hurts outweigh our joys, take a moment to think about God’s beautiful creation given for us as a ‘good and perfect gift.’ Take a moment to remember that we have another Light in our world—our Lord Jesus Who is the Creator of all things and is the light of men.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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Cheri Magnuson for the getting the flowers for the altar for LWML Sunday.
Everyone who donated treats for our fellowship time for LWML Sunday.
Everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school and Bible studies throughout the week.
Tristin Reinke, Val Martin and Gloria Creek for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
Everyone who cleans the kitchen after Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Everyone who counts the offering.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.



Baptismal Anniversaries

November	4	Val Martin
	9	Brenna Johnson
	12	Rachel Manley
	15	Kaylee Lewis
	22	August Birkholz
	22	Josie Askeland
	24	Betsy Wirth
	26	Alan Brown

November ushers:

2 – Lyle and Andrew Onstad
 9 – Arnie Gidlow and Jayden McPartlin
 16 – Arnie Gidlow and Ernest Kietzman
 23 – Greg Franczyk and Tyler Denning
 30 – Mitch and Taylor Martin



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:
 The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 12 year old with liver cancer
Marylan Dallum – health issues - Fort Benton
Jody Decker – health issues - Fort Benton
Michael Drummond – Lupus
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Marge Johnsten - cancer
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Eloise Morehead – health issues
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund – Parkinsons

The family of **Connie Juden** who passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED) - (2 November 2025),

Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17, 1 John 3:1–3, Matthew 5:1–12

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ - “A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–10). 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 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and countless saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:15). 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).

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 27C) - (9 November 2025)

Exodus 3:1–15, 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17, Luke 20:27–40

The Triune God Curbs Evil and Overcomes Death with Resurrection - Christians live as “sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God “is not God of the dead, but of the living” (Luke 20:38). “Those who deny that there is a resurrection” (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know “that the dead are raised” (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was and is and is to come, knows Israel’s sufferings and has “come down to deliver them” (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God’s chosen people, by which He is “remembered throughout all generations” (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who “takes his seat in the temple of God” (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, who slays the antichrist and refutes his false doctrine “with the breath of his mouth” (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, “stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught” (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God’s promise of love, comfort and good hope.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 28C) - (16 November 2025)

Malachi 4:1–6, 2 Thessalonians 3:(1–5) 6–13, Luke 21:5–28 (29–36)

God’s Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence - There are signs of the Lord’s coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. “There will be great distress upon the earth” (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that “the kingdom of God is near” (Luke 21:31). Therefore, “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which “will not pass away” (Luke 21:33). For you, “the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings” (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah “before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes” (Mal. 4:5), in order to “direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ” (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, “the Lord is faithful,” and by the preaching of His Word “he will establish you and guard you against the evil one” (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, “do not grow weary in doing good” (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (Proper 29C) - (23 November 2025)

Malachi 3:13–18, Colossians 1:13–20, Luke 23:27–43

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame - The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. “They shall be mine,” He says, “and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him” (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining “the distinction between the righteous and the wicked” (Mal. 3:18). He truly is “the King of the Jews” (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith “weep for yourselves and for your children” (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He “is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Col. 1:15). “All things were created through him and for him” (Col. 1:16), and “all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell” bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself “by the blood of his cross” (Col. 1:19–20).

Advent is Coming!!
Join us for 3 Wednesdays beginning
December 3 for
Advent potluck meals at 6 PM followed by
worship at 7 PM.

EVERY HEART PREPARE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we “deck the halls with boughs of holly.” These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church’s season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, and the creche. Then on Christmas we will focus on the decorated presents which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.



MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 1
EVERGREENS

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of evergreens—from Christmas trees to pine garland. The evergreen decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent—a season of preparation. Today we will consider how evergreens point us to the coming of Christ and the eternal life that He brings.



MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 2
LIGHTS

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of lights—from candles to twinkling LEDs. These luminous decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent, a season of preparation. Today we will consider how lights point us to the coming of Christ and the glory He brings.

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 3
CRÈCHE



We decorate in preparation for Christmas. Our decoration preparation includes the use of the crèche—the miniature model of the nativity scene. The crèche is a distinctively Christian decoration in that it depicts the characters involved in the nativity of Christ: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the angels, the stable animals, and—most important of all—the infant Jesus. As we view this manger scene, we recall the timeless story of God coming to earth as a baby to redeem us from our sins.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
WRAPPED PRESENTS



We decorate for Christmas. Our decorations include wrapped presents—gifts in colorful boxes and bags that are placed under the Christmas tree. But these gifts all pale in comparison to the gift that started it all at Christmas—the gift of God’s Son, whose birth brings us regeneration, renewal, and eternal life. On Christmas [Eve], we consider how the gifts under the tree point us to God’s indescribable gift in Jesus Christ.