

All Saints
Sunday November 1, 2026



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* *Indicates please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Remember Me*

Cindy Berry

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,

**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.**

We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.

We trust the voice of our shame and fear,

**which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.**

We are not awake to the coming of your reign.

Rouse us and rescue us,

that we may enter into your joy.

Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.

✝ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven.

Blessed are you.

Amen.

GATHERING

***GATHERING HYMN** *Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW #423

***GREETING**

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

People: *And also with you.*

***Kyrie**

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***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God...

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

People: *Amen*

WORD

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood 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 singing,

"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, robed
in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the
one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out
of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat,
¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Read responsively

- ¹ I will bless the LORD ¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.
² **I will glory ¹ in the LORD;
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.**
³ Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.
⁴ **I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.**
⁵ Look upon the LORD ¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.
⁶ **I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.**
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD
and de- ¹ livers them.
⁸ **Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!**
⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰ **The lions are in want and ¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹ that is good.**
²² O LORD, you redeem the life ¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will ¹ not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

People: *Thanks be to God*

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak 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 will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Death Be Never Last*

ACS #1030

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Asst. Min.: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***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 GOD'S PEOPLE

Between each petition the following is said:

Asst. Min.: God, in your mercy,
People: *Hear our prayer.*

Asst. Min.: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all
for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your
beloved.

People: *Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me Jesus
Chancel Choir; Ann Hossler, piano

arr. Hal Hopson

PREPARING THE TABLE

OFFERING PRAYER Spoken in Unison

**Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
*Amen.***

***The Great Thanksgiving** **p. 144a**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Spoken in Unison

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that 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**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

***TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Spoken in Unison

**Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
*Amen.***

***BENEDICTION**

The holy Trinity,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *For All Your Saints, O Lord*

ELW #427

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Flowing Homeward to Our Source*

Ruth C. Duck and Sally Ann Morris

Weekly Prayer List

Kaye Ames, Brenda Artz, Beth Bricker, Sean Carter,
Sarah Challenger, Don Dubs, James and Mabel Frazier,
Patrick Herr, Heather Hildebrand,
Debbie LaNasa, David Ostrander,
Diane Repp, Bob & Carolyn Sampson,
Betty Sheaffer, Angie Wendler,
Shirley Wertz and Bob Wimer

BETTER BONES, BETTER BALANCE

**Dr. Tim Kauffman's class
(Tuesdays at 12:00 PM)**

**November classes will be held at Grandview
on Tuesday, November 10, 17 and 24.**

***Today's flowers are given by
Anna Neal to honor the memory
of her parents and brother***



SATURDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

*November 21 at 6:00pm
Dinner out after the 5pm worship service
Olde Hickory Grille, 709 Olde Hickory Rd*

Cookie Event

We are considering having a cookie event at St. Matthew as a fellowship sharing event. We are looking for suggestions from the congregation for ideas. Any suggestion can be placed in the cookie jar in the fellowship hall or emailed to Laurie LaBar at info@stmatthewelc.com.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Statement of Welcome, Affirmation and Full Participation



Welcome to St Matthew, the little church
with a big heart.



We are a Reconciling in Christ
(Open and Affirming)
congregation, so when we say "all are welcome",
we really mean it.

We strive to live that out in our actions as well as our words.
We publicly and humbly commit to do what it takes to truly be
a sanctuary filled with warmth, love, understanding, safety,
respect and care for all who enter here.

*(Please see our Full Statement of Welcome, Affirmation and Full
Participation on our website: www.stmatthewelc.com. Copies of
the Full Statement are also available in the Education
and Resources Stand in the Fellowship Hall.)*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2	Corbin Miller
11/3	Carole Castline
11/3	Andrea Farris
11/4	Brian Almond
11/4	Fiona Smith
11/7	Neely Frye
11/18	Joan Bowers
11/18	Mabel Frazier
11/20	Nancy Pokopec
11/22	Shep Smith
11/28	James Frazier
11/29	Sheila Charles
11/29	Carolyn Rothweiler

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/30	Norm Drescher & David Ostrander
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The Congregation

The Ministers

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**Altar Care for November:**

Linda Tice, Anna Neal & Barb Elsen

Assisting Minister:

Linda McIntyre

Greeter:

Anna Neal

Usher:

OPEN

Reader:

Linda McIntyre

Counters:

Linda Tice & Brad Charles

10/31 Saturday
5:00pm Worship
6:00pm Trick or Treat

11/1 Sunday
10:00am Worship
4:00pm Deaf/HH Kids of
Lancaster *

11/3 Tuesday
Election Day

11/4 Wednesday
12:00pm Bible Study
6:30pm M.T. Democratic
Committee *

11/5 Thursday
6:30pm Vocal Choir Reh

11/6 Friday
10:30am CPR Class*
1:30pm CPR Class*

11/7 Saturday
5:00pm Worship

11/8 Sunday
10:00am Worship
11:00am Congregation Mtg &
StewardSix Lunch

**Events scheduled for outside groups that use
our facility. You are welcome to attend or sign up for
all other events on the calendar*

**Scripture Readings—
November 7-8, 2026****Amos 5:18-24****Psalms 70****1 Thessalonians 4:13-18****Matthew 25:1-13**