

November 2, 2025
All Saints Sunday

10:00am service with Holy Communion
The Reverend Ben Groth, Preaching and Presiding
Matthew Harrison, Director of Music

Welcome!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship! If this is your first time here, please fill out the yellow welcome card in the pew and place it in the offering plate if you would like to be contacted by Pastor Ben, would like more information about the church, or would like to sign up for our weekly news email.

Restrooms: Our restrooms are located downstairs at the bottom of the stairways at the back of the sanctuary. There are signs about which side has the men's and women's restrooms. There are any-gender solo restrooms in the education wing, one of which has a changing table. Please knock and ensure no one else is inside!

Care and Prayer: If you would like to request prayer or speak with Pastor Ben about struggles, joys, or anything else, please feel free to email him at bgroth@1stlutherannb.org or call/text at 860-348-3966.

Children: We love having children in worship! At the front of the sanctuary there is a "pray ground" with lots of space to spread out and sit comfortably, some toys, and a great collection of books for different ages. All children and caretakers are welcome to use that space anytime during the service!

Volunteering: We have lots of opportunities at First Lutheran to volunteer and serve our community. Our Monday Morning Mingle free meal takes place from 8-9am each Monday, while our free Pasta Dinners take place from 5-6pm each Wednesday. Both of these programs can always use volunteers. If you'd like to help out, or are interested in helping with worship or other things at First Lutheran, please contact Pastor Ben.

Coffee Hour: After the service, please join us downstairs for goodies and coffee, and a chance to get to know one another better!

Gathering

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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

A brief silence.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and
given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and
humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known
and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to
do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we
may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the
name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live
in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

THE GATHERING HYMN # 807

Come Thou Fount



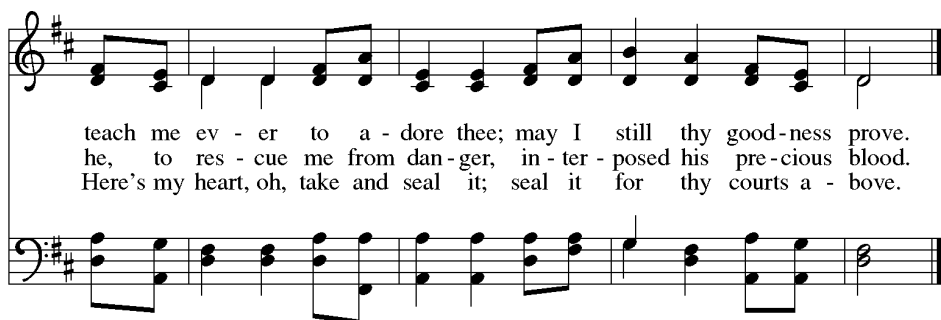
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God,
C 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. Amen.

Please be seated

Word _____

THE FIRST READING

A A reading from Daniel:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.” The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

Read Responsively

- A** ¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
 God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
C ²Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

A ³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

C ⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

A ⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

C ⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

A ⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

C ⁸**to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,**

A ⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

A A reading from the second book of Ephesians: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The word of the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION # 786 V. 1 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell-ing. Sun of the soul,
O Light di - vine, a-round and in us bright-ly shine, your strength
in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav-en now is
giv - en o - ver-flow-ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Luke 6:20-31

☛ Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.” The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Pr. Ben Groth

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY # 422

V. 1-4

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,

thee Lord, by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

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

3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are
 thine. strong. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess the Christian faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ. Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is transformed and reformed in your abundant grace. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Healing God, you comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, and illness. Bring your healing mercy to any in need. Especially Pr. Will, Linda, Scott, Gini, Bill, Susan, and Lin. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Proclaiming God, you gift the church proclamation through music. We thank you for all music ministers of this congregation. Transform your church through the musical arts. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. Especially,

Pause after each name as a bell is rung

Myrtle Caswell

Eleanor Bonafonte

Judith Dickinson

Gail Spada

Robert Natthass

God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

- A** We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

CANDLELIGHTING IN REMEMBRANCE

- P** In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us.

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

**The minister and congregation may greet one another
in the name of the Lord.**

- P** Peace be with you. **C** Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

SCAN FOR ONLINE GIVING

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

The offering is brought to the altar during the Offertory Response

Please stand as able

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #876

Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.

Meal

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

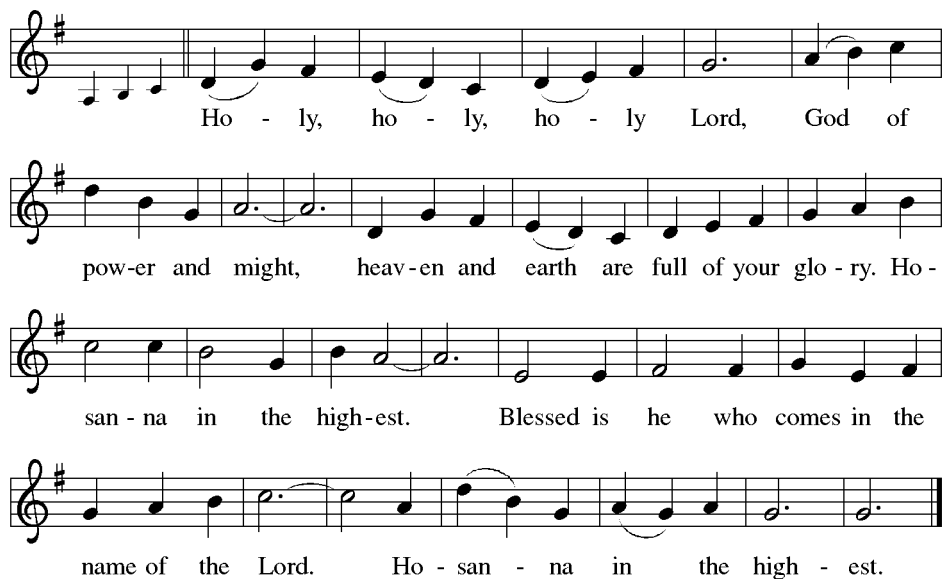
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Chords: F, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, Dm⁷E^bmaj⁷, Gm⁷, C¹¹, F, Dm⁷, E^bmaj⁷, Gm⁷, C¹¹, F.

THE PREFACE

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** ...In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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 INVITATION TO THE TABLE

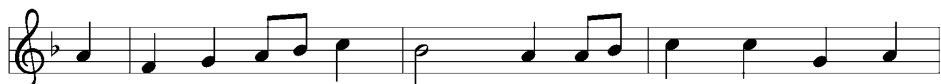
P There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

HYMN # 480

O Bread of Life From Heaven



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

THE COMMUNION HYMN# 482

I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Please stand as able

Sending

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

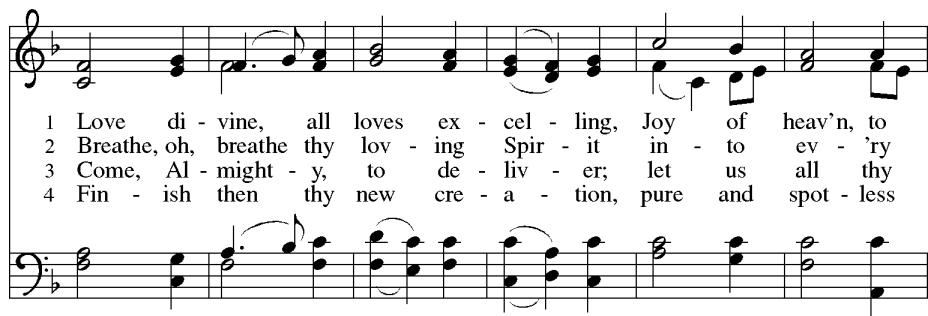
C Amen

THE BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

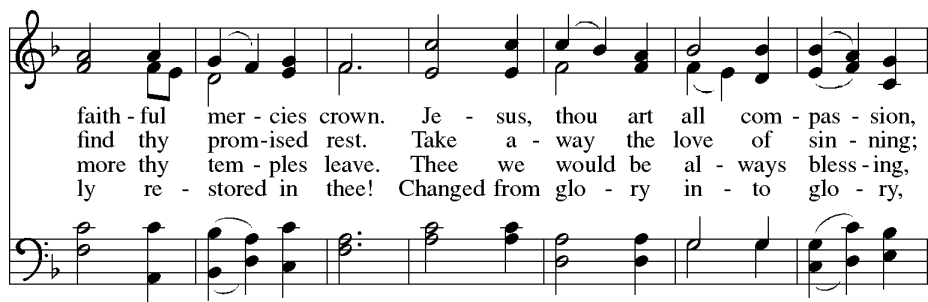
THE SENDING HYMN # 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

THE DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C Thanks be to God.

Thanks to
Worship Assistant
Robert Buchholz
Communion Assistant
Laurie Kosich
Reader
Craig Diangelo
Ushers
Cheryl Brideaux, Paul Koerner
Coffee Hour Goodies
Cindy Pavano
and
Videographer
Eric Nilsson
for volunteering

to be a part of the service this morning
People Power for 11/9/2025

Worship Assistant - Gail Bates
Communion Assistant - Nancy Robertson
Reader - Alan Robertson
Ushers - Nancy Peterson, Jane Holmstrom
Coffee Hour Goodies - Chloe Groth & Boys

calendar

November 3 - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle

November 4 - Tuesday, 10am - Cleaning Company

November 4 - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting

November 4 - Tuesday, 7pm - Executive Meeting

November 5 - Wednesday, 1pm - Mission/Outreach meeting

November 5 - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service

November 5 - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner

November 5 - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir

November 5 - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting

November 7 - Friday, 2pm - Cleaning Company

November 9 - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group

November 9 - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion

November 10 - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle

November 11 - Tuesday, 10am - Cleaning Company

November 11 - Tuesday, 4pm - Worship & Arts

November 11 - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting

November 12 - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service

November 12 - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner

November 12 - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir

November 12 - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting

November 14 - Friday, 2pm - Cleaning Company

November 16 - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group

November 16 - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion

November 17 - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle

November 18 - Tuesday, 10am - Cleaning Company

November 18 - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting

November 18 - Tuesday, 7pm - Council Meeting

November 19 - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service

November 19 - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner

November 19 - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir

November 19 - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting

Monday Morning Mingle 8am-9am
 Wednesday Come-As- You-Are Worship Service 4:30pm
 Wednesday Pasta Dinner 5pm-6pm
 Clothing - Please call Marianne Farr
 for more information (860)-637-6460

PRAYER LIST

Please note: Prayer names will remain for two weeks unless renewed in the church office. Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

Linda Carlson; Scott Johnson (Carol McQueeney);
 Gini & Bill Sonstrom (Sue Sonstrom);
 Susan Cramer (Jane Holmstrom); Lin (Eileen Buys).

Serving in the armed forces: Kevin Dubois; Wesley Givens
 (Beverly Walsh); Zack; Millind; Kienen Dyer (Barbara Pond); Shawn
 Dubois.

OUR VISION

First for what is first: Christ, our Lord

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