As We Gather ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day has become a day to remember the faithful departed. But today is not only about the saints of the past. The saints of the present faithfully fill our pews and confess the name of Jesus. While Christ has called home His church triumphant, the church militant continues His mission to make disciples of all nations. On this day, we celebrate the victory of Jesus, who makes a home for those who rest in the faith and fuels the church in active service to His kingdom.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- ***Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- ***Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- ***Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- ***Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

Please Note

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.
We offer a traditional communion wafer, off-white color wafers are gluten free.
While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #659 "Lord Of Our Life"

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 30:4–5*

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

C **and give thanks to His holy name.**

P For His anger is but for a moment,

C **and His favor is for a lifetime.**

P Weeping may tarry for the night,

C **but joy comes with the morning.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 5:3*

P As saints and yet sinners, we call upon the mercy of God, our heavenly Father. O almighty God,

C **You rule and reign with justice. As Your people, we should love all Your decrees. Yet our hearts are hard. We prefer our ways to Your ways. We shout our freedoms but whisper Your correction. You call us salt and light, yet over and over we choose the darkness. Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. Renew our hearts that we might rejoice as the saints You call us to be.** *(Pause for silent reflection)*

P To make sinners into saints of His kingdom, God in His mercy sent forth Jesus, who declares, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The blood of Jesus has opened the door to the Kingdom where He rules and reigns, now and forever. As a called and ordained servant of the living Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
C **in your righteousness deliver me.**
P For you are my rock and my fortress;
C **and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**
P Into your hand I commit my spirit;
C **you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

KYRIE

P Father of all saints, **C** **have mercy.**
P Savior of all saints, **C** **have mercy.**
P Spirit of all saints, **C** **have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #950 "Splendor And Honor"

1 Splendor and honor, majesty and power
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing,
For by Your bidding was the whole creation Called into being.

2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations, Called to God's service.

3 To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
Be adoration, praise, and glory given, Now and forever.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9–17

"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, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 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. 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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1–3

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but

we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure."

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.
C **Alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN #822 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

SERMON "Blessed!" Matthew 5:1-12

HYMN #677 "For All The Saints" *Sts. 1–3*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED *Revelation 14:13*

P Alleluia! I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:

C **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."**

P "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,

C **for their deeds follow them!" Alleluia!**

P On this All Saints' Day, we remember our hope in Jesus Christ, His grace, and His assurance of everlasting life, and we remember those saints who in death have claimed the crown of righteousness promised to all who trust in Christ as Lord and Savior.

Marvin Ferdina	**July 23, 1939 – Oct. 20, 2026**
Wendy Fullmer	**Dec. 8, 1959 – Mar. 9, 2026**
Fritz Reed	**Mar. 18, 1937 – Feb. 15, 2026**
Harold Sersland	**Dec. 1, 1938 – Feb. 27, 2026**
Jim Sims	**Apr. 23, 1935 – July 10, 2026**

HYMN #677 "For All The Saints" *sts. 4–6*

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world … *[Petitions….]*. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

HYMN #677 "For All The Saints" *sts. 7–8*

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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OFFERING

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

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 the 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 *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P In hope, Lord, we lift to You grateful hearts, for You sustain Your saints in their earthly battles and give to Your heaven-bound saints a holy rest. As You feed and secure Your saints by Your gracious hand, prepare our hearts to receive You in Your Word, at this Table, and in the triumphant return of Christ with all His saints, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Through this Meal, O Father, You once again mark us with the mercy that makes us Your saints. Fed and fueled by the gifts of Christ, prepare us for every good work, that we might know that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES *Psalm 116:15, Revelation 14:*

P Alleluia! Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints!

C **They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

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 **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #680 "Thine The Amen, Thine The Praise" Sts. 1, 4-5

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Roberta Jamieson.
For all the saints who from their labors rest.

Reader Today: JoAnn Arney **Attendance Last Week: 82**

PRAYER LIST: Jean Anderson, recovering at home; **Joanne Moloney**, (sister of Juls Gerads), surgery Monday; **Fred Koopman**, rehab.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	11:30 am Church Council Budget Meeting
Tues. November 3	10:30 am Preschool Chapel
Tues. November 3	4:00 pm Childcare Board
Wed. November 4	8:00 am Breakfast at Cinnamon's Cafe
Wed. November 4	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Wed. November 4	2:30 pm Men's Bible Study
Thur. November 5	10:30 am Support Group
Thur. November 5	10:30 am Jesus Time
Sun. November 8	8:30 am Bible Study; 10:00 am Worship Service; 11:00am Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS

11-1 George Snow 11-2 Tom Coverdale 11-2 Susan Mitchell
11-2 Tom Stettler 11-5 Paul Havens

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Marvin Ferdina will be held **Wed. Nov. 11th 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at the Pioneer Center in Sun City.

NOMINATIONS are currently open for the congregational offices of: **Secretary, Treasurer, Elder, Member At-Large** for election at our **Semi-Annual Cong. Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 15th 11:30 a.m.** Nominations/Incumbents who have consented to serve: Treasurer Sherri Church; Elder Jeff Meckley; At-Large JoAnn Arney. (All officers are eligible to succeed themselves one time, unless formally requested by the Council for a specific reason. At the time of election nominations from the floor may be

submitted only with the prior approval of the nominee and knowledge of the president). Please submit nominations to President Juls Gerads or Pastor.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX: Mesquite Lutheran Church's **"Goal Page"** has a direct link--QR Code and website address--to our very own Goal Page where you can pack a shoebox online. The total cost is $30 which includes your choice of gifts for your box ***and*** payment for shipping ($10). It's simply the fastest and easiest way to participate in this amazing Program. **The deadline for the boxes is Sunday, November 22nd.**

The Women's Auxiliary is going to host a "Packing Party" on **Saturday, November 14th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall**!! This Party is NOT intended to replace your personal donations but to augment MLC's total number of boxes. It will be a fun opportunity for fellowship, refreshments and filling shoeboxes! The Women's Auxiliary will purchase gifts to fill the boxes but helping hands are needed to pack them. Please join us!! If you want to help by donating items for these Auxiliary boxes, we will be collecting as follows: **Sunday, November 1st – Sunday, November 8th – Washcloths. Sunday, November 8th – Saturday, November 14th -- School Supplies. A huge THANK YOU to ALL for your enthusiasm, your donations and prayers for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program.**

WE'RE RETIRING THE MORTGAGE! Spread the word! Gather your gifts! We're making an all out effort to raise that **final $250,000 to pay off the church mortgage by Dec. 31st** and then have a mortgage burning party in 2027! We invite all to pray and consider what they can give above and beyond regular Sunday offerings to make this final push. As soon as you are able, **please put your gift in an envelope and mark it with an "M" or "Mortgage Retirement" and place in the offering or mail to the church office**. Make sure your name and/or contribution envelope number is on the check or envelope. Regular mailing envelopes are available on the Church Information bulletin board table. Make checks payable to Mesquite Lutheran Church.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT TEA Ladies, there's still time to reserve your spot for the Advent By Candlelight Tea which is scheduled for **Saturday, December 5th, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m**. The **sign-up sheet** is in the Narthex. Reservations will close on November 28th or when we reach 70 attendees. There is no charge for you or your guest(s). Join us for this special afternoon as we pause from the busy holiday season to pray, reflect and focus on the Birthday of Christ. **If you signed up already and found you can no longer attend, please contact Carol Van Lente (208-252-1558)** so she can remove your name from the list allowing room for others to attend.