

November 5, 2023
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Day

PRELUDE "June" Tchaikovsky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 149:1

let all the faithful praise the Lord.

Then the Lord said: It is finished! Rev. 21:6

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION Matt. 5:6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name,

but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just,

but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully,

but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

that joined with those from ages past,

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Matt. 5:7

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... In faith, O God,

we seek your grace.

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

A gluten-free option is available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Partake of the bread when it comes to you, mindful of your communion

with Christ. Hold the cup and we will all drink together, mindful of our

communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ
and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger
and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple.

Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of
the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing:

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to
the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Ps. 24:1

OFFERTORY

"Op. 9-3"

Schubert

+RESPONSE: GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism

55. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

**First, that believers one and all, as members of this community,
share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.**

**Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use
these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of
the other members.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 3:7-17

O.T. page 153

GTG = Glory to God (purple)

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PSALM

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

O.T. page 429

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

N.T. page 197

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

N.T. page 3

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Eph. 1:13

This is the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation.

We praise you, O Lord.

SERMON

"A Great Multitude"

Rev. Bill Pinches

ANTHEM

"O How Glorious Is the Kingdom"

Gramann

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Today we honor and remember saints and loved ones who entered into
eternal glory between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023:

Bill Banter

Amanda Marie Blue

George Broomell

Ann Marie Butler

Julie Lynn Call

Barbara Fay Gibson

Hazel Gooding

Jerry H. Hamelink

Ronald Clare Hamelink

Susan Ruth Hammond

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Stella June Miller

Sue Moody

Sharon Shouse

Julie Stewart

Rose Marie Taylor-Anderson

George Walker Thomas

Agnes Manelva Tippet

Timothy Michael Trim II

Steven Carl VanDyke

+HYMN: GTG #326

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

+BLESSING

Rom. 15:13

... so that you may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

+CHARGE

Phil. 3:14

Now press on toward the goal of the call of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

+CHORAL BENEDICTION "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Wagner

POSTLUDE

"Raindrop Prelude"

Chopin

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**

It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

TWC = The Worshiping Church (red)

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Steve Sowles

Communion Servers: Ron Dlouhy, Jane Hamelink,
Tom Seely, Tonya Seely

Readers: Melissa Baker and Steve Sowles

Tower Bell Ringer: Will Ozee

Greeters: Dan and Melissa Baker

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Eva Schlenner

Today's flowers are given by

Anita and Rick Cote in memory of
Dorothy & Mahlon Ellis and Margaret & Henry Cote

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 107. What is the sixth commandment?

"You shall not murder" (Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17).

Question 108. What do you learn from this commandment?

God forbids anything that harms my neighbor unfairly. Murder or injury can be done not only by direct violence but also by an angry word or a clever plan, and not only by an individual but also by unjust social institutions. I should honor every human being, including my enemy, as a person made in God's image.

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Class of 2023: Bruce Archer (clerk), Tim Hammond, Mary Ozee, Steve Sowles.

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Class of 2023: Lisa Castle, Jay Harkness, Vern Schrock.

Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.

Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely.

DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:15 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Jane Hamelink	Nov. 6
Marty Subject	Nov. 9
Suzanne Caltrider	Nov. 10
Ginnie Gibson	Nov. 12

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All Saints' Day Commemoration
Holy Cross Cemetery, Gniezno, Poland

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*
(Galatians 5:22-23)