

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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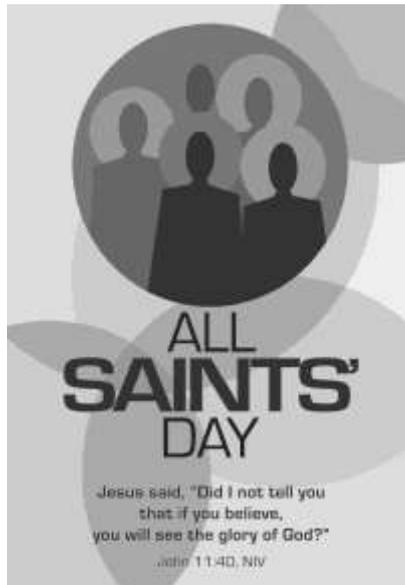
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WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Ignite! & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this gathering of the saints, both here and in the heavenly kingdom.

TO OUR VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today.

We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please use the attendance insert to provide your **Email, mailing address and phone number** so that we might extend a special welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians you believe His Body and Blood are present, and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of the Church.

Please review the following questions while preparing for the Lord's Supper.

- 1) Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2) Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- 3) Do I believe that in this Sacrament I will receive Christ's true Body and true Blood in and with the bread and wine?
- 4) Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?

Please speak to the pastor if you have any special communion needs.

A NURSERY is available for infants up to children starting Kindergarten.

It is staffed from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. Exit the sanctuary to the rear, and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hall way to the right. Parents are welcome to worship with their children, but please use the nursery as needed. If you have any questions regarding the nursery please contact Laurie Seavey at (270) 991-1172.

NOTE: There is also a "nursing/cry room" just before the hallway to the nursery.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY: The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

WORSHIP BAGS for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex. Please use these as needed during worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

*God, you went ahead of Elijah to Zarephath to provide for him
and the widow's family. (1 Kings 17)
Remind me that wherever I go this week,
you're already there, preparing the way.*

PLEASE REMEMBER: Silence/Turn Off your cell phone as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

THE OPENING HYMN

L.S.B. #549

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
(Verses 1-3)

THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Liturgist: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

(A time of quiet to reflect on our need for God's forgiveness.)

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Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember those of our fellowship at Holy Trinity who have been called out of this life during the past year.

Pastor: I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

People: And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

Pastor: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

People: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

Pastor: For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

People: So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

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Pastor: We remember...

Richard L. Arnett
Dave Bugsch
Marie A. Hibbert
M. Janell Hill
Marjorie L. Kavanaugh
Myrna J. Knudson
Kenneth G. Nelson
G. Edward Rampenthal
Judy C. Sikes
Bonnie S. Stratton
Ronnie H. Thomason
William R. Wiebbecke
David M. Williams
Wilmer E. Woods
Ronald W. Zielke

**“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is
to come.”**

Revelation 4:8

People: Amen.

INTROIT/PSALM

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

Liturgist: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Liturgist: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

People: **in your righteousness deliver me.**

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Liturgist: For you are my rock and my fortress;
People: and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Liturgist: Into your hand I commit my spirit;
People: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Liturgist: as it was in the beginning,
People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Liturgist: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

L.S.B. #670

“Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones”

J. Athelstan L. Riley

**1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

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**4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And with your spirit.**

Liturgist: 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.

People: **Amen.**

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-17

Reader: The First Reading is from the 7th chapter of Revelation.

² Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

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¹¹ 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, ¹² saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ *"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.*

¹⁶ *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.*

¹⁷ *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."*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-3

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 1 John.

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. ² 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. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the 5th chapter.

Seeing the crowds, he [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

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

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- ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
- ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E.

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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

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Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the people listed on the bulletin insert, as well as for their families and friends.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

All: 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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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THE PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE SERMON HYMN

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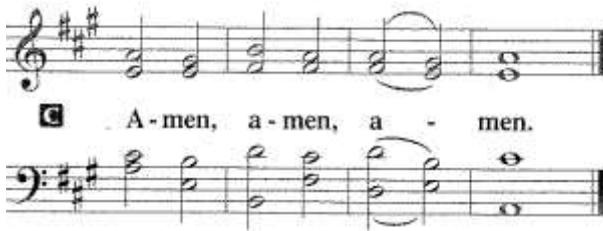
"For All the Saints"
(Verses 1-4, & 8)

THE SERMON

Pastor Toopes

"A Great Multitude"
Text: Revelation 7:2-17

THE BENEDICTION *(Amen response is sung by all.)*



THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #549

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
(Verses 6 & 7)

THE CLOSING WORDS

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

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+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided to the Glory of God by **Sue Woods**
in honor of what would have been **Wilmer Woods' 81st birthday**
on November 5, 2021.



Dionne, church secretary, will be out of the office
for medical appointments/procedures on
Tuesday, November 9.

In the coming week, the church office may have
limited coverage. If you need to come to the office please call first to make sure
someone is available to allow entry.

If you have a pastoral need please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Ignite: (ages 2 – 6th grade)

We meet at 9:15 a.m. in EO-111 each Sunday.
Come join us in the fun and learning during this time!

FIRESIDE:

Junior & Senior High (Grades 7 - 12) – EO-201

ADULT CLASS:
Pastors' Bible Class (S) – 1 Timothy 4

SERVING THIS WEEK

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	Joe Ertl	David Jurgens
Acolytes:	Gray Unick	Eva White
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study	68	The Church at Worship	175
SG site:	The Church at Study	12	The Church at Worship	22
TOTAL		80		197

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nov	7	Nancy Wehrwein	7	Aaron Quicksall
	8	Janet Bryant	8	Brian Vratana
	8	Emily Smith	10	Beth Markel
	11	Jennie Huerta	11	Kenny White
	13	Claudine Stirn		

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Nov 10 Andrew & Melissa Tolbert

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE OLD TESTAMENT: Daniel 12:1-3

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:11-25

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-13

SERVING NEXT WEEK

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	Peter Brandt	Sheryl Morris
Acolytes:	Samantha Ulm	Kylee Jo Linhardt
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Tina Hansen	

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our worship service today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit announcements to the Church Office by Wednesdays by e-mailing, calling, or dropping a note in the offering plate on Sundays.

IN A MEDICAL FACILITY LAST WEEK WERE...Kay Payne and Bob Loggins. We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring them healing and strength.



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES to the family of **Don Green** in the death of his brother, Jerry Green. Jerry died on Tuesday, November 2, at 80 years of age. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

We commend Don & Marge Green, Ginger Stewart, Rebekah & Kaydence Stewart, Matthew, Katherine, & Leona Stewart, and their families to the comfort and compassion of our Loving and Living Lord Jesus Christ.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS: The newsletter has been distributed via e-mail and the narthex boxes. If we have an e-mail address for you then hopefully you have already received it.

If you would like to receive newsletters by e-mail please contact the church office at 843-9595. Printed copies are also available in the bottom row of the narthex boxes.

The **DEADLINE** for articles for the December newsletter is Monday, November 15.

YOUTH WORK

1. **High School Ablaze** meets on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. in the Fireside room.
2. **Food With Friends** meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in EO-110.
Come enjoy some time with your friends before Confirmation Class.
3. **JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS** - We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Pastor Toopes if you have any questions.
4. **Fall Retreat** – November 5-7 at Camp Loucon. Please pray for our youth and leaders as they return home from the retreat.

SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH

1. You are invited to attend worship services of Holy Trinity's Smiths Grove site every **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** at the First Christian Church in Smiths Grove (427 College St, corner of 5th). Bible class is being held **Saturday at 4:00 p.m.**
Our prayer is that this new worship site will enable the Word to have impact on more people in the surrounding community. Your prayers and your support are vital to this outreach ministry.
2. Our next **Planning Meeting** is on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Smiths Grove site.
3. A **Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck** will be held on Saturday, November 20, immediately following worship. Please notify Pastor Press if you are planning to attend.

LWML NEWS

1. For more information about LWML, please contact Claudine Stirn at 270-793-9991.
2. **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS** - We have been busy tying quilt tops again. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (November 16) at 1:00 pm. in EO-202. We usually quilt for two hours or less. Please park in the lot closest to the church office (where the flag pole is located). For more information about LWR quilting, please contact Jean Nehm at 270-991-8856, Claudine Stirn at 270-793-9991, or Myrna Neff at 270-773-5192.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

1. **Restaurant Fundraiser Event** – Enjoy a meal and help out HTLS at the same time! Contact Alex Trabue at pto@htlc-bq.org for additional information.
Donato's (Cave Mill Rd Location) – Tuesday, November 16
2. **HTLS CLOSINGS**
 - Teacher Personal Development Days – Monday, November 22 – Tuesday, November 23
 - Thanksgiving Break – Wednesday, November 24 – Friday, November 26
3. **THRIVENT GIVING** – if you are a member and have **Action Team Funds** to spend the school has several fund-raising events coming up. (See the newsletter for details). Please contact the School Office (270) 843-1001 if you have any questions on how to proceed to make the funds available.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 24

6:30 p.m.

***Come and join in giving thanks to our Father
who has blessed us so mightily this year.***

28 Days of Advent Giving

Holy Trinity will again be collecting food items for needy families and individuals to be distributed by the Salvation Army. Twenty-Eight Days of Giving is an easy way to get your family (and/or yourself) not just thinking about giving during the Advent season, but acting on thankfulness for God's blessings received during the past year.

There are a few changes from last year. We have extended the number of days to 28. The food will be picked up after Christmas and used in the January time frame when not as many donations are received. A box will be provided in which to pack the items. The boxes and calendar will be available on Sunday, November 14. However, the dates of suggested collection are November 28 through December 25. The boxes can be returned any time after you have completed the collection, but we would like them all to be returned by Sunday, December 26 if at all possible.

PROJECT M & M - "Mittens and More"

Please keep this project in mind as you do your shopping. Our Mitten Tree will be set up in the Narthex this month. Your donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, hats, even "long johns" (or anything that will help others keep warm in the winter) will be gathered up and donated to a shelter.

We will collect items until Sunday, December 12. If you have any questions please contact Deanna Boddeker at 270-791-4840 or boddekerang@aol.com

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Kids in the



DIVINE SERVICE

Is remembering and honoring the saints really Lutheran?

Yes! Remembering and honoring the saints is very Lutheran. God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions teach that remembering and honoring the saints is a great thing to do.

Why is it such a great thing to do?

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, a book that explains what Lutherans believe, teaches that Lutherans may honor the saints for three reasons. The first reason is for thanksgiving. When we honor the saints, we are thanking God for "showing [His people] examples of His mercy, revealing His will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church." The second reason is for strengthening our faith. When we see how our Lord forgives His people, the saints, we are "encouraged to believe that grace does abound more than sin." (For example, do you remember when Peter, one of the disciples, denied Jesus three times? Even the apostles would sin and receive forgiveness.) The third reason is "the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues. . . ." We pray that God would keep us as strong in the faith as He kept them!

FOR PARENTS

Explain to your children that we do not pray to the saints, but that we may honor them by remembering them on a special day in the church year. Remind them that, when we die, we will be with our Lord in heaven, which is where the saints are right now!

A BLESSING OR A CURSE?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”

Still, Corrie wasn’t convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don’t wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we’ll get.

—Julie Lee

Our Ministry This Week

<i>Sunday</i> November 7	8:00am	All Saints Sunday Worship - C
	9:15am	Ignite! & Bible Classes
	10:30am	All Saints Sunday Worship - C
	11:45am	HS Ablaze (EO-201)
	11:00am-3:00pm 12:30pm	Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110) Mara (Burmese) service (S)

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<i>Monday</i> November 8	2:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	HTLS (EO-110) Lutheran School Ministry Team Mtg (EO-110) Smiths Grove Planning Mtg
<i>Tuesday</i> November 9	9:30am 2:00 pm	Life Light Bible Study (EO-110/CR) HTLS (EO-203)
<i>Wednesday</i> November 10	8:30 am 2:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	HTLS Chapel (S) HTLS (EO-110) Sanctuary Choir Practice (S) Food & Friends (EO-110) Jr. Confirmation (CR) Handbell Choir Practice (S)
<i>Thursday</i> November 11	<i>Veterans Day – Thank you for your service</i>	
<i>Friday</i> November 12	5:00-8:00pm	Zion Pentecostal (FH)
<i>Saturday</i> November 13	10:00am-1:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110) Smiths Grove Bible Study Smiths Grove Service – C
<i>Sunday</i> November 14	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:45am 11:00am-3:00pm 12:30pm	Worship Ignite! & Bible Classes Worship HS Ablaze (EO-201) Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110) Mara (Burmese) service (S)
