



**All
Saints'
Day**

November 4, 2018

All Saints Day

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The Good News We Need to Hear from Jesus

As We Gather

This Sunday we observe the feast of All Saints' Day. While many congregations use this service to remember those saints who have departed this life in faith, we do well to remember that "saint" is simply another word for "believer" or "follower of Jesus." All of those who gather to confess Jesus as Lord are indeed already saints. The Gospel for today is a section of the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. Jesus begins this sermon by recounting the present reality of those who have faith: they are blessed. Even when it looks as though the faithful are the opposite of blessed, they are indeed blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. They are a part of the reign and rule of God. All saints, including you, are a part of the reign and rule of God; therefore, you are blessed.

PREPARATION

670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

- 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!"
- 2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the_ eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

- 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!”

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Revelation 14:13; 7:14; Psalm 149:4; 1 John 3:1

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
C **Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors.**
- P** They have washed their robes
C **and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
- P** The Lord takes pleasure in His people;
C **He adorns the humble with salvation.**
- P** See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
C **that we should be called children of God.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution

- P** As we celebrate God’s salvation and remember the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, we are reminded that all saints, both living and dead, have led sinful lives. Even though we are God’s children, what we will be has not yet appeared. We remain contaminated by sin and evil until Jesus returns. As we come before God, let us consider our sinfulness and ask God for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

P Heavenly Father,

C **we are all guilty and ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We have not always lived as Your children. We have often failed to seek peace. We have not been pure of heart. Forgive us, renew us, and bless us, so that we may rejoice and be glad to be counted as Your children.**

P God has lavished His love upon us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise again for us all. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will be our shepherd, and He will guide us to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. As a called and ordained servant of the risen 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. We are God's children, and ours is the kingdom of heaven. Amen.**

WORD

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring As they all sing
With angels shining bright.
- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

- 3 O blessed saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

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Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have lavished a great love upon Your children from every nation, tribe, and language. Show us mercy and comfort, Lord, as we mourn those saints who have gone before us in the faith, so that we continue to share Your love with all nations, 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 7:2–17

²Then 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, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."
⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. ⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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

1 John 3:1–3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And 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.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And 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. 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. ¹²Rejoice 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.

Nicene Creed

C 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; 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 worshiped 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Today's Memory Verse

“Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.” Eph. 5:3

677 For All the Saints

- 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!
- 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!
- 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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Sermon "The King Has Good News We Need" Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer of the Church

Matthew 5:3–9

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Lord, in this world we are often overwhelmed by the difficulties of life, yet You have promised that in Your heavenly kingdom there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more scorching heat, and no more tears. Strengthen us to keep turning to You in the midst of struggle, for You say, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
- C** **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**
- P** Lord, death remains a curse until Christ comes again. On this All Saints’ Day, we remember all who have died in the faith. For You say, “Blessed are those who mourn,
- C** **for they shall be comforted.”**
- P** Lord, this world is filled with power-hungry, prideful people who seek to rule the earth without any thought of You or care for Your creation. Keep us faithful to Your kingdom so that we do not run after the false gods of power and prestige, for You say, “Blessed are the meek,
- C** **for they shall inherit the earth.”**
- P** Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially* . . . Also, Lord, encourage those who struggle to belong in our society, including addicts, immigrants, refugees, those with mental and physical disabilities, and the poor, for You say, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- C** **for they shall be satisfied.”**
- P** Lord, we live in a world of cruelty and indifference, but You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light so that we might love our families and friends, our neighbors and enemies. Cheer the hearts of all those who show mercy to others, for You say, “Blessed are the merciful,
- C** **for they shall receive mercy.”**
- P** Lord, protect those who cannot protect themselves, including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities, for You say, “Blessed are the pure in heart,
- C** **for they shall see God.”**
- P** Lord, break and hinder the plans of Satan, for he always seeks division, war, and conflict in this world. Raise up those who will work for reconciliation and harmony, for You say, “Blessed are the peacemakers,

C for they shall be called sons of God.”

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed

P We remember before You with thanks for the blessings of body and soul You gave those who have preceded us to glory. Likewise, our hearts are full, recalling the blessings You showered on us through these, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hear us as we name them aloud in each other's hearing.

✠ Irmgard Roggow ✠

“We believe that Jesus died and rose again. And so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.” 1 Thessalonians 4:14

✠ Donna Gofton ✠

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

✠ Mildred Pretzer ✠

“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:25-26

✠ Donald Tessin ✠

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
Matthew 11:28-29b

✠ Judy Leveto ✠

I lift up my eyes to You, to You whose throne is in heaven. Our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He shows us His mercy. Psalm 123:1-2b

✠ Tom Rohn ✠

“In my Father's house are many rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.”
John 14:2-3a

✠ Betty Rood ✠

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”
John 11:25-26a

✠ Christopher Thom ✠

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.” Revelation 21:4

678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

- 1 We sing for all the unsung saints,
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong
Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.

- 2 Though unscribed with date or place,
With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join
To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst:
The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death,
The wounded, risen Christ.

- 3 So we take heart from unknown saints
Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received
A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes
When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be
The vessels of God's grace.

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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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us His beloved children. We are blessed because Christ came down to share His kingdom with us, the poor in spirit. He will bring us into His kingdom of abundance and rejoicing, where we will see Him as He is. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'n'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an offering made For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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The Words of Our Lord

- P** 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."

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."

Lord's Prayer

- ☞ 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.**

Distribution Hymns

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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725 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears
them.

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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887 Now the Light Has Gone Away

- 1 Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.
- 2 Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today;
Help me ev'ry day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.
- 3 Let my near and dear ones be Always near and dear to Thee;
O bring me and all I love To Thy happy home above.
- 4 Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
- 5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.
Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.

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672 Jerusalem the Golden

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!
- 2 Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.
- 3 Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.
- 4 O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a
foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's
body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our
days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may,

together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

982 Blest Are They

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled. Refrain

**ref Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.**

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.
Refrain

3 Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God! **Refrain**

4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs.
Refrain

5 Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see.
Refrain

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Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 83 Needed for *The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,128 ~ Received for *the Lord's Work* \$5,055 = Loose Plate \$74, Envelopes \$2,409, Mission \$65, Maintenance \$255, Old school desks \$45, Consumers Credit \$36; Cap. Prj. \$20. Door offering for Mallek family \$466. A total of \$1,395 was sent to the Mallek family which includes \$200 from the Benevolent Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday Nov 67- Chad Benes, Diane McQuiston, Barry Neuenfeldt; Nov 8- Bonnie Wietfeldt, Jeremiah Dietrich; Nov 9- Jessica Coulter, Joel Hutfilz; Nov 10- Michelle Beyersdorf, Bob Burdick; Nov 11- Tina Osmond; Nov 13- Rachel Hilbrandt, Judy Hingston, Janice Hingston, Joyce Little, Carson Hodges; Nov 15- Fred Kruth, Jim Gardner.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people." Eph. 5:3

Welcome! We will welcome our brothers and sisters from Immanuel Lutheran-Wheeler singing with us next Sunday morning. This annual event is a blessing to both church bodies, and is a musical testament to our shared faith. We will enjoy a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the service. All are welcome to join us.

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering following the worship service this morning supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book "Missionary Meyer in Uganda". Rachel's email is Rachel.Meyer@LCMS.org if you would like to email her. To date we have sent \$3,281 supporting her mission.

Upcoming Youth Group Activities ~ Join us for Movie Night on Saturday, November 10th from 6-10 pm for pizza, a movie, games and other activities! Bring a friend with you! We are also preparing for the reason for the season with a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16 from 1-6:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. We will enjoy games, snacks and a party and then attend "A Christmas Invitation", a play at Merrill Wesleyan Church featuring a few familiar faces! Join us for this event! See JoAnn Pinet with any questions.

VLHS Craft Bazaar ~ The VLHS Parent Organization is sponsoring a Craft Bazaar/Home Party Vendor Show, Cookie Walk and Luncheon on Saturday, November 10th from 9am-3pm at Valley Lutheran High School. A luncheon will be available from 11am-1pm. Free admission. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of Chromebooks for VLHS students classroom use.

Faith Comes By Hearing ~ Military Bible Sticks ~ In honor of Veteran's Day we will have a door offering next Sunday following the service for military Bible sticks to be sent to our troops. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Peace Apple Pie Sale ~ Peace Lutheran School invites you to come purchase ready-to-bake apple pies, crisps and crusts during its annual Apple Pie Sale from 10:30am-1pm Saturday, November 17, at the school, 3161 Lawndale Road in Saginaw Township. Pies are only \$10 when you pre-order before Nov. 9. Call Leslie Hansen at 989-980-3025 to pre-order. Proceeds benefit the Peace Lutheran School PTL.