

# Our Redeemer's Voice

November 2022



## ALL SAINTS & A BABY

November begins with All Saints Day. It ends with the beginning of Advent with the promise of a very special baby, God's son.

As doors to November open, we take a moment to remember all of the saints, known and unknown who have lived and died proclaiming the Word of God. Saints come from all walks of life, rich and poor, women and men, even little children. Some were martyrs, some apostles, some doctors and teachers. But they were all holy people whose lives were influenced by God.

This month (8th) the Lutheran Missouri Synod Church commemorates Johann von Staupitz, an Augustian Priest, a mentor and early advisor to Martin Luther (1524).

On the (9th) the Church remembers Martin Chemnitz, a second generation German Lutheran pastor and confessor (1588). Reference materials sometimes refer to him as the second Martin.

Emperor Justinian is lauded (14th) as confessor and emperor of New Rome from 527-565. He defended Christian beliefs and fought to stamp out paganism.

The (19th) honors Elizabeth of Hungary (1234) who worked to improve the life of the poor in Thuringia. The princess/queen continued her tireless work after her husband's death and his brother removed her from power. She was featured in our September newsletter.

The (23rd) commemorates Clement Bishop of Rome 3 AD-99-AD was noted to be the one of the first apostolic Fathers of the Church along with Polycarp and Ignatius of Antioch. He was imprisoned and later executed for his beliefs.

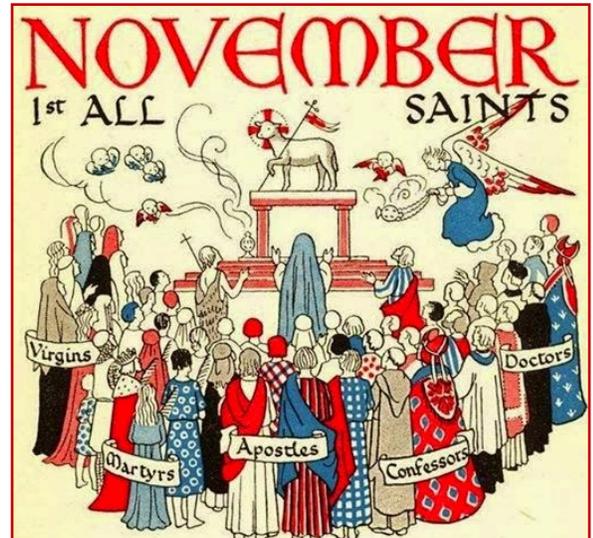
Finally on the (29th), we remember, Noah, a familiar name to all, whose story is found in Genesis chapter 6. He is remembered for his faith and bringing us the promise of God's covenant to his children.

According to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the origin of All Saints Day can't be traced with certainty, It's believed that it came from the feast of martyrs held on May 13 by the Eastern Church. This may have determined when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church to honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs in 609.

*Britannica* continues that evidence for the Nov. 1 date came under the reign of Pope Gregory III when he dedicated a chapel on November 1 to honor all Saints. In 837 Pope Gregory IV ordered its perpetual observance. In medieval England this day was known as All Hallows. It's also referred to as All Soul's Day and All Hallowtide. *Encyclopedia Britannica updated by Melissa Petruzzello*

### THE BABY

And this brings us to the last Sunday in November when when we leave Pentecost and move into Advent and the new Church year. This is the first season of the church and actually comes from the latin word, adventus, which means coming. We now prepare for the cele-



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bration of the birth of Jesus Christ and also for his second coming. Each week brings us closer to the most precious gift.

According to the Lutheran Church the color of the blue violet advent candles is a symbol of royalty in honor of the coming King. They bring each week a symbol that leads us to the fulfillment of God's promise. The circular green wreath represents eternal life. Nestled within the greenery are the advent candles.

The first candle has been referred to as the candle of **HOPE**. God will keep his promises. The second candle represents **PREPARATION** that Jesus will come to us. The third candle (pink) reminds us to **RE-**

**JOICE** that Jesus comes for all. The fourth candle reminds us of the **LOVE** that God has for the world. The fifth candle is **WHITE** and called the Christ candle representing the light and purity of Christ's birth on Christmas day.

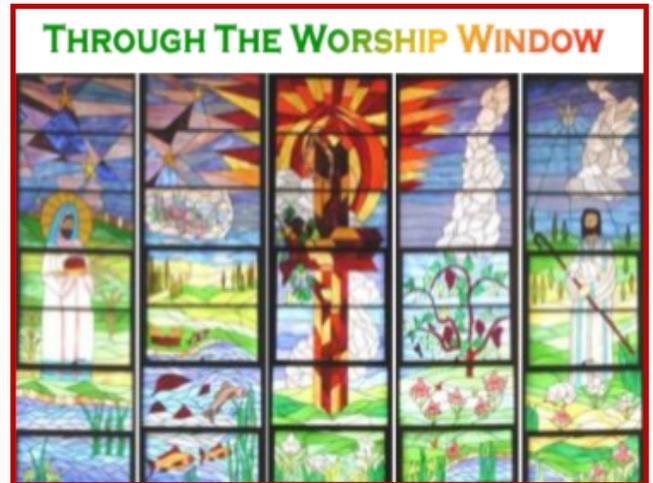
## ***PENECOST & ADVENT***

This period begins with All Saints' Day as November begins. Matthew introduces the Beatitudes; which are the "Blessed are they" statements of the Lord. Luke describes the analogy between marriage and resurrection to the Sadducees who do not believe in resurrection. Luke later tells us of Jesus' message regarding signs of the end of the age. As the period continues the crucifixion is mentioned. Interestingly the Thanksgiving Gospel is the parable of the ten cleansed lepers. This leads to the beginning of Advent.

The first readings begin with a visit to Revelation 7 that describes the great multitude assembled at the throne of God in Heaven. This is associated with All Saints' Day. In Exodus we read about Moses and the burning bush, where he is called to free the nation of Israel from Egypt. Next we are given an OT view of the Day of the Lord in end times, as recorded in the book of Malachi. The prophet also reminds us that we are expected to serve God.

Deuteronomy carries a reminder that we are expected to follow all the commands of God as Israel was reminded. This is the Thanksgiving message.

Advent is introduced with the message that was given to prophet Amos; with a look at the events of the last days. This includes both the dangers that will be faced and God's provision for the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.



**Arlen D. Besel– Worship**



## ***CONTENTMENT***

*This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.*

*Hebrews 10:19-25 - Therefore, brothers since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the*

new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Most of the places I've worked have had special entrances. You couldn't get into the building unless you had a computer card and waved it in front of the sensor. My young son called this the "magic card." It gave you special powers. You could open locked doors and go secret places nobody else could,

## Calling a Faithful Pastor

The Call Committee asks the congregation to join us by daily praying this prayer from the Lutheran Service Book page 306.  
— Mary Beth

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation (Our Redeemer) the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

go. He was so happy when I let him wave it, and the doors opened for him!

We're like that too as adults, aren't we? There are places we want to go—places our hearts yearn for—and we want to be in there. Even if we know that by rights we don't belong there, still, we want access. We want to be welcomed in. We want that magic card.

The writer of Hebrews talks about the "holy places." What does he mean? He is referring to the very presence of God, whether that's on earth in the ancient temple, now destroyed—or in heaven itself, in the reality of which the temple was a faint shadow. Our hearts want to go there. We want to be in God's presence, even though we know that in ourselves, we're not fit for it—we are broken, unclean, wanting in so many ways. But still we yearn. This is the God who made us, the God who is all-beautiful and all-glorious—the

God we are made for. To be with Him is life and joy and blessedness. We know it would stop the lonely ache that has been at the bottom of our hearts since forever.

But how could we stand before Him? How could we ever be welcome there, of all places?

In only one way—through the entrance Jesus made for us through His own body. That is the "curtain" the writer of Hebrews is describing—the one that was torn and broken on Good Friday, when Jesus opened the way to paradise for us. We come to the Father through Jesus, our entrance—and because of Him, we find welcome and forgiveness and joy.

**Arlen Besel—Ambassador**

## NEWS & NOTES

**LIFE**—Our Redeemer has begun collecting canned goods and food products for Lutheran Community Services. Donations will be delivered to the food pantry at St. Stephens prior to Thanksgiving. Items may be dropped off in the back of the church or in the church office during the week. Donation baskets are located in the narthex and on the table in the overflow room.

**SOUPER SUNDAY** — October 20th in conjunction with LIFE, LWML will collect canned soup on this day to be delivered to the food pantry.

**BUILD A BAG**—This important project seeks donations of disposable razors, and travel size tissues, hand sanitizer, and deodorants for toiletry kits as well as warm scarves and hats for both men and women. The group



has resumed making sleeping bags and toiletry kits for the homeless on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. No sewing skills are needed, just a willingness to help and serve the homeless in this community. There is a drop off box in the Narthex.—Mary Beth

### FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST



Ravioli, spaghetti, meatballs in sauce.  
Tuna, Chicken Fish  
Corned Beef Hash  
Ham and other canned meats  
Canned vegetables,  
Soup/Stew  
Beans  
Pasta, Crackers  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Cereal, Grits, Cereal bars, Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter  
Fruit Juice  
Dry or evaporated milk  
Baking mixes for pancakes, waffles  
Spices/soup packs; seasoned salt, cayenne pepper, chili powder, cumin, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, oregano, basil and no salt mixes.  
Dried meats  
Chocolate/baked goods/cookies or brownie mix  
Baby formula and bottles  
Dog/cat food; dry or canned



**LWML** —Our Redeemer will participate in the Holiday Quarter Auction at Faith Lutheran Church, Bear, DE on Sunday, Dec. 11. This event benefits A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center in its two locations (Wilmington & Middletown). LWML has agreed to a matching grant of \$2,500. Consider supporting this fundraiser and have fun winning some wonderful items in time for Christmas. —Kathy

**ORCHARD & PROPERTY BOARD CLEAN UP DAY** — We request your help in help cleaning up the Church Yard and Garden on Nov. 5. Work will be concentrated in the area around the parking lot and the ORCHARD garden.

The Garden event begins at 9 a.m. Pizza and beverage will be available for the workers. Rain date for finishing the garden is Nov. 12

The Property event begins at 11 a.m. Leaf rakes are limited, so bring your favorite rake from home. If you have a spare, you can bring it to share. The more rakes, the faster we can finish.

The fall cleanup work will continue until the job is finished. If you can only stay an hour—come late—or leave early, it doesn't matter. Any amount of time that you can help to beautify the church property is appreciated. —Robin & Bob



**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** — Books are always needed to restock the library at least once a month. We continue seek children's books for all ages as well as some adult novels and history books. It is not unusual to see neighborhood children and teens sifting through the library looking for a book. The word seems to have spread and the library is drawing new folks seeking books. If you need someone to pick up books at your house, Please contact Julie. Thank you for any help you can give. —Julie

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** —As you fall clean, please remember Orphan Grain Train. We need gently used clothing, household linens, blankets and bikes. Also wheelchairs, crutches and walkers. All items must be clean, in good repair and only gently used. OGT also accepts Bicycles, Curtains, tablecloths, blankets, towels, sewing fabric and supplies as well as cleaned children's toys in good condition and school supplies.—Ruth



**BRENNEN BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS**—Thank you to all who have purchased an item or donated to the event. Every donation made a huge difference to children with life challenges. Thank you for caring and touching lives of the children who received these gifts —Robin Billy



**THANK YOU!**

Dear Robin — I just wanted to let you know that we at Brennen really appreciate all that Our Redeemer Church contributed to the school. The teacher that came with me war, literally, goin to purchase one of these items out of her own pocket. Please send

us a copy of the pictures. We would like to post it on Facebook and will pin the church so that families can see where the gifts came from. Thank you so much again—*Jeanne*

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## **THANK YOU!**

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*(From the Tedla family) —The Kindness of others is a genuine reflection of the Kindness of God* “We appreciate all of the love, support and prayers sent our way and God will be with us every step. Rebecca, Eden and Noah. The Lord bless you because you have show this kindness. II *Samuel* 2:5

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## **LUTHERANS OUT & ABOUT**

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**LUTERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY**—It’s been a great fall term so far, including a weekend retreat together with other campus ministries to Ocean City, Maryland, in late September; tasty Tuesday dinners each week, followed by evening worship and deep discussions of Scripture and faith; and a fun pumpkin-picking outing to a Pennsylvania farm! *(Please see photo from the latter below.)*



If you’d like to join with friends from your congregation to provide a Tuesday dinner later this term or during spring semester, please visit our LCM web page at <https://lcmde.org/bring-a-tuesday-dinner> to view available dates. You may also contact me at the email address below to confirm a date and obtain details. It’s a wonderful chance to interact with students!

Out of an abundance of caution, LCM will not host an in-person fundraiser this fall. Our current hope is to host another online event in late winter and to resume in-person events this time next year. Your support and contributions continue to bless our ministry, whether through your prayers, volunteering, and/or financial gifts. If you’d like to donate a turkey for our FISH (*Fellowship in Serving the Hungry*) families this month, please contact me for details.

We invite your continued prayers for the LCM students for good health, focused study, growth in faith, and spiritual and emotional resilience. Please also pray blessings for our new Office Administrator, Jared Sharpe, who will serve for this academic year. May God bless you and your loved ones with joy, hope, and gratitude in this Thanksgiving season!

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service †  
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## **SAVE THE DATE**

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- November 1**—All Saints Day
- November 5**—Yard & Orchard Cleanup Day beginning 9 a.m.
- November 6**—All Saints Sunday
- November 8**— Build a Bag 10 a.m.
- November 11**—Veterans Day
- November 12** —Rain date for Yard & Orchard Cleanup Day beginning 9 a.m.
- November 14**—CHECA 7 p.m.
- November 15**— Build a Bay 10 a.m.  
—Church Council 7 p.m.
- November 20** —Souper Sunday, Communion Pastor Peter Mueller
- November 22** —Build a Bay 10 a.m.
- November 25** —Thanksgiving/Office Closed
- November 27**— First Sunday in Advent
- November 29**— Build a Bay 10 a.m.
- December 4**—Greening of the Church after Service.
- December 6**—Build a Bag 10 a.m.



**3 Dennis Boon**

**5 Tammy Cannatelli**

**17 Mitzi Steltz**

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## ***CHURCH CHUCKLES***

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**FROM:** <https://churchtechtoday.com/7-clean-hilarious-church-jokes/>

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

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Where was Solomon's temple located? – On the side of his head. Duh!

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What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Answer: He was Ruthless.

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During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

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## ***CHURCH CHUCKLES (For the little ones)***

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How do trees get on the internet? They log on!

What do farmers wear under their shir when they are cold? A har-vest!

How do you fixt a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin parch!

What kind of key cannot open a locked door? A tur-key!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SERVING</b> Guest Pastor Organists Julie Hockersmith David Rash 		<b>Announcement Deadline</b> <b>Build-A-Bag 10 a.m.</b>	2	<b>Winkle 10 a.m.</b> (Circuit pastor meeting)		<b>Garden Cleanup</b> <b>&amp; Churl Yard Cleanup</b> <b>Beginning 9 a.m.</b>
<b>Worship—Communion</b> <b>Divine 1, 10 am</b> <b>Guest Pastor</b>	7	<b>Announcement Deadline</b> <b>Build-A-Bag 10 a.m.</b>	9	10	<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>Rain date for Garden</b> <b>clean up Beginning 9</b> <b>a.m.</b>
<b>Worship</b> <b>Divine 1, 10 am</b> <b>Guest Pastor</b> 	<b>CHECA Meeting 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Announcement Deadline</b> <b>Build-A-Bag 10 a.m.</b> <b>Church Council 7 p.m.</b> <b>Zoom</b>	16	17	18	19
<b>Worship</b> <b>Divine 1, 10 am</b> <b>Guest Pastor Peter Mueller</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	21	<b>Announcement Deadline</b> <b>Build-A-Bag 10 a.m.</b>	23	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	25	26
<b>Worship, 10 am</b> <b>Guest Pastor</b> <b>ADVENT BEGINS</b>	28	<b>Announcement Deadline</b> <b>Build-A-Bag 10 a.m.</b>	30	<b>LECTORS</b> 11/6 Sarah Tackitt 11/13 Bob Cooley 11/20 Arlen Besel 11/27 Kevin Gerzevske	<b>STREAMING</b> 11/6 S&E Dibenedetto 11/13 11/20 11/27	<b>USHERS</b> Arlen Besel Dennis Boon Jim Rose

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# NOVEMBER BIBLE READINGS

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1 Exodus 15:1-18  
Hosea 8-10

2 Psalm 122  
Hosea 11-14

3 Psalm 123  
Joel

4 Psalm 124  
Amos 1-5

5 Psalm 125  
Amos 6-9

6 Psalm 126  
Obadiah, Jonah

7 Psalm 127  
Micah 1-3

8 Psalm 128  
Micah 4-7

9 Psalm 129  
Nahum

10 Psalm 130  
Habakkuk

11 Psalm 131  
Zephaniah

12 Psalm 132  
Haggai

13 Psalm 133  
Zechariah 1-5

14 Psalm 134  
Zechariah 6-10

15 Psalm 135  
Zechariah 11-14

16 Psalm 136  
Malachi



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17 Psalm 137  
Matthew 1-2

18 Psalm 138  
Matthew 3-4

19 Psalm 139  
Matthew 5-6

20 Psalm 140  
Matthew 7-8

21 Psalm 141  
Matthew 9-10

22 Psalm 142  
Matthew 11-12

23 Psalm 143  
Matthew 13-14

24 Psalm 144  
Matthew 15-16

25 Psalm 145  
Matthew 17-18

26 Psalm 146  
Matthew 19-20

27 Psalm 147  
Matthew 21-22

28 Psalm 148  
Matthew 23-24

29 Psalm 149-150  
Matthew 25-26

30 Exodus 15:1-18  
Matthew 27-28