



### **October Wraps Up with a Bang**

It will be a busy final weekend in October, as we participate in Henry Night Out, gather for an Oktoberfest party, celebrate Reformation Sunday, and observe Halloween. Join us as we serve and celebrate! Be sure to keep an eye on your email for our weekly updates for more information on upcoming events.

### **Food Box Ministry**

Preparations for our Thanksgiving Food Box Ministry are in full swing. Please take a shopping list (or two or three for that matter) from the turkey display in the narthex. You can place purchased food items in the sanctuary. We will distribute the boxes on Saturday, November 20th. Please see Mary Beth for volunteer opportunities and assignments.

### **Silent Auction**

The annual silent auction will be held on November 6 and 13. You can start dropping off auction items now. There is always a wonderful array of items. All proceeds go to fund our children's Christmas craft celebration.

### **All Saints Sunday**

On November 6, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. Prior to worship, you will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have gone on before us. We will also receive new members that day.

### **Nominating Team Continues Work**

Our nominating team is working to secure candidates for church council to be elected at our annual meeting on December 4, 2022. If you are approached by a member of the nominating team, please prayerfully consider serving on the council. This is a vital ministry at an important time for our church.

### **Advent Begins**

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th, marking the time in which we turn attention to preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus, both as an infant at Christmas, and at the fulfillment of time. Beginning on Wednesday, November 29, we will gather at 7:00 pm for a service of Evening Prayer. Please make plans to join us on both Sundays and Wednesdays for worship during this holy season.

### **Pastor Vacation Days**

Pastor Robb will be taking the week of Thanksgiving (November 21-26) off to spend time with family before the busy Advent and Christmas seasons. He will return on Sunday, November 27, in time to celebrate the first Divine Service of the new church year.

## **Personal Care Kits**

Thank you to all who assisted with the collection and assembly of 54 personal care kits. With help from a Thrivent grant, the kits were mailed to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. At least \$70 has been collected to help send the kits to their final destination. These kits will be given to refugees and victims of disasters to help them stay clean and healthy.

## **German Partnership Update**

Our partner church in Augsburg, Auferstehungskirche installed a new pastor on Sunday, October 16th. Please keep Pfarrar Mona Boehm and the congregation in your prayers as they move forward into a new chapter of their church life.

## **A Note From Pastor Robb**

This is my favorite time of the year. I recently joked with Mary Beth that I tolerate January through September just so I can revel in October through December. I enjoy the cool weather and changing landscapes. Even as an adult, I have a lot of fun celebrating Halloween. Dory and I recently dressed up and attended a viewing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Ezel and I love handing out candy to the kids in our neighborhood. There's Reformation Day, when we remember the call to reform the church. There's the focus on family that comes with Thanksgiving, which also brings our obligation to service to the forefront as we minister to those in need through our food box ministry. There's Advent, my favorite season of the church year, that quiet respite from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the world and its frenetic pace as it prepares for a commercially successful Christmas. And of course, there is the Divine Service of Christmas Eve with its traditional readings and carols that remind us of the stubborn beauty of hope.

As I age, I find myself growing contemplative during this time of year. Even in the midst of celebration, I find an interior silence that calls to me. Maybe it is the fact that the days grow short and darkness lingers. Maybe it is the fact that, in the past years, October, November, and December have brought many losses of family members: a brother, a sister, my mother, my beloved grandparents. I think of them often, but my thoughts turn to them with more frequency and intensity this time of year.

There may be something more to this tendency than personal history. Cultures that had no real connection with one another ritualize their dead in different ways this time of year. The pre-Christian Celts celebrated Samhain. The final days of the harvest and the approach of winter provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Many of our Halloween traditions are linked to this ancient festival.

In Mexico, they celebrate the Day of the Dead. Scholars trace the origins of the modern Mexican holiday to indigenous observances dating back hundreds of years and to an Aztec festival. Family and friends gather to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. Far from a day of sadness, it is a day of celebration. Families build private altars called ofrendas, honor the deceased using sugar skulls, aztec marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, and by visiting graves with these gifts.

This desire to know and honor those have gone before us is inscribed deep in the human heart. The church in her wisdom has recognized this natural impulse, so we get three days called All Hallows-tide. It consists of October 31 (All Hallows' Eve), November 1 (All Saints' Day), and November 2 (All Souls' Day). Modern liturgical practice tends to collapse all three of these days into All Saints' Sunday, which we will observe at the church on November 6, but I believe there is some wisdom and benefit to observing all three of these days, even if done unofficially.

Perhaps for you that means telling stories to a new generation about those they might have never met. Maybe it means taking time to visit the grave of a loved one, or to set out some fresh flowers and dust off the pictures of loved ones in your home. It could be a simple prayer, thanking God for the gift of loved ones in our lives, and for the promise of the communion of saints and the resurrection of the dead that we profess each week in the Creed.

For me it will be a fire in the fire pit that will burn as I hand out candy to the kids in my neighborhood, remembering those people that I have entrusted to the Light of the World, those I hope to one day rejoin in God's loving embrace.

Happy Fall, y'all!

Peace,  
Pr Robb



## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **November 1 All Saints Day**

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

### **November 3 Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639**

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

### **November 7 John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

### **November 11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

### **Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

### **November 17 Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231**

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

### **November 23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

### **November 23 Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

## Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

### **November 24 Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America**

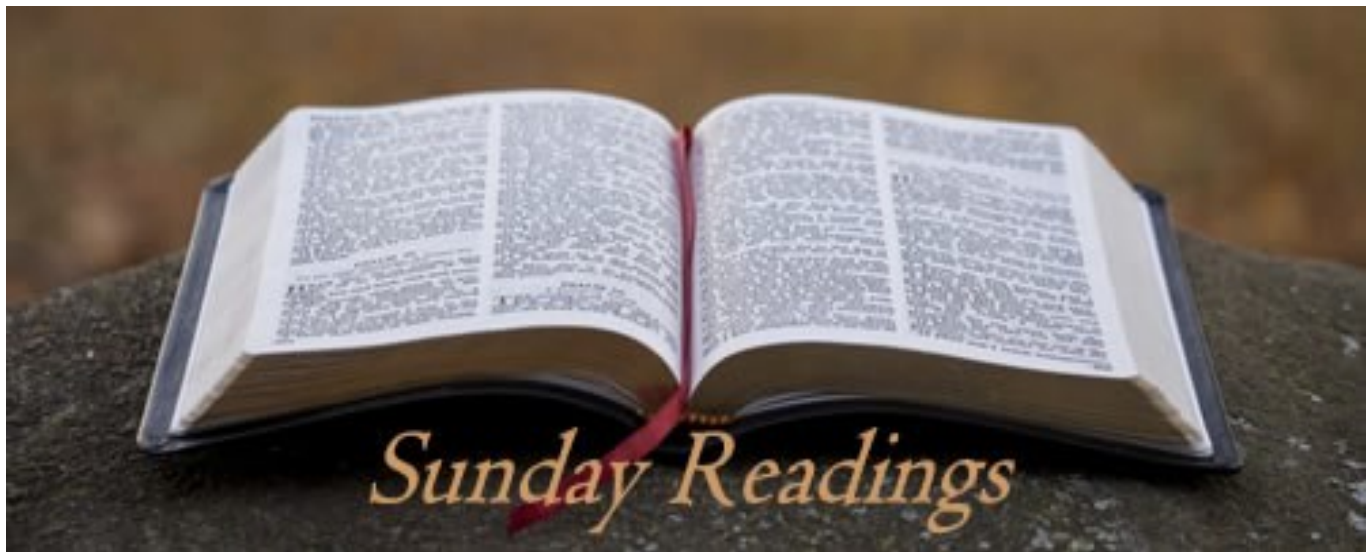
Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

### **November 25 Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

### **November 30 Andrew, Apostle**

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.



#### **November 6**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

#### **November 13**

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

#### **November 20**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

#### **November 27**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

## November 2022 Sunday Servants

### November 6

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### November 13

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### November 20

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### November 27

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

## December 2022 Sunday Servants

### December 4

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### December 11

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### December 18

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### December 25

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace



# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please pray for:**

Erin Lannin

Ron and Chong Brauer

Joyce Smalley

Angelina DeWent

Stephanie Joyner

Mike Scott

Freddie Clark

Charlotte Baldwin

Judy Jenkins

James Taylor

Nilgul Taylor

Laura King

Bill Maloy

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						29
						AA 9 am
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	Al-Anon 12 pm					AA 9 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am <b>Silent Auction</b>	Al-Anon 12 pm					AA 9 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am <b>All food and monetary gifts due for food boxes</b>	Al-Anon 12 pm			Gathering 11 am		AA 9 am <b>Thanksgiving boxes workers 8:30am bring turkeys by 10 pick-up boxes 10-12</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	Al-Anon 12 pm  Deadline for newsletter submissions					AA 9 am
<b>Pastor Robb on vacation (November 21-26).</b>						
27	28	29	30			
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	Al-Anon 12 pm		Advent Service 7pm <i>In person and on line</i>			