



Blessed
are the poor *in* spirit,
for theirs
is the
kingdom *of* heaven.

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Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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November 2, 2025



As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- ◆ According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- ◆ When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

WORSHIP THEME:

The Promise of heaven gives stamina to God's saints

OPENING HYMN: **# 867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near** (vs.1-4)

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (from John's vision of heaven in Revelation 7 and 14:13)

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: [Luke 6:20-23](#)

SUNG RESPONSE: [#884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See](#)

SECOND LESSON: [Revelation 21:1-7](#)

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SERMON HYMN: [#892 By All Your Saints Still Striving](#) (vs.1, 4, 3)

SERMON TEXT: [Hebrews 11:32-40](#)

THEME: It's not easy being a Saint

OFFERING /OFFERTORY: [There Is a Higher Throne](#) (Pastor)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: [#880 For All the Saints](#) (vs.1-8)

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center of the tray.

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: [#889 Jerusalem the Golden](#) (vs.1-3)

CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP



Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or QR Code on the left if you prefer to use that. Please fill out any information and submit.

THE OFFERING

Dear guests, we're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.

If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by using the QR Code on the right or download our App, which is available at any app store. Those that give digitally can place the "Give" cards in the plate during the offering.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY STUDY: WELS 175 YEAR ANNIVERSARY: In the early 1900's our synod endured several internal and external shocks: WWI, the Great Depression (which resulted in mounting debt), and the Protestant's Controversy. In his grace God carried us through these trials and kept us focused on his Word.

ZOOM STUDY—QUICK TO LISTEN: Next Week's Topic: How does God help us overcome temptations? Join us Thursday's online @ 7pm.

TEENS SUPPORTING TEENS: Teen Group is collecting gift cards/money to send to our college aged members. Place gift cards or money in the box designated in the narthex or you can Give under Teen Group—College Aged Gift Cards online. Collecting until **November 16th**. Thanks in advance for your support.



INTERFAITH FOOD SHELF: Now through Thanksgiving we will gather non-perishable goods or dried food. There is a cart for donations on your way to the fellowship hall.

- EVENT: Volunteer with simple manual tasks on **Saturday, Nov 22 from 12-2:30pm** Sign-up on the group life board or App. <https://vhub.at/AscensionLutheran>

FALL CRAFT DAY: **Nov. 8th 10am-4pm** Materials will be available for a fall themed craft, along with knitting/crochet and greeting cards materials. Come and go as you please. Lunch served at noon. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Contact Sarah Menough 507-581-6651 or Suzie Kranz 612-710-5093.

WEST LUTHERAN EVENTS:

- Fall Play: Ken Ludwig's *Treasure Island* Showtime's- 10/30 10am, 10/31 & 11/1 7pm, 11/2 2pm
- Cosmic Pickleball: **Nov. 15** Get a partner and register for this fun event. More information is on West's bulletin board.
- Band Fest: We are looking for host families to house students **March 19- 22**. Scan QR to fill out the interest form.



MLC JOB OPENINGS: Accepting applications for a regular part-time **Early Childhood Assistant Teacher** and **Early Childhood Substitute Teachers**. Apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

- † Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- † AV Team
- † Serving: Flock #1 Tim Russow