

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 4, 2018**



**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worshiping with us today. We pray that you find strength, security, and fellowship with God and with one another. If you are a first time visitor, we invite you to complete a CARE card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. While you are here with us, please make yourself at home! If you have any questions about Nativity or its ministries, please contact the Church Office at 684-0352.

**PRELUDE**

“It Is Well With My Soul”

arr. Mark Hayes

**LITANY FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...God of the ages,

**C: we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, and who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow God’s path. Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do. Thank you, God, for the gift of your saints. Amen.**

P: God of all time,

We praise you for all your servants,  
Who have done justice, loved mercy,  
And walked humbly with their God.  
For all those who have faithfully served you,  
Witnessed proudly, and died in the faith,  
Who are still shining lights in the world,  
We praise you, O God.

You are the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and Miriam.

You are the God of Joshua and Deborah, of Ruth and David.

You are the God of the Old Testament priests and prophets.

You are the God of the New Testament apostles and martyrs.

You are the God of our mothers and fathers, the God of our children,  
and the God of all people through all the generations.

Together with them, all your own, in time and in eternity, our voices join as one, trusting in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, we praise you, O God.

<i>Rose Baker</i>	<i>Kathleen Gragg</i>
<i>Henk Colijn</i>	<i>Cherie Merrick</i>
<i>Ann Friedrichs</i>	<i>Thelma Nesbitt</i>
<i>Myrle Gengler</i>	

P: We thank you for people who have served as saints in our own lives – parents, mentors, extended family, and friends who have walked with us in Christian love.

<i>Irene Balan</i>	<i>Shane Kluttz</i>	<i>Madeline Sailor Shook</i>
<i>Gregg Belknap</i>	<i>Edwin Kohler</i>	<i>Bernice Simon</i>
<i>Janie Belue</i>	<i>Helen Locotosh</i>	<i>Sylvan Simon</i>
<i>Nonnie Booher</i>	<i>Rose Mallinger</i>	<i>Logan Sink</i>
<i>Curmitt Cagle</i>	<i>Nan May</i>	<i>Ann Sizemore</i>
<i>Joan Cagle</i>	<i>Ruth McGuffin</i>	<i>Pam Sizemore</i>
<i>Rick Cagle</i>	<i>Steven Morgan</i>	<i>John Herbert Southern</i>
<i>Ron Calderone</i>	<i>Nancy Morris</i>	<i>Jean Staehli</i>
<i>Grandma Dorothy</i>	<i>Alma Neal</i>	<i>Daniel Stein</i>
<i>Tim Driscoll</i>	<i>Greg Novack</i>	<i>Joanne Stine</i>
<i>Russell Duffner</i>	<i>Susan Nyman</i>	<i>Dorothy Trexler</i>
<i>Mykaela Grace Fellure</i>	<i>Joyce Pope</i>	<i>Gene Voth</i>
<i>Joyce Fienberg</i>	<i>Jerry Rabinowitz</i>	<i>Ralph Wallace</i>
<i>Leta Gatlin</i>	<i>Dale Rasmussen</i>	<i>Melvin Wax</i>
<i>Tim Glenham</i>	<i>Tucker Revis</i>	<i>Dan Weaver</i>
<i>Richard Gottfried</i>	<i>Madea Rhene</i>	<i>Timothy Whitmire</i>
<i>Jeff Grush</i>	<i>Cecil Rosenthal</i>	<i>James Winburn</i>
<i>Jeannie Keyser</i>	<i>David Rosenthal</i>	<i>Irving Younger</i>

P: We also lift the names and lives of those who are dear to us, remembering them aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*The names of other saints are offered by the congregation.*

P: Finally, we remember with thanksgiving saints alive today who continue to touch our lives and enrich our faith journeys. We rejoice that God's unconditional love is born witness in the lives of God's people.

**C: Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## “Now the Feast”

## ELW 167

*Refrain*

Now the feast and celebration,  
 all of creation sings for joy  
 to the God of life and love and freedom;  
 praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
 whose blood has freed and united us  
 to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
 all honor and glory  
 to Christ forever. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us,  
 to make us people of God;  
 to make all things new. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Almighty God,

C: **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE, BLESSING OF THE QUILTS, CHILDREN’S WORD TIME

## FIRST READING

## Isaiah 25:6-9

“On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 21:1-6a

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia,      al-le-lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we

go?      You have the words of e - ter - nal

life.      Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Rachel Hoffman

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## “For All the Saints”

ELW 422

3        Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
          we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
          yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!

4        And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
          steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
          and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!

5        The golden evening brightens in the west;  
          soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
          sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!

6        But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
          The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
          the King of glory passes on his way.  
          Alleluia! Alleluia!

7        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!

## COMMITMENT CARD OFFERING

### NICENE CREED

A: We are gathered by God into one Church, through Christ. Together with sisters and brothers throughout the world, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the <sup>†</sup> resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

A: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Each petition concludes with:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING MUSIC

8:30am

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

William Bradley Roberts

11:00am

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW 502

### Choir

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

### All

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

### Men

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

### Women

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.

### a cappella

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

### All

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

## OFFERTORY

## “As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

### *Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.

### *Refrain*

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love.

### *Refrain*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray...Merciful God,

**C:** everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

*Presider:* right to give God thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

ELW 191

Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
☩ Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your unending rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

[The Words of Institution are spoken here]

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes in glory.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again into the world.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and flow forth to your whole creation.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we have eternal life, Jesus, the Christ. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Father as we pray:

C: **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.**

## INVITATION PRAYER

P: Renew our lives in the breaking of this bread, O Lord, and make us one with you at this table where all are welcome.

C: **Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. To receive the bread and the wine, simply hold out your hands. If you prefer gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please hold out one finger to indicate your preference to the minister, then hold out your hand to receive. If you choose not to commune, but desire to receive a spoken blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

ELW 628

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
no grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks  
continually are green;  
there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs  
as nowhere else are seen.

### “Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 423

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

#### *Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit  
and evermore do spring;  
there evermore the angels sit  
and evermore do sing.
- 5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
God grant that I may see  
thine endless joy, and of the same  
partaker ever be!

- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.  
*Refrain*

- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
thanks be to you forever!
- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!

Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray ... Holy and compassionate God,  
**C: in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God,  
Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Proclaim this good news to the world!  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	The Rev. Gregg Hoffman	The Rev. Gregg Hoffman
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carolyn Anderson	Carolyn Anderson
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Alan Van Ostenbridge	Jenny Feid
<b>Children's Word Time</b>	Pastor Gregg	Pastor Gregg
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eleanor Hammack	Jack Rheney
<b>Crucifer</b>	Graham Grush	Luke Rheney
<b>Reader</b>	Krista Fox	Jan Johnson
<b>Eucharist Presenter</b>	Ann Dasher, Kari Schoening	Jim and Elsie White
<b>Ushers</b>	Phillips family	Kent Oehm, Tim Grooman Colleen Calderone
<b>Greeters</b>	Misty Turbeville, Terry Agner	Liz Bond
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Staff	Staff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Madison	Linda Blake
	Terry Van Ostenbridge	Karen Grooman

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of all the saints who have gone before us.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR NOVEMBER** is given by **Jane Ehlers** in memory of her husband Ed, and her son Steve.

# + learn

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**FAITH FORMATION** We hope you'll join us on Sunday mornings between worship services, from 9:40 to 10:40, to learn and grow in faith. This year, we have 7 classes: **4K & Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade, 7th-8th-9th Grade, Confirmed Youth, and Adults.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK** beginning on November 4.

<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 12:28-34
<b>Monday</b>	Deuteronomy 6:1-9
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hebrews 9:11-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Leviticus 19:1-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Romans 13:8-14
<b>Friday</b>	James 2:1-13
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalm 119:1-8
<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 12:38-44

**TAKING FAITH HOME**  
This weekly devotional handout is available on the Welcome Desk. "Taking Faith Home" is a production of Milestones Ministry, LLC, and is created by a team led by an ELCA Pastor.

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### IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY WE NAME:

- ❖ Nativity members who are in need of healing: **Linda Adelsberg, Wanda Bond, Bob Burkhardt, Wanda Burkhardt, Deb Chang, Corinne Feid, Patricia Hahn, Max Hall, Bill Hamilton, Judy Hoemann, Sue Jacklin, Don Knapp, Fay Kohn, Dana Kropf, Nick Kropf, JC Nesbitt, Peggy Oehm, Evelyn Ridenhour, Chris Scronce, Ruth Tracy, Duane Tuttle, Brian Warnicke.**
- ❖ Nativity members in care facilities: **Dot Carpenter, Ann Colijn, Edna Franklin, Norma Grafing, Dick Horner, Joyce Horner, Marydine Lamb, Lee Lindeman-Stuenkel, Margaret Patterson.**

**NATIVITY'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on **Thursday, November 15 at 2PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The book for the month is *From Sand and Ash* by Amy Harmon. All are welcome to attend and discuss this book. The **December** meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be on **Thursday, December 6 at 2PM** at the Ivory Road Restaurant on route 191, just north of the Long Shoals intersection with Rt. 191. We will enjoy an English Tea as we discuss *Love Without Limits* by Jacqueline Bussie. Reservations are necessary to have enough places and food for everyone. The cost of the tea is \$20. You may attend and not purchase the tea, but you must still let us know if you are planning to attend by November 15. Call **Peggy Oehm**, 828.964.2656 or **Linda Blake**, 684-8378.

## + give

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**TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY** During worship, we will all be invited to bring forward our Commitment Cards indicating our intentions for giving in 2019. We invite you to pray for Nativity, our ministries, our goals, and our desire to respond to God's grace by **Growing in Faith, Growing in Service**. We invite you to pray about your giving and how God is leading you to respond. We are excited by the opportunities that God has set before us in 2019. We hope that you share that excitement and that you will join us in Making Christ Known in 2019.

**QUILT BLESSING TODAY** Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. That's the feeling we share with a Lutheran World Relief Quilt. Today, we're blessing 88 LWR quilts made this year by our Nativity Quilters, which will then be packed and sent around the world to our neighbors in need (last year's quilts were sent to Armenia). First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. We say a special thank you to our Nativity Quilters who are dedicated to this important ministry: **Ann Dasher, Princess Ferguson, Ann Harvey, Sue Jacklin, Renee Park, Brenta Poole, Nancy Rehan and Jean Zabel.**

**CALVARY FOOD PANTRY** is preparing for colder weather and upcoming holidays. You can be part of the helping team by volunteering; donating food, funds, or hygiene items; praying for this ministry; or sharing information with friends in need or who want to help. **Holiday Meals:** Turkeys, hams, and holiday trimmings will be distributed November 17 and again near Christmas. CFP is open every Saturday 8:30-11 a.m. **Special requests:** instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy, baking supplies, soup & chili mixes or cream soups, coffee / tea bags, crunchy peanut butter, canned yams and pumpkin. Thank you for helping!

**THANKSGIVING TURKEYS** For the past several years the Calvary Episcopal Food Pantry has provided the makings of a Thanksgiving meal to approximately 200 families. This includes a turkey or ham and all the sides that are part of a traditional meal. The cost is approximately \$15.00 per family. Please help us continue this tradition by donating to feed one or more families. **Remember that every \$15.00 allows a family to celebrate Thanksgiving**, perhaps not possible without your donation. Hopefully through your generosity there will be enough to do the same for Christmas, something we have not always been able to do. You can drop your donation in the offering plate. **Checks should be made out to Nativity and note “turkeys” in the memo line.**

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**THE NATIVITY WOMEN** will meet for Bible study, lunch, and fellowship on **Thursday, November 8 at 11:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch and join in the conversation about the woman at the well as found in John 4:7-42. We will discover how the Messiah can turn our messes into messages. All women are welcome to attend.

**THE NATIVITY CARD MINISTRY** will meet on **Thursday, November 8 at 12:30PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Men and women are welcome to come and help make cards for our members on the prayer list. The card is different each month but is easy to assemble.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will next meet in **January 2019**. Watch for the announcement in January's e-news.

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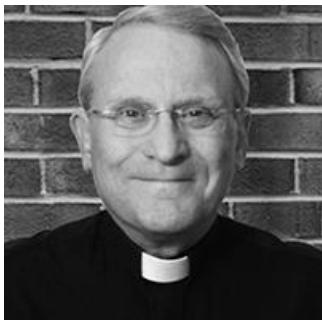
**THANK YOU** On behalf of the teachers, parents, and students at Nativity Preschool and Kindergarten I want to express our heartfelt thank you for supporting our scholarship fundraiser. On a personal note, it was a pleasure worshiping with the congregation and meeting people who are an integral part of the overall success of our program. We not only share a common space, but NPK Sunday and the support for our program is a testimony to how we share a common belief in Christ and ensuring a loving environment for all of the children who attend NPK.

We raised **over \$4,000** for our scholarship fund, and also received an **anonymous donation of \$10,000** to develop a nature/music based playground for our toddlers and 2's. Thank you for all you do and we look forward to continuing to build upon this relationship.

-Michael Natarella, Director

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We are excited to announce that **Pastor George Tuttle** of the Maryland/Delaware Synod will be joining Nativity to serve as our new Interim Senior Pastor beginning December 1st.

The Rev. George Tuttle is a native of Ohio. He grew up in the city of Mentor along the shores of Lake Erie where he enjoyed fishing, boating and camping with his family. He studied piano throughout his youth and into college. While in high school he played the organ at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Chesterland, Ohio. During this time, he discerned that serving the church was his calling.

In preparing for ordained ministry he attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in 1975. He graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1979 with a Master of Divinity degree.

Pastor George has spent his entire ministry in Maryland, serving St. Paul's of Curtis Bay, then as Senior Pastor of Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Northeast Baltimore City and finally 19 years as the Pastor of St. Mark's, Hampstead.

Searching for a way to serve the church in the closing years of his career, Pastor George was trained as an Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist in 2013. He was the Interim Senior Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church of Sweet Air, located in Phoenix, MD. There he led the congregation through a Re-Focusing Process which resulted in the crafting of a Strategic Ministry Plan. Most recently, he served as Interim Senior Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Linthicum Heights, MD.

He was married to Donaleigh Sheehan in January of 2017. Together, they rejoice in being newlyweds for the second time. The couple enjoy traveling and boating in their spare time. In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor George has been a certified ice hockey referee for the past ten years.

He comes to Nativity to lead the congregation in the discovery of a new future and is excited and enthusiastic about being with us as the Interim Senior Pastor.

**NATIVITY'S CONGREGATION MEETING**  
is scheduled for **Sunday, November 11** between services at  
**9:40AM** in the Sanctuary.

**ACTION ITEM:** Approval of 2019 Budget.

*The proposed 2019 Budget is available in the e-news or at the Welcome Desk. We encourage everyone to attend!*

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(FH = Fellowship Hall; PSB = Preschool Big Room; M = Modular)

## **SUNDAY (11/4)**

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

8:30AM    Holy Communion  
9:40AM    Faith Formation  
11:00AM    Holy Communion  
4:30PM    Youth Choir  
5:30PM    Youth Dinner –  
                  *Suess and Fenters families*  
6:05PM    Youth Group

## **MONDAY (11/5)**

6:30PM    Wondering Women  
6:30PM    ESL (M)

## **TUESDAY (11/6)**

### **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

### **NPK CLOSED**

7:00PM    Troop 8 Committee Mtg (M)

## **WEDNESDAY (11/7)**

10:00AM    Bible Study  
1:30PM    Nativity Quilters  
7:00PM    Nativity Choir Rehearsal  
7:00PM    AA Meeting

## **THURSDAY (11/8)**

7:00PM    Eagle Board Review (M)  
7:00PM    Boy Scout Troop 8

## **FRIDAY (11/9)**

Church Office Closed

## **SATURDAY (11/10)**

8:30AM    Calvary Food Pantry

## **SUNDAY (11/11)**

### **VETERAN'S DAY**

8:30AM    Holy Communion  
9:40AM    Congregation Budget Meeting  
11:00AM    Holy Communion  
4:00PM    Young Youth Choir  
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5:30PM    Youth Dinner – *Dieterly, Baylor and Gillis families*  
6:05PM    Youth Group

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