Cross of Grace Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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All Saints Sunday



Welcome Guests! We are glad you're here. Please fill out the Grace Notes insert in your bulletin to help us get to know you better and to get connected with more of what we're up to in the days ahead.

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All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

GATHERING SONG **"Ever Be"**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of – or as invitation to – their baptism.

A LITANY IN MEMORY OF ALL THE SAINTS AND OF THOSE WE KNOW BY NAME

OPENING SONG **"Revelation Song"**

SERVICE FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEW PARTNERS IN MISSION

THE APOSTLES' CREED
A way of saying, briefly, what we believe as a community at Cross of Grace and as members of the Christian Church in the world. The word "catholic" here means "universal" or "all-encompassing," not Roman Catholic, in particular. We celebrate our calling to be one with God's Church in every way.

P: Together, we confess the faith we have in common:
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Having declared your shared faith in the same God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – with the brothers and sisters in Christ gathered here, is it now your intention to join together with them also in the mission and ministry of this congregation, Cross of Grace Lutheran Church?

R: Yes, by the grace of God.

P: Will you strive to do the work of the kingdom in the bond of unity and love, both in the life of this congregation and in the work of the Church in the world?

R: Yes, by the grace of God.

A: As the people of Cross of Grace Lutheran Church, we are a community of believers called together by God in the name of Jesus Christ. Because of a commitment to service in God's name we strive, as individuals and as a family of faith to **GROW** by studying God's word, to **SHARE** our financial resources in gratitude for God's blessings to us, to **TELL** others about the God whom we confess, to **PRAY** daily, to **WORSHIP** regularly and to **GIVE** of our time and abilities for the sake of the kingdom among us.

P: Will you accept the rights and privileges of membership in this congregation, participating fully as a Partner in Mission in its deliberations and ministry?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

FIRST READING **Revelation 7:9-17** (p. 999)

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asian Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

SECOND READING **1 John 3:1-3** (p. 990)

A saint is one who had been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

CHILDREN'S SERMON "The Box" **Scout Ehle**

"The Box" is our way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through children – in worship. Each week a child brings "The Box" with a surprise for us to share. We never know what is inside, but we trust God always has something to teach us through the gifts that children bring. ***The child who brings The Box to worship, is also invited to help hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward right after the Lord's Prayer.***

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
While children are welcome to stay in worship, they are also welcome to join other kids and adult leaders in the Fellowship Room for a time of learning and fun, just for them, so parents can focus on the sermon in a way most kids don't care to. Kids return during the Congregational Song.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 5:1-12** (p. 785)

SERMON **Pastor Mark**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG **"All the People Said Amen"**

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR COLETTE ANN BLACKMON

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with Christ and with God's people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?
R: We do.

P: In Christian love you have presented Colette for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she will learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?
R: We do.

P: Parents and sponsors, do you promise to nurture Colette in the Christian faith as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and help her to live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
R: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Colette, praying for her and for her new life in Christ?
C: We do.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are baptized here may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

C: Amen.

P: Colette Ann Blackmon, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Saydie: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. And look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gifts you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for her. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may share eternally the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Anointing with Oil *(After each petition, the candidate is marked with oil.)*

P: May the wisdom of God always be in your thoughts.
May the words of Christ always be on your lips.
May the peace of Christ dwell in your heart forever.
May the work of Christ always be within your reach.
May your feet carry you and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

P: Colette Ann Blackmon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Amen

P: Through baptism God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

OFFERING

Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At Cross of Grace our offering is a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you choose to share an offering, we thank you for your generosity and trust you'll be blessed by your giving. Use the QR code here if you'd like to give via our website.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks for the meal and hear the "Words of Institution" – the same words Jesus shared with his disciples when he prayed at the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND SHARING OF THE MEAL

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **"Soon and Very Soon"**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GRACE

Sunday, November 1

- Fair Trade Coffee Baskets – 12:00 p.m.
- Mahjong @ The Preserve – 2:00 p.m.
- Bells of Grace – 5:30 p.m.
- HS Youth Group – 6:00 p.m.
- Alleluia Ringers – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2

- Men's Sermon Talk – 12:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
- Giving the Sense – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

- Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

- Groceries of Grace – 4:00 p.m.
- The Landing – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5

- Bethel Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- Praise Band – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7

- Comfort Quilts – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Last Week: 226

GENERAL FUND

Avg. Weekly Expenses:	$11,012.71
Offering Last Week:	$9,422.95
October Total:	$37,563.76
Fiscal YTD Income (09/30/26)	$161,182.22
Fiscal YTD Expense (09/30/26)	$143,165.19

Our General Fund supports our ministry. We tithe 10% of it to the ELCA and its mission to start new congregations, fund worldwide missionaries, administrate disaster relief, and more.

(Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30)

BUILDING AND OUTREACH FUND

Three Year Commitment:	$1,379,966.39
Offering Last Week:	$9,009.52
Given To Date:	$831,962.48

Our Building and Outreach Fund commitments began anew in January. 10% of these offerings help Project Rouj build homes in Fondwa, Haiti, even as we grow our own home at Cross of Grace.

(Please be praying about the building project and for our Sweat Equity Team as things progress!)

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Greeter: Lynn Galligan
Ushers: Tonya Reid & Julie Zachary
Acolyte: Xavier Gakpo
Lay Reader: Kristen Anderson
Comm. Assistants: Dianne Kaucher & Kim Forehand
Children's Church: Kim Forehand & Amy Matthews
Refreshments: Andrews-Kiser, R. Graham, Gunn

Altar Setup: Zina Compton
Altar Clean Up: Donna Kuffner
Bread Baker: Janice Weisenbarger
Counters: Frank Puckett & Bill Goers
Cleaning Crew: Waldrep & Seigert
Nursery: Lois Dalton



GATHER TOGETHER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK FOR:

Barbie Turner – sister of Vicki Clem, who is preparing for spine surgery.
Peggy Hannegan – sister of Vicki Clem, who has stomach cancer.
Mike Brumback – brother-in-law of Vicki Clem who has prostate cancer.
Dave Sevier – who is recovering from his second knee replacement surgery.
Kurt Schlicht – brother-in-law of Fred & Linda Parish who is facing health concerns.
Jim Davidson - brother-in-law of Rebecca Graham, who has stage 4 cancer.
Theresa Mendez - friend of Ingrid Mielke, who recently suffered a fall and recovering from a broken hip and ribs.
Sarah Lodwick - who is very ill.
Friends and family of Susan Bardes – a friend of the congregation; as they grieve her loss and celebrate her life
Drew McDonald – neighbor of Kathy Uhrick's son, who is undergoing cancer treatments, prayers for relief of pain and healing.
Friends and family of Doug Tucker – former Partner in Mission, as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life.
Kathy Thein – friend of the Julians, who is dealing with heart and lung health concerns.
Friends and family of Beverly Rekeweg – sister-in-law of Darlene Seifert and Ruth Boyer, as they grieve her loss and celebrate her life.
Robbi Crain – friend of Monica Amundson, who is battling breast cancer.
Meredith Raben – daughter of Ingrid Mielke, as she begins chemo treatments.
Sandy Alexander – friend on Linda Parish, who is dealing with heart problems and health issues.
Camden Weymouth – Don & Kenene's granddaughter, as she enters a residential treatment center for additional support.
Friends and family of Shirley Cleveland – friend of Ruth Jensen, as they grieve her loss and celebrate her life.
Friends and family of David – a good friend of Connie Mitchell, prayers for his family, peace and comfort, as they grieve his loss and celebrate his life**.**
Father of Chelsea Walsman – as he recovers from a series of strokes and awaits information on his overall prognosis.
Terry Heinnich – uncle of Jen Henderson, who is hospitalized and undergoing additional testing.

In an effort to keep our growing list of prayer concerns as timely and as relevant as possible, we remove petitions from the list after one month, unless we're made aware of a continued need. Thanks for helping us keep things up to date.