

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; all who remember a loved one who has died in the faith

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Mike and Cathy Spencer.

THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT is today from 3-5 pm, with supper at 5:30.

THE ELDERS & COUNCIL MEET this Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 & 7:00pm.

THE VOTERS' MEETING for the church budget and elder / council elections is next Sunday, November 8, at 9:00am.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: do you no longer want them? Do you wish to start or continue receiving them? There are many options for giving and keeping records of giving. Talk to Linda LeFever or call the church office!

SNOWBIRDS—please check with the office to ensure we have your most up-to-date winter contact information.

TOYS FOR TOTS, SOCKS FOR VETS, & THE GIVING TREE are all coming soon (or already underway)! Check the newsletter for details.

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 1 (All Saints')	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 3:00pm Trunk-or-Treat 5:30pm Potluck Supper
Tue. Nov. 3	6:30 / 7:00pm Elders / Council
Wed. Nov. 4	7:30pm Holy Communion
Thu. Nov. 5	7:30pm Bible Study (Jesus in the OT)
Sun. Nov. 8 (Trinity 22)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Mtg. (Budget & Elections) 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: November 8 / Trinity 22

OT: Micah 6:6-8

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:3-11

HYMN: LSB 611

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our “*burnt offerings*” or “*thousands of rams*” (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another “*with the affection of Christ Jesus*” (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, “*filled with the fruit of Christ’s righteousness,*” our “*love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment*” (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us “*to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God*” (Micah 6:8).