

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

We are glad you could be with us today, especially if you are visiting with us for the first time. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. It is our hope that as you worship with us today our triune God will come to you through His Word and inspire you upwards in your life. Please stop by our Guest Welcome Center for more information and a free gift. We pray that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family. **Both members & visitors please complete the connection card in the pew pockets or scan the QR code below.** You may place the card in the offering plate on your way out.



A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and all festival Sundays. Lutherans believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present "in, with and under" the bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. All communicants should have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and have faith in these words of Christ: "This is my Body given for you. This my Blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Instruction in this and the Lutheran Church takes place through First Communion, Confirmation, and membership classes or examination with the pastor. If you have not received instruction, contact the church office at your convenience. If you will not be receiving the Sacrament, you may remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as a sign that you will not be receiving. Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cups tray. **Gluten-free wafers are available, please request.**

SURVEY QUESTION

Will you be attending our Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service on November 22, 7:00pm?

- A. Yes
- B. No

ENTER FOR WORSHIP Upon entering the sanctuary please close the door behind you, and find a seat. After you are seated, please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU If you are in need of someone to pray for you the Elders will be at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

All Saints' Sunday
November 5, 2023
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A note about today's music:

Today's service will be a Choral Service - a special service where the choir sings most parts of the liturgy. Traditionally for All Saints' Day, a Requiem (funeral mass) is sung. To follow this tradition, the choir will sing a collage of music from different requiems and other masses. Today's service will include music from Amanda Husberg's Lutheran requiem "A Feast Prepared," Gabriel Fauré's famous Requiem, a William Mathias mass, chants from Lutheran Worship, and a piece by our very own Michael Katopodes.

Prelude (Altar boys to light the candles)

Welcome, Connection Card/Survey, Announcements, Sharing of the Peace

Please stand if you are able.

Processional Hymn "For All the Saints" LSB 677:1-4,7,8

- 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!

- 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 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!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Holy Cross Choir

Choir Introit and Kyrie —

from “A Feast Prepared” a Requiem by Amanda Husberg

Choir: I heard a voice from heaven saying, “*From* now on they are blessed who die in the Lord, who die in the Lord, who die in the *Lord*” “*Amen*” says the Spirit, “*Amen*” says the Spirit “*They* will rest from their labors, rest from their *labors*.” From now on they are blessed, from now on they are blessed who die in the Lord, Who die in the Lord.

Kyrie

Holy Cross Choir

Choir: Come from dust, we go to dust: Lord have mercy. Yet You save and shelter us: Lord have mercy. Come from You we go to You: Lord have mercy.

Please stand if you are able.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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P Glory be to God on high:



and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.

■ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

■ A - men.

You may be seated.

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

D This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Pie Jesu" – Blessed Jesus, from the Fauré Requiem
Holy Cross Choir

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

D This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

Gospel Procession “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” LSB 670:4

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:

“Alleluia, alleluia!”

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:

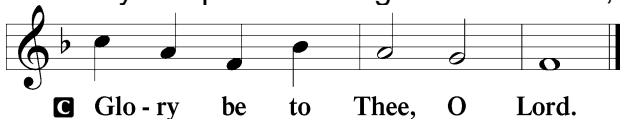
“Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

D The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

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- 1 Jesus sat with His disciples
On a mountainside one day;
As the crowds of people gathered,
He began to teach and say:
“Blessèd are the poor in spirit,
Heaven’s kingdom they will share.
Blessèd are the sad and mourning,
Joy and comfort will be theirs.
- 2 “Blessèd are the meek and humble,
All the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy,
They are bless’d and will be filled.

Yes, the merciful are blessed,
Mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessed,
They have eyes for God alone.

- 3 “Blessèd are God’s sons and daughters,
Making peace where there is strife.
Blessèd are the persecuted,
Who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven,
In the kingdom up above—
So be glad to share My suff’ring
And rejoice to know My love.”

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You may be seated.

Sermon

Offertory Special Music “Steal Away” Spiritual, Arr. by Michael Katopodes
Holy Cross Choir

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

- P Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they continue to serve Him forever.

(At this time individuals who have died since last All Saints' Day will be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell will be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.)

P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promise that where You are, there Your servants shall be also.

Please stand if you are able.

Prayer of the Church

D Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, faithful God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into Your keeping. Deliver us in Your righteousness from all that would harm the body or assault the soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D Blessed are You, O God, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for Your sake and whose witness calls all to faithfulness. Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D Heavenly Father, comfort us by Your abiding presence and satisfy all who call on You in need [especially _____]. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, release them from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D O Lord, be with Your Church and all her members who belong to You by Baptism and faith. At the bidding of the Lamb, our Shepherd, give us ears to hear Your Word and faith to receive Him in His blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Heavenly Father, grant that we may be brought to everlasting life with the faithful who have gone before us who now rest from their labors. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. (Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus, by William Matthias

Holy Cross Choir

Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei, by William Matthias

Holy Cross Choir

Choir: Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us Your peace.

You may be seated.

Distribution Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

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1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Distribution Hymn

“Borning Cry”

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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Please stand if you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

Holy Cross Choir

Thanksgiving (Psalm 107:1)

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

Salutation (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus (Psalm 103:1)

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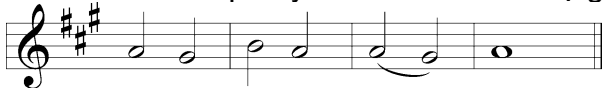
P Let us bless the Lord..



☐ Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you His peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
 Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

November 4 & 5, 2023

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study for senior members is available each week on Wednesday at Holy Cross. We meet in the Haggerty Hall from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Our topic is "The Fruit of the Spirit". The facilitators are Pastor Eric, Deacon Tony, and Elder Steve.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

SUNDAY ATTENDEES - TODAY, after the Church Service, we are assembling the 50 lunch bags for FOG in the Haggerty Hall. We will also deliver the 56 pairs of socks which we recently collected. Thanks again to everyone who has helped with this project throughout this year.

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap. If you happen to be at a dollar store perhaps you can pick up an item or two off the needs list. Thank you!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on Saturday, November 11 for our new Women's Bible Study. We will be using the book called "Promised Rest" for our study. Bible Study at 9:30 am (new time). If you plan on attending, please let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Women's Holy Cross Ministry board if you would like a copy of the book. The cost of the book is \$16.99 on Amazon or is available through Concordia Publishing House.

MEN'S EVENT

Men join Pastor Eric in the church Man Cave on Saturday, November 11 at 11:30 am. There will be food, fellowship, games, prayer and watching the Michigan/Penn State game. Come join your band of brothers.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Let us join together with choir and bells in giving thanks and praise to our gracious God at our annual **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service: Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm.**

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Please begin to consider who YOU will nominate as our 2024 Woman of the Year. Once again, nomination forms will be available by the wooden box the narthex. Our schedule is as follows: **NOMINATIONS OCTOBER 28—NOVEMBER 12, VOTING NOVEMBER 18—26, ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2024 WOMEN OF THE YEAR DECEMBER 2 & 3** Qualifications are for a woman who is an active volunteer in the church and the community and cannot be a paid staff worker. Gentlemen – we welcome your participation in this process.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOY DRIVE

Sunday School will once again be collecting toys for Gifts for All God's Children. The toy drive will begin 11/12/23 and run to 12/10/23. Please bring all **UNWRAPPED** toys and place them in the box outside the Sunday School Office. Their greatest needs this year are...Legos, games for 8-year-olds and up, craft kits, basketballs and footballs (full size). If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Clemons.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our first Trunk or Treat was a **HUGE** success. We had 200 kids come out and enjoy the evening. We also heard a lot of great feedback. Thank you to all of you who came out and enjoyed a great evening. - Laurel Clemons

LUTHERAN WITNESS

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