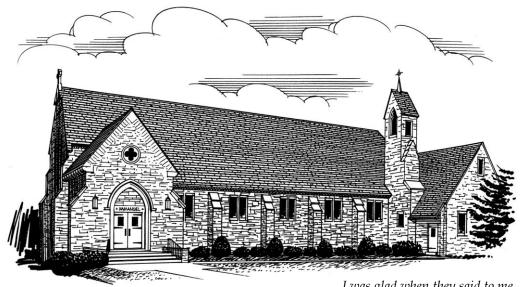
Immanuel Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY MORNING COPY FOR AT-HOME WORSHIP



I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1



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Worship Notes 18th Sunday after Pentecost – October 12, 2025

We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today, and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!

THEME

Witnesses in the presence of Christ are unequivocally blessed! Christians are heartened by Jesus' words to persevere in suffering and labor. Even in Jesus' own earthly ministry, chains could not bind Him; the tomb could not contain Him. So also His word is not bound, but commands all things in living, suffering, and dying. Even lepers plead for mercy, and Jesus' word heals. Yet only one leper dares to return, ardently believing and confessing Jesus' profound act of divine mercy.

ORDER

This morning we follow an order of praise and worship, and also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in our 8:00 service!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our *Hymn of the Day* this weekend is Joachim Neander's (1650-80) **Praise to The Lord, The Almighty**. Neander wrote approximately sixty hymn, but this is by far the best known. It was written in the last year of his very short life.

This is one of the Church's most beloved hymns of praise. It almost explodes off the page with its "Praise to the Lord" refrain at the beginning of each stanza. The rest of the hymn is a rousing statement describing who God the Father is, how He works, and what He bestows. This hymn is present in the hymnals of virtually all Christian churches. It's been described as the "number one hit among chorales, the bestseller on the hymn list." Originally written in German, it was translated into English by Catherine Winkworth (with some alterations in the LSB).

The tune, LOBE DEN HERREN, is a 17th century German tune, and the setting comes from *The Chorale Book of England (1863)*.

Welcome to the Band from Lutheran High School North!

This morning we welcome the band from Lutheran High School North, under the direction of Mr. John Gerdes, as they provide special music for our worship services!

Lutheran North is a co-educational, private Christian school serving students in grades 6 through 12 who live in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Our students ACHIEVE, BELIEVE and BELONG as we prepare them academically, spiritually and holistically for future success.



I firmly believe, nor am I ashamed to assert, that next to theology no art is equal to music; for it is the only one, except theology, which is able to give a quiet and happy mind. This is manifestly proved by the fact that the devil, the author of depressing care and distressing disturbances, almost flees from the sound of music as he does from the word of theology. This is the reason why the prophets practiced music more than any art and did not put their theology into geometry, into arithmetic, or into astronomy, but into music, intimately uniting theology and music, telling the truth in psalms and songs. (Martin Luther)

18th Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Praise and Worship

Prelude - "Choral Prelude" (arr. Anne McGinty)

Ringing of the Church Bells

The 10:30 service continues on Page 8 with the hymn

(8:00 Service) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptized Today Henry William Marcanik

Infant Son of John and Jessica Marcanik

Please stand and face the back of the church.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

- **P** How is this child to be named?
- R Henry William.

To the candidate to be baptized:

P Henry William, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead

→ and upon your heart

→ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The baptismal party processes during the singing of the hymn



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Sit

To the sponsors:

It is your task as sponsors to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized. After this child has been baptized you are at all times to remember him in your prayers, put him in mind of his Baptism, and, as much as in you lies, give your counsel and aid, especially if he should lose his parents, that he be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as he grows in years, you place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him to the services of God's house, and provide for his further instruction in the Christian faith, that he come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and thus, abiding in his baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, he may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

This, then, you intend gladly and willingly to do?

- R Yes, with the help of God.
- P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- P Hear how our Lord Jesus Christ has opened the kingdom of God to little children.

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

- C Praise to You, O Christ.
- In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of this child into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer He gave us.

- 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 Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.
- C Amen.
- P Because this child cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, faithfully speak on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- **C** I do renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- **C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

- **P** Who brings this child to be baptized?
- R We do.
- P Henry William, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ♣.
- C Amen.
- P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life → everlasting.
- C Amen.

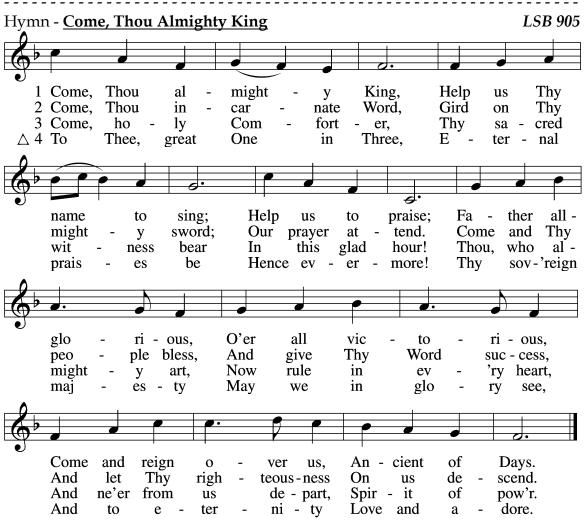
A baptismal candle is lighted from the paschal candle and given to the newly baptized:

- P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Henry the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- P Through Baptism God has added Henry William Marcanik to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

- **Q** We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.
- P And you, Henry, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.
- C Amen.



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

(10:30 Only) Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession of Sins and Declaration of Grace

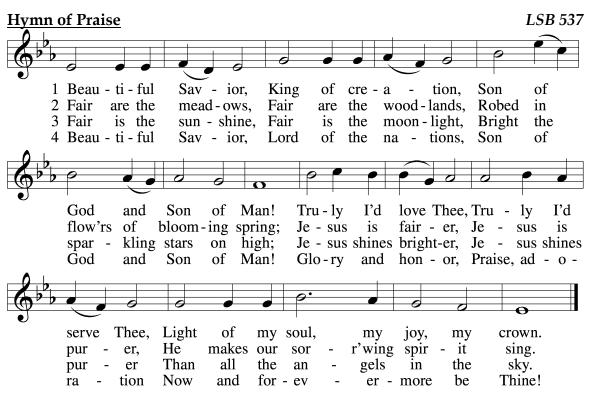
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

- **P** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
- **C** in the city of our God!
- **P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
- **C** let the humble hear and be glad.

- P Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
- **C** and let us exalt his name together!
- **P** I sought the LORD, and he answered me
- C and delivered me from all my fears.
- **P** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
- **C** and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
- in the city of our God!



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-19a

Naomi and Ruth

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. 7So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." 14Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Psalm 111

- Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
- **G** in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- P ²Great are the works of the LORD,
- c studied by all who delight in them.
- **P** ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
- **C** and his righteousness endures forever.
- **P** ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
- **C** the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- P 5He provides food for those who fear him;
- **C** he remembers his covenant forever.
- P 6He has shown his people the power of his works,
- **G** in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- **P** ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
- **C** all his precepts are trustworthy;
- P 8they are established forever and ever,
- **C** to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

- P ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
- C Holy and awesome is his name!
- **P** ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C His praise endures forever!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle 2 Timothy 2:1–13

"If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him."

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful-for he cannot deny himself.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Luke 17:11–19

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

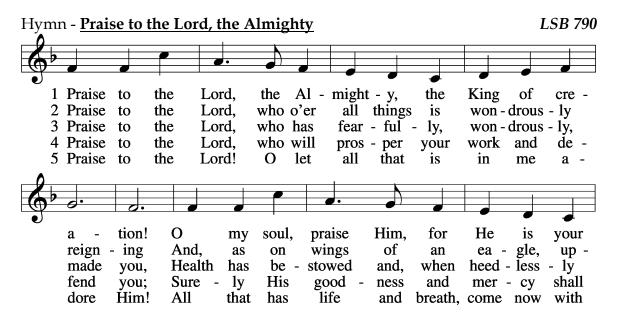
Healing of the ten lepers

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

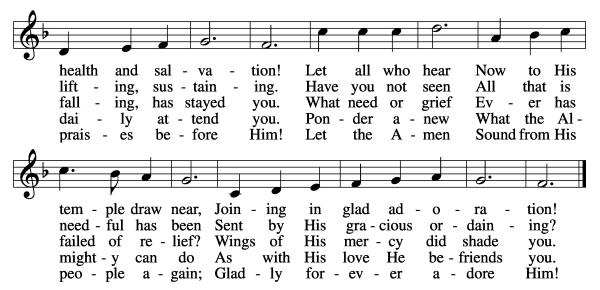
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message



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Sermon

We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

Offering Voluntary - "Amazing Grace" (arr. Frank Ticheli)

Stand

(10:30 Only) Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of the Church

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

After each petition:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

- P All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.
- C Amen.

(10:30 Only) Lord's Prayer

- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

Collect for the Church

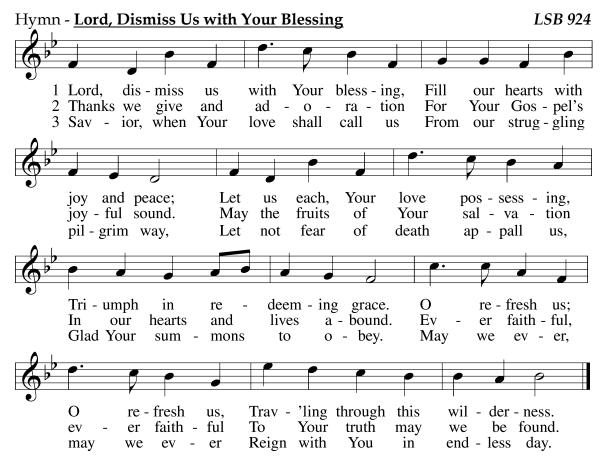
- P O Lord, graciously receive the prayers of Your Church that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve You in safety and freedom and dwell in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

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

C Amen.

Sit



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Silent Prayer & Announcements

Please remain seated for the postlude by the LHSN band!

Postlude - "An Almighty Fortress" (arr. David Shaffer)

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You may prepare for next weekend by reading:

Genesis 32:22-30

Jacob is named Israel.

Psalm 121

"My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

"Continue in what you have learned ... Preach the word."

Luke 18:1-8

"Will not God give justice to His elect?"



Serving This Morning:

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Rory Karg

Preacher:

Vicar Justin Hilton

Musician: Lutheran High School North Band

Directed by John Gerdes

Organist: Clayton Klein

Acolytes: 8:00 – Riley Amrich & Gabe Radke

10:30 - Rachel Liu & Jeremy Tian

Elders: 8:00 – Jacob White 10:30 – Luke Burkemper

Ushers: Team A – Jeff Carter & Jerry Watkins, Head Ushers

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of Elmore Krenning, who the Lord called home to His nearer presence in 2018!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

Remembering our Loved Ones

We will give thanks in our worship services Nov. 1 & 2 for those loved ones who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. This will be done as we celebrate the Festival of All Saints' Day. If you have a loved one who has *died in Christ* since our last All Saints' Day celebration, November 3, 2024, and you would like that person remembered in our worship that weekend, please provide that information to the church office by October 26.

They will need: Name, date of death (since 11/3/24), relationship, and your name!