

All Saints Day

November 1st, 2026



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton ~ St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówinj, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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Holy Communion, Setting 12

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *For All the Saints*

Ralph Vaughan Williams, Arr. Wayne Leopold

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING & REMEMBRANCE

P: Gracious God, we give you thanks for those whom you have claimed in holy baptism. May the light of their lives point to your love and goodness for all the world to see.

*Elizabeth Lynn Cliffe
Ava Ruth Elrod
Mia Reese Elrod
Joyce Chopin Wolfsberger*

P: O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who now rest from their labors.

*Susan Marie Hackmann
David Lloyd Lauber
Frederick Karl Lenhart, Sr.*

P: and others we now name before you either silently or out loud:

(Brief silence for meditation and reflection)

P: Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness.

C: **We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors.**

P: Into your hands we commend them, O merciful Savior, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.

C: **Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

GATHERING HYMN: *For All the Saints (verses 1-4)*

HYMN# 422

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray. O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

MISSION MOMENT

Keith Paulson, Stewardship

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Micah 3:5-12

The Lord announces judgment against prophets who can be bribed to give favorable oracles. Because rulers too can be bribed to practice injustice, Micah announces the coming destruction of Jerusalem. Later, Jeremiah escaped execution because of Micah's daring precedent (Jer. 26:18-19).

⁵ Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. ⁶ Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; ⁷ the seers shall be disgraced and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. ⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

⁹ Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰ who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! ¹¹ Its rulers give judgment for a bribe; its priests teach for a price; its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us." ¹² Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the temple a wooded height.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 43

A cantor will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹ Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an un- | godly people;
deliver me from the deceitful | and the wicked.

² **For you are the God of my strength; why have you re- | jected me,
and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy op- | presses me?**

³ Send out your light and your truth, that | they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your | sanctuary;

⁴ **that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my | joy and gladness;
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O | God my God.**

⁵ **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquiet- | ed within me?**

Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help | and my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Paul uses paternal imagery to depict the guidance and encouragement he provided to the Thessalonians. They received from Paul the word of God, which energizes their faith.

⁹ You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 23rd chapter:

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus encourages his disciples to obey the words of Moses they hear from their teachers but to shun the hypocrisy and pretension of those who do not practice what they teach.

¹ Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; ³ therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶ They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷ and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹ And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

AM: . . . God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also, with you.**

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, using the words of the risen Lord: Peace be with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: (Handbell choir) *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Valerie W. Stephenson

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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

COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.*

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *For All the Saints (verses 5-7)*

HYMN# 422

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *For All the Saints*

by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Arr. Hal Hopson

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the
Jenson Family in memory of Gary Jenson
and in honor of Aidan's 25th birthday (TODAY!)



WORSHIP LEADERS	
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CANTOR	Ruthie Grollman
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DONUT DRIVER	Walentik family
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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Damien Gustafson: healing at home

Kate Hartz: courage and trust

Barb Johnson: continued healing and increased mobility

Margaret Lenhart: comfort and peace

Sharon Salerno: healing and strength

Mary Scanlan: recovering after stroke

Joan Williams: successful recovery from shoulder surgery

Comfort and peace to **Ken Bauer** and family as they mourn the death of Ken's brother, Norman Bauer

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Lisa McL (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Arlis (comfort and hope); Barbara (bravery)	<i>Jenson Family</i>
Tina – grieving on loss of mother. Continued health of parents. Farmers of the world. Country on upcoming midterm elections. Melissa (employment)	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Thanksgiving for the safety of the Gorvie family after an accident on the way back from Texas last week.	<i>Gethsemane Staff</i>
Peter (nephew) prayers for decrease in swelling and regaining feeling after a spinal cord injury while on honeymoon	<i>Carleen Reinhart</i>

The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar, Venezuela, Colombia, Nepal and Tibet; all impacted by disasters; Pat Fulton (strength); Ginny Olson (strength); Jojo (healing, energy); Sonya and Sean (healing and strength); those who do not feel safe in their communities; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
Rose Gant (Dawn's mother) healing and recovery after a fall	<i>The Schuessler Family</i>
Toby (patience and faith while jailed), Ronnie (employment), Dale (food, employment), Russel and Tanya (food, health, housing)	<i>Social Action</i>

LIVING YOUR FAITH

GIVE

The **October Big Ask** is **toilet paper and multipurpose cleaner**, to support both Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony's ministries.

The **Little Free Pantry** needs **Pasta sauce**, preferably in cans or plastic jars. Place donations for Big Ask items in the cabinets near the shopping cart. Items placed **IN** the cart go to our Free Food Pantry. We are also looking for someone who could either regularly purchase some items from Aldi or receive a delivery at their home and bring it to Gethsemane.

It's time for **Isaiah 58's Buy-A-Bird Holiday Fundraiser!** Gethsemane has committed to providing 175 1-3 lb boxes/bags of granulated sugar. The deadline is soon – November 7. **Please bring sugar to Gethsemane next week and sweeten someone's Thanksgiving!**

Wanted for Winter Blessing Bags – **bottled water!** Please put donated water by the blessing bag shelf near the parking lot entrance. We are hoping to collect 100-200 bottles.

ACT

Did you know Gethsemane has a **Member Care team**? If you or a church member you know is in need of support from the GLC's Member Care team please contact the church office or Betsy Bartholomew, or check the box on the weekly attendance insert.

Thanks to all who assembled **blessing bags** with winter items (hats, gloves, water, snacks, etc.) before Worship today. The blessing bags are available in the Narthex for you to pick up and distribute to those you see who are in need

Fellowship Hosts Wanted! Please sign up in the kitchen to help "host fellowship," which just entails some light clean-up afterwards (9:45 – 10 am). We've made clean-up even easier during our trial one service time this fall, by using paper cups instead of washing mugs.

Share your voice! Send December newsletter items to Gretchen by November 29.

JOIN

The **November Women's Lunch** is Monday, Nov. 23, 11:30 am. Details to follow Next Sunday, **November 8th**, during Worship, we will welcome new members to Gethsemane. If you would like to become a member, please contact Pastor Cheryl

Gretchen and Eve are organizing **Thanksgiving meals** for our home-bound members and others in need. Look for the sign-up in the enews to provide a side dish and/or help deliver meals. If you would like a meal delivered to you or know someone who would, please contact Eve or Gretchen to be put on the list! Our neighbors at St. Lucy parish have coordinated this in the past and are not able to this year.

Ponies and sheep and baby Jesus, Oh My! Our Live Nativity is only a few weeks away on **December 5, 4-5 pm**. Save the date!

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar November 1 - 8, 2026

11/1 Sunday All Saints Day <i>Bring a photo or memento of a lost loved one to display</i>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Fellowship, Donuts & Coffee, Blessing Bag Assembly Sunday School and Faith Village ONE Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube
11/2 Monday	6-7 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
11/3 Tuesday	All day 10:00 am	Election Day! Bible Study
11/4 Wednesday	1-3 pm 6:30 – 8 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered) Choir Rehearsal
11/8 Sunday New Member Welcome	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Fellowship, Donuts & Coffee Sunday School and Faith Village ONE Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Mondays	6 - 7 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:30 – 8 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Nov 8	10:00 am	New Member Welcome during worship
Mon, Nov 16	11:30 am	Gethsemane Women's Luncheon
Tues, Nov 17	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thurs, Nov 26	All day	Thanksgiving Day
Sun, Nov 29	10 am	First Sunday of Advent
Sat, Dec 5	4-5 pm	Live Nativity!

Women's Luncheon: Fourth Monday of every month. *Except for Holidays.

Special Thanks

to **Susan Sommerfeld** for designing and stitching the beautiful ornaments presented to our confirmands last week. These one-of-a-kind handcrafted pieces are a meaningful reminder of this important milestone and will be cherished for years to come. We also thank **Mike Schmidt**, who has faithfully provided the handcrafted blacksmith fish given to our confirmands for many years. This treasured gift has become a lasting tradition and a meaningful reminder of their Confirmation day. We are grateful to everyone whose time, talents, and support help make Confirmation such a joyful celebration and a success.



Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, intersex or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or unhoused...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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