

November 1, 2026

"Grow: Stewarding Ourselves for Growth"

All Saints Sunday

Welcome!
We encourage wearing name tags.
Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

Gathering Music

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" *Scott*

...quietly acknowledging the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome & Announcements

One Whoever we are and wherever we are on our life journey -
All **We are welcome here - beloved within the body of God**

Singing Bowl *...centering ourselves in stillness and breath*

Opening Words from a Neighbor

**indicates sitting or standing*
NCH = New Century Hymnal SPP = Sing! Prayer and Praise

***Gathering Prayer** (*responsive*)

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the saints –
For grandparents, godparents, teachers and friends.

For all the saints, we give you thanks –
For neighbors who have moved us, strangers who have set examples, children who have given us courage.

For all the saints, we give you thanks–
For those who have died and those who are living, those who knew they made a difference and those who never knew.

You call us to be your saints—
Your holy people in the here and now. As we remember loved ones, may we also embody your way of love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #347)** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*unison*)

Loving God, when tilling difficult soil and planting new seeds, we can feel uncomfortable, vulnerable, or afraid. When we labor, it can feel hard to break new ground and imagine a harvest. With this metaphor of planting and harvesting, we confess our need for your grace. We can be difficult, hardened soil – resisting your life-giving seeds.

Stretch our hearts and imaginations to receive the seeds of your mercy and possibility for new life. Hear now our private prayers. Amen.

Musical Interlude *...to accompany our quiet prayers*

Assurance of Grace

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Passing the Peace *(seated)*

...smiles and gestures of peace - to those online and seated near us

Sung Invitation *...as young people come forward*

This little light of mine...

Singing "Happy Birthday"

Jennifer Halvorsen-Albright (11/2), **Michele** Stephan (11/6)

Wondering Together

Blessing One Another *...with arms wide open*

Young Ones: God be with you **All: And also with you**

Sung Affirmation *...as young people depart or return to families*

Ev'rywhere I go...

Sunday School | *Children (age 3 - gr. 4) can go downstairs with Claire*
Youth Group | *Youth (gr. 5-12) can go with Eli'jah to our downstairs Youth Room*
Nursery | *Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to use the downstairs nursery*
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

Reading from the Gospels | *NRSV, p. 38* Mark 4:1-9

Ancient words can speak to us today. **We listen for our still speaking God.**

Contemporary Reading | *Dr. Maya Angelou*

excerpts from "On the Pulse of Morning"

God speaks wisdom through our neighbors. **May we be moved by what we hear.**

Morning Message "Grow - Stewarding Ourselves for Growth"

Prayer Song (NCH #410) "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

Prayers of the People

We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world
Please tell Pastor Clare if you prefer yours not be added to our printed Prayer Corner

...God, in your love **Hear our prayer**

Prayer of Jesus

We use several versions of this prayer, faithfully expressed across the ages

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and Earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence – beyond the evil of our days.
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Witnessing Steward **Gary Piasecki**

Connect, Grow, Love | Our Oct. 25 - Nov. 8th annual Giving Drive invites us to consider pledging financial support for our congregation's ministry in 2027

Invitation to the Offering

We give by cash, check, or electronically (scan the QR code)
Blue electronic giving cards are in pew pockets
We can hover a hand over the plate as it passes - to bless gifts of time, talent and money

Offertory "With the Wings of Our Mind" *Don-Whan Cho*

All Saints Call to Remembrance *(responsive)*

O God, may your love be ours to know.
In the morning and in the evening, may your love be ours to know.
In the borning and in the dying, may your love be ours to know.
In the beginning and in the ending, may your love be ours to know.
In the speaking and in the silence, may your love be ours to know.
O God, may your love be ours forever and ever. Amen.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Members & Friends of St. Croix United Church

Frank Cole
Delores Davis
Tom Dusbabek, *husband of Carol Dusbabek*

Beloved Ones in our Wider Circles

Jenny Anderson, *Heurung's friend*
Rebecca Bardwell, *Pastor Clare's aunt*
Bobby Bergstedt, *Bob Heurung's friend*
Doug Caldwell, *Heurung's friend*
Tom Dukawitz, *Gary Piasecki's cousin-in-law*
Mike Erlitz, *Dave Staberg's cousin's son*
Poppy Jean Floeter, *Sharon Neuenfeldt's friend's granddaughter*
Robert Frazier, *Wendy Staberg's friend*
Carlyle Greendeer, *Kathy Whiterabbit's friend*
Hunter Haugen, *Gromoll family friend*
Dusty Kahlson, *Pastor Clare's aunt*
John Kamowski, *Therese Thorson's cousin*
Karl Kilian, *Cindy Baker's brother*
Sutton Korhonen, *Sharon Binger's granddaughter*
Sarah Lewis, *Pastor Clare's aunt*
Shelly Maxwell, *connection to Wendy Staberg*
Sally McCarville, *Heurung's friend*
Jennifer Parsons, *Cindy Parsons' niece*
Valorie Pearson, *Mary Maren Bjork's friend*
Charlie Staberg, *Dave Staberg's uncle*
Lucy Staberg, Dave Staberg's cousin
Mercedes Wickstrom, Sharon Neuenfeldt's aunt
Ian Young, para-professional in Sam Gromoll's classroom

A Prayer for Living Saints

Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages
as we seek to follow Jesus in the way of radically inclusive love

The Invitation and Prayer

God is here with us! **Love lives on through us!**
Let us celebrate together – **At a table where all are welcome.**
Let us pray to the God of all. **Loving Creator of all – we celebrate your presence, joining our voices with the wind and streams, animals and flowers, the living and the dead** *(pause)*, **the stars, planets, and all members of creation – forever proclaiming your expansive love. Amen.**

Words of Remembrance and Blessing

Communion Song "Eat This Bread"
sung repeatedly

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Take a piece of (gluten-free) bread and a cup of juice, receiving words of blessing
Place your empty cup in a basket as you return to your seat

Musical Interlude *... as we participate in the sacred meal*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The bread of life and cup of blessing for everyone! **Thanks be to God!**

O God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy. May we, too, become bread and peace for one another and for the world. Amen.

***Closing Song (p. 8-9 in the bulletin)** "Blest Are You, the Poor in Spirit"
text by Amanda Udis-Kessler

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *...forming a circle*

"Peace I Leave With You"

Refrain: **Peace I leave with you, my friends,**
shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Verse: **To share God's love is why I came,**
To show God's kindness without end.
Go, now, my friends, and do the same,
Until we come again.

Refrain

***Parting Music** *...as we greet one another*

Today *following worship:*
all are welcome to longer for refreshments and good company!

Blest Are You, the Poor in Spirit

♩ = 150

Text- Amanda Udis-Kessler



Biblical reference: Matthew 5:1-12.

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yours a - gain. Blest are you, the self - ef - fa - cing. Love a - waits the
God you'll find. Blest are you whose lives are peace - ful, true de - scen - dants
in our hands. Lies and ha - tred, greed and cruel - ty: we re - pond in
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kind and meek. Blest are you who work for jus tice. You will find the
of God's peace. Blest are you who face in - jus - tice. God will grant you
faith and trust. Blest are we who live God's vi - sion. Now God's hea - ven
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PRAYER CORNER

*With Mary Maren Bjork, prayers for the family of **Valerie Pearson,** who died in a bicycle accident just shy of her 70th birthday, as they grieve her sudden loss.

*With Bob Heurung, prayers for **Andrew and McKayla**, expecting their first born when McKayla had a stroke and entered a medically induced coma at 19 weeks. Prayers for hope, recovery, and endless love to surround them.

*With Bob Schwartz, gratitude for the power of prayers for granddaughter **Bea** (who's doing great!), and their **young friend** who will not need a kidney transplant into her teens.

*With **Sharri Kinkead**, gratitude for love from family, as they came to help winterize her home and yard and stayed to celebrate her birthday!

*With the Gromoll family, gratitude for safe travel for **Aidan** to Pakistan; and prayers for a fruitful time providing medical care in a resource poor area.



Congregational Informational Forum

TODAY | 11 am

Representatives from Flourish Placemaking Collective (our consultant) and our Church Properties Task Force will be present to share the results of the recent congregational survey, provide updates on their work, and answer questions from members of the congregation.

Please note that this meeting is for informational purposes only. No proposal will be presented, and no vote will be taken at this meeting. An official congregational meeting, at which a proposal will be presented and a congregational vote conducted, will be scheduled for a later date.



Vigil for Our Democracy

Monday, November 2nd | 6:30 pm

Gather with neighbors in our Sanctuary on the eve of Election Day. We will lift up the well-being of our democracy through music, spoken word, and resource sharing. A light reception will follow.

Help still needed! Contact Pastor Clare if you would like to help!



Community Collective Game Night

Wednesday, Nov. 4th | 6:30 pm

Come for our Free Wednesday Supper...
Then stay for games with old and new friends!

Bring a friend!



Community Collective Craft Night

Wednesday, Nov. 11th | 6:30 pm

Come for our Free Wednesday Supper...
Then stay for crafting with friends and conversation!

Bring a friend!



Faith & Spirit Book Club

Thursday, November 12th | 6 pm

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dilliard
"A personal narrative highlighting one year's exploration on foot in the author's own neighborhood in Tinker Creek, VA. In the summer, Dillard stalks muskrats in the creek & contemplates wave mechanics; in the fall she watches a monarch butterfly migration & dreams of Arctic caribou. She tries to con a coot; she collects pond water & examines it under a microscope. She unties a snake skin, witnesses a flood, & plays 'King of the Meadow' with a field of grasshoppers."

Questions? Contact Mary Piasecki (715-205-8692) or
Betsy Runke (303-229-5763)

Valley Bookseller in Stillwater has copies for 15% off!

SOUP & SHOP
Bayport

Soup & Shop is coming!

Saturday, Nov. 21st | 10 am - 3 pm

Want to help? Sign-ups are available in the Fellowship Hall for:

- Crafts
- Soups, Baked Goods, Pies, Cookies (for variety boxes)
- Kitchen & Dining Room help
- Cashiers, Greeters, Raffle Assistants
- Set-up and Clean-up
- Porch Pot & Swag Party

Questions can be directed to Mary Horak Binger (651-357-8601).



Week at a Glance

Vigil for Democracy | **Nov. 2, 6:30 pm** | @ Church

Connecting With the Word | **Nov. 4, 11 am** | @ Church & Zoom
Staff Meeting | **Nov. 4, 4:30 pm** | @ Church
FREE Community Meal | **Nov. 4, 5:30 pm** | @ Church
Teen Time | **Nov. 4, 6 pm** | @ Church
Game Night | **Nov. 4, 6:30 pm** | @ Church

Megan out of the office | **Nov. 5**
Fireside Friends | **Nov. 5, 9:30 am** | @ Church

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Sharri Kinkead (greeter), Mary Maren Bjork (liturgist & communion server), Jane Hanson (usher), Mary Horak Binger (usher & communion server), (communion server), St. Croix United Choir, Sue Favilla & Jane Hanson (communion prep), Lori Mildon (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Claire Spilseth & Cindy Parsons (children's activity)

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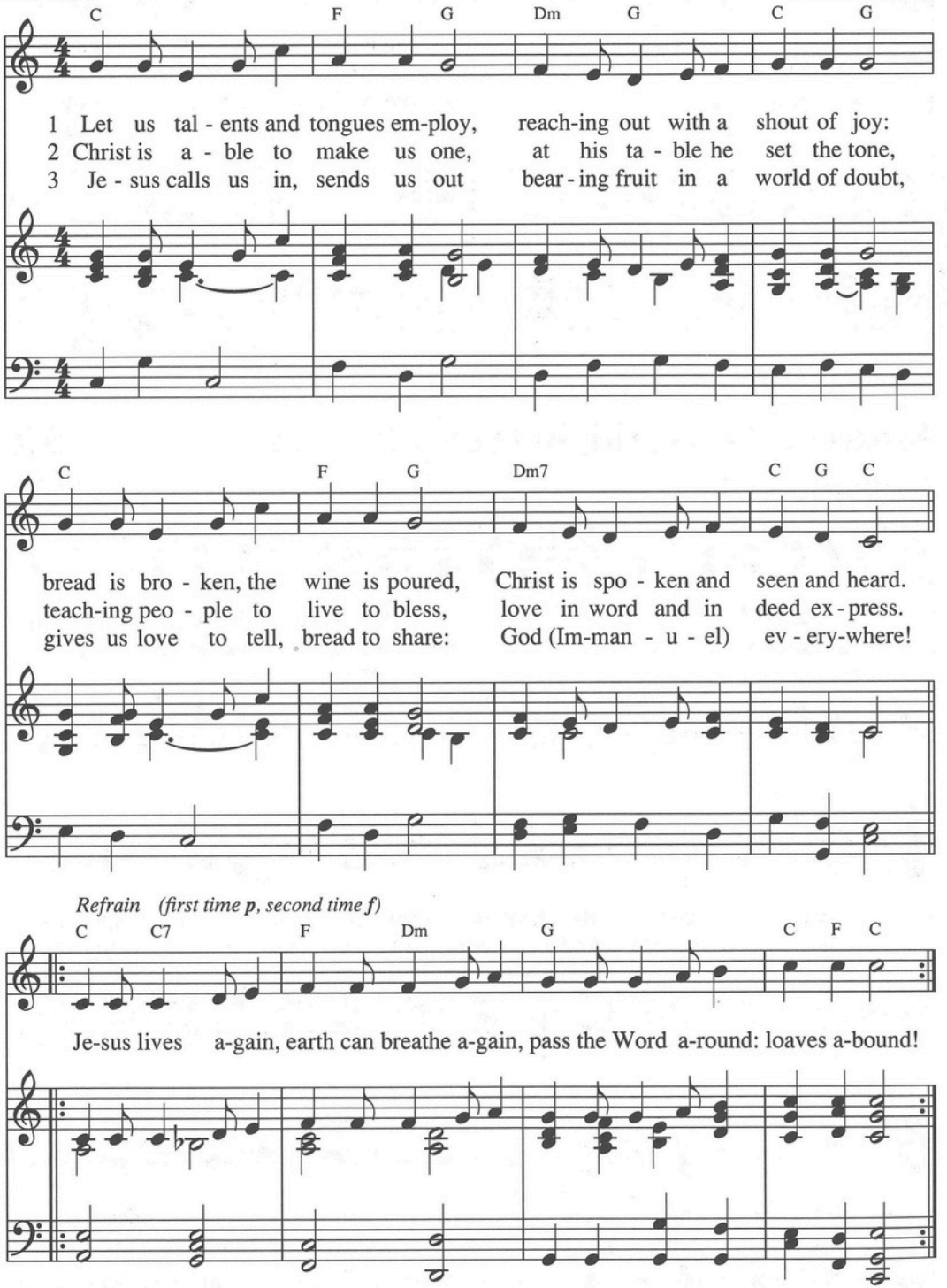
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Luke 10:1–9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.



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Georg Neumark, 1641
Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22

