Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Christian School

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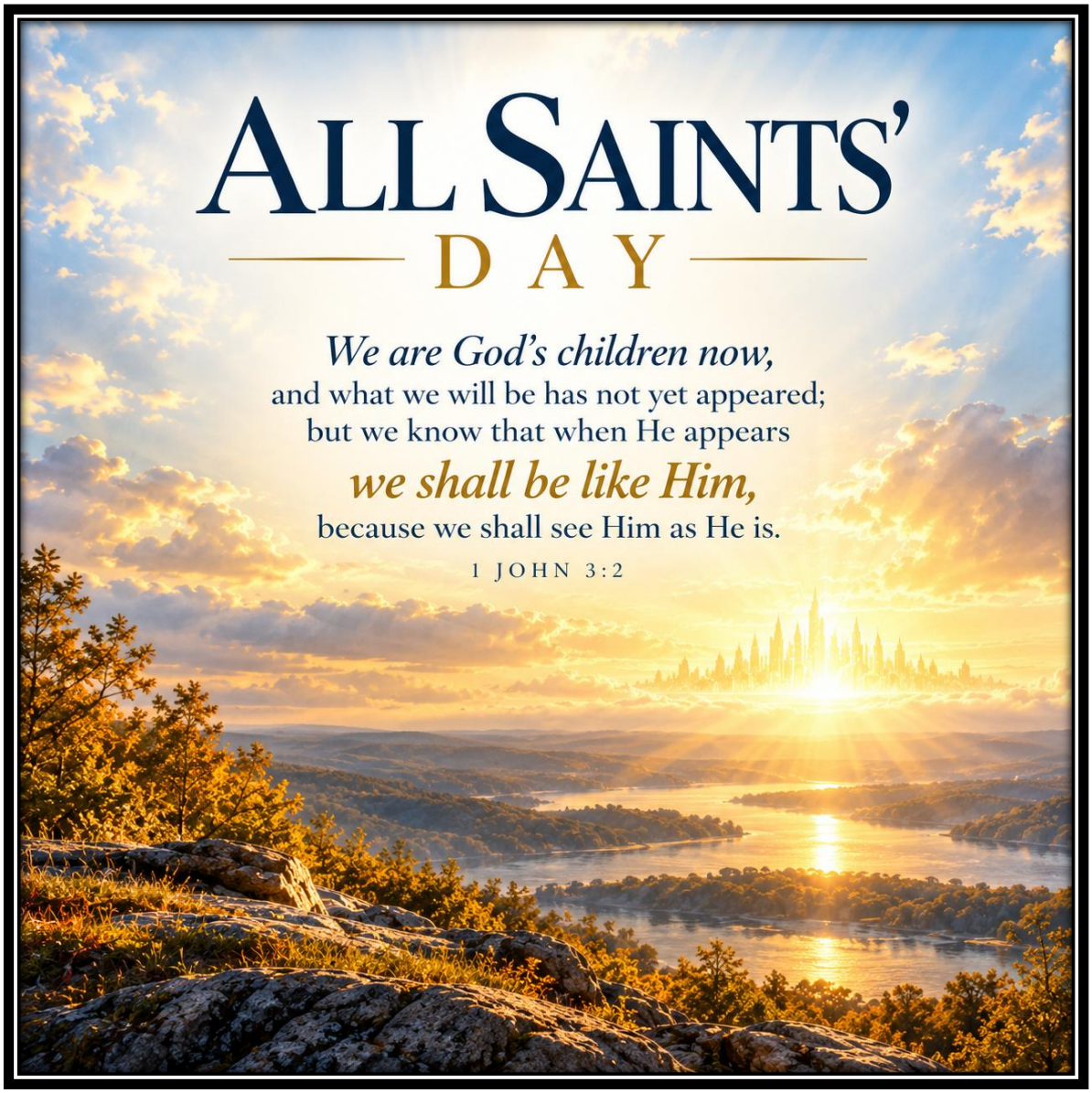

Opening Hymn Lutheran Service Book 677 For All the Saints

Invocation

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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.**

Collect of the Day
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.
C **Amen.**

All Saints' Day Remembrance
On this All Saints' Day, we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, especially those from our congregation and community who have died during this past year.

We give thanks for these dear brothers and sisters in Christ who have finished their earthly journey and now rest with the Lord, awaiting the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

As their names are read and a bell is rung in their memory, we remember them with thanksgiving and rejoice in the promise that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ronald Andre	Anne Kocsis
Christine Baird	Phyllis Lubiniecki
Fredrick Bohley	Lois O'Brien
Ron Bess	Patrick O'Brien
Lynn Currier	Al Walck
Audrey Fricke	Marguerite Zimmermann
Ingeborg Fredenburgh	

P Let us pray.
Gracious heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. We thank You for their lives, for the love they shared, and for the witness of faith they have left among us. Comfort all who mourn with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, and keep us steadfast in faith until that day when we, together with all Your saints, shall rejoice in Your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Song of Hope: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Reception of Members
(Bruce Mendini, Ken Norris, Manny and Sherry Schoonmaker, Gary Shadick, Jeff and Melissa Warrender)

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33) Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
R Yes, I do.
P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
R Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
R 1 do.

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
R I do.

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?
R I will, with the help of God.

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation! Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has.

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when

all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **C** Amen.

Sharing in the Peace
(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

Song of Resurrection Hope: "Living Hope"

First Reading *Revelation 7:9–17*

9 After 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, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God
who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And 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, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and
glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these,
clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I 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.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For 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."

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

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.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:1–12*

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

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.

Sermon Pastor Mark Chaffee

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight.

Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us.

C Amen.

Hear us as we pray and as He taught us. **The Lord's Prayer**

The Words of Our Lord

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymns:

Lutheran Service Book 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise
Lutheran Service Book 664 Fight the Good Fight

Post-Communion Collect

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.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song Onward, Christian Soldiers

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

Welcoming New Members Today

Today, we joyfully welcome seven new members into the Our Savior's family! We give thanks to God for bringing these brothers and sisters in Christ into our fellowship and for the gifts and talents He has given them to share in the life and ministry of our congregation. Please join us for a special reception following the service, where we will celebrate and welcome our newest members with **cake, light refreshments, and warm fellowship!** What a wonderful opportunity to extend a warm Our Savior's welcome!

We invite you to get to know our newest members a little better through the brief introductio ns and personal stories below.

Bruce Mendini: I was born in Iron Mountain, MI. After my birth in 1943, the third of ten children, six boys and four girls, I was raised in a Lutheran family. Our mother insisted we attend the First Evangelical Lutheran Church every possible Sunday. We were all baptized and confirmed in that same church.

I spent four years in the Air Force during the 1960's and afterward worked for the UNIVAC computer company for 15 years and then followed with a few other companies until retirement. My most personally rewarding job came after retirement as President of Patriot Flight, one of more than one hundred organizations dedicated to bringing our veterans to Washington DC to visit the monuments erected to honor their service. Without this organization, most of our vets would never have had an opportunity to see them.

My wife Jacklyn and I were married in 1969. We now have three married children with a total of seven grandchildren. With age, my thoughts have some added weight. I often reflect on the life in faith my mother lived. For all her one hundred years, she faithfully held her Christianity dear. I pray that in this community I can rebuild my faith to where I am as comfortable as she was in going Home. I look forward to a rewarding membership in this, Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

I was initially invited to attend Men's Fellowship meetings here by a very good friend and neighbor, Al Walck, after he found out I was a Lutheran. Because of Al and the warm invitation of Pastor Mark, I am looking forward to a rich Christina experience with this congregation. Thank you for accepting me into your Christian community.

Ken Norris: I was born and raised in New Jersey, the son of a Lutheran pastor. I met my wife Angela at Wagner College, married and started a family in Ravena. We were members of Grace Covenant Church for almost 40 years before moving to Cohoes. I worked with juvenile delinquents for my career, primarily with the office of Children and Family Services. We have four grandchildren with a fifth on the way. I currently help in ushering and attend the Men's Bible Study. I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for me here at Our Savior's.

Manny and Sherry Schoonmaker: My name is Sherry and I have been coming to this church on and off since I was 20 years old. Ever since Mark has become pastor, I feel really welcomed by him and his wife Amy as well as other members of the congregation. Whenever I hear about church events, I get excited about participating and helping and joining in fellowship. I am looking forward to growing more in my faith and personal relationship with God.

For those who don't know me, my name is Manuel , and I have been coming to this church for quite some time with my siblings and parents, Greg and Nora, who have been faithful members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for more than 2 decades by now. I was baptized and made my first confirmation at Our Savior's as well as being an altar boy and usher in my years as a teenager. The church has been my home in many ways, and now as an adult I want to become a member and be part of the future that God has for this church.

Gary Shadick: Gary, son of Donna, husband of Jill, father of Alexander and Kelsey, and most importantly, a follower of Christ. I am far from perfect, but that's okay, because Jesus is!

Jeff and Melissa Warrender: Hello Church Family, We are Melissa and Jeff Warrender. We are excited to be reinstating our membership at OSL, having previously been members from 2006-2016. We live in Averill Park and have two adult children (Hannah and Abigail) and a teenage son (Marck). Jeff works as a physicist, and Melissa is the new Operations Coordinator at OSL. We are overjoyed to be worshipping and serving at OSL again!

Thanks to all those who helped us during our recent medical event. I am home and doing well. Thanks for all your prayers. Our Savior's is an awesome family of faith to be part of. We are blessed by you all! Jim & Marianne Ryan

Election Day-Tuesday, November 3: As Christians, we are called to love and serve our neighbors and to seek the well being of our communities. One way we can do this is through the privilege and responsibility of voting. With Election Day approaching on Tuesday, November 3rd. I encourage everyone in Our Savior's community who is eligible to vote to take time to do so prayerfully and thoughtfully as we seek to be faithful citizens and good neighbors.

A Midweek Service with communion will be held this coming Wednesday, November 4th, beginning at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Tom Aery, one of our Elders, will share the message. The worship service will be followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Room. All are invited.

Taste of Korea will be held in Our Savior's gym and school cafeteria this coming Saturday, November 7th. from noon until 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by one of our area churches as an outreach to the community. Come and experience some Korean culture and sample some Korean food.

Library Clean-Out Exciting things continue to happen as we update our spaces! We are preparing to create a fresh "flex" space in the current church library room (across from the Launch Pad). You can help us by taking home some (or all) of the books in the library. There are excellent titles covering faith, family relationships, Bible commentary, etc. Please feel free to browse the library and take home anything you'd like. Books will be available until November 15th.

Coat Donations Needed for Conifer Park: Conifer Park has an **immediate need for men's and women's coats**, and we have an opportunity to help! If you have coats to donate, please bring them to church on Sunday and place them in the **cloak closet**, or drop them off at the church office during the week. We will continue collecting coats throughout November and December. **Please note:** This coat collection is in addition to our regular clothing donations for Conifer Park residents on the second Sunday of each month.

Operation Christmas Child: Our Savior's Christian School is gathering items to put in shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The shoe box gifts will be distributed to children in underdeveloped countries, giving us a tangible way of sharing Jesus' love with these children. A collection box for shoe box donations is in the narthex or you may drop off gifts at the school office between 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. All donated items should be brought in by November 6th. A list of suggested items is posted in the narthex.

Hike Planned Justin Alvis and Gary Shadick are planning a hike at Vroman's Nose in Middleburgh on **Saturday, November 7th.** The hike will start at 10 a.m. and will take about 2-3 hours. Hikers will get lunch at the Carrot Barn after the hike. The hike is moderately challenging - about 1-2 miles each way with a little rough terrain. All are invited. Contact Justin (518/221-9715) for more information.

Nominations for Church Council and Elders are now being received. We will be voting on three positions on Church Council: Financial Officer (currently held by Jeremy Noble who is open to serving another three years) and two Member-at-Large positions (currently held by Arin Cross who is willing to serve again and by Heather Baird who has served two consecutive three year terms and is ineligible to be nominated at this time. Contact Greg Schoonmaker (gregschoon@juno.com or 518/862-5141) if you have names to submit for those Council positions. Contact Brian Dollard (brianjdollard2@gmail.com or 518/888-2930) if you have names to submit for Elder nominees (including the names of our two current Elders - Brian Dollard and Tom Aery).

PRAYER NEEDS
Healing: Barb Bruso, Toni Cramer, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Ned Johnson, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Jim Ryan, Eric Unright, Joan Weis, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf
Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis
in **Assisted Living:** Marga Hildenbrandt, Helen Walck

SERVERS
Hymn Leader: Heather Baird
Contemporary Worship Leader: Murielle Smith
Communion: Tom Roemke & Andy Cross
Greeters: Linda Schmit, Sherry Schoonmaker
Prayers: Marlow & Ellyne Olson
Reader: Brian Dollard
Ushers: Joe Lenge, Terri Zuelsdorf

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