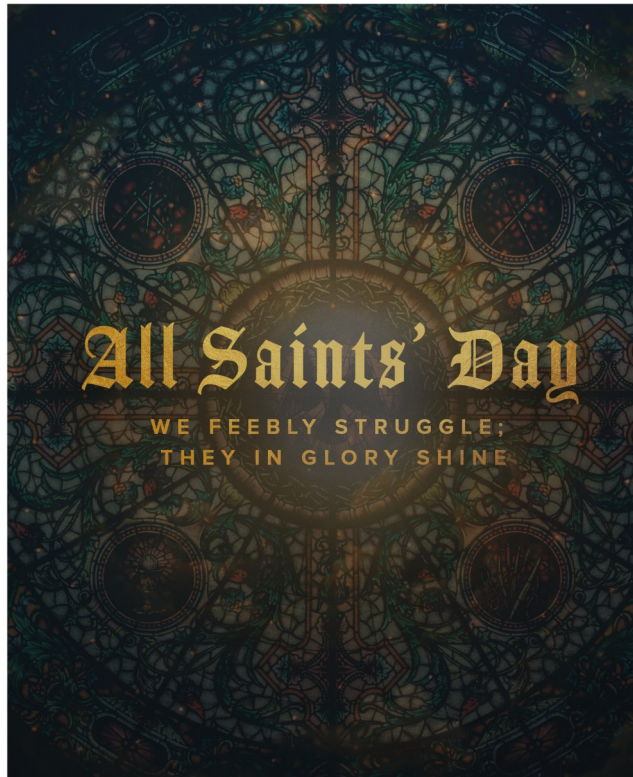


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November 2, 2025

All Saints Day



Prepare for Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith. Amen.

Morning Prayer

880 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold
4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. 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!

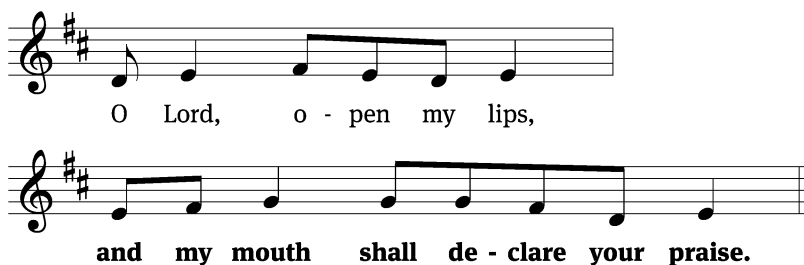
8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Stand

Opening Sentences

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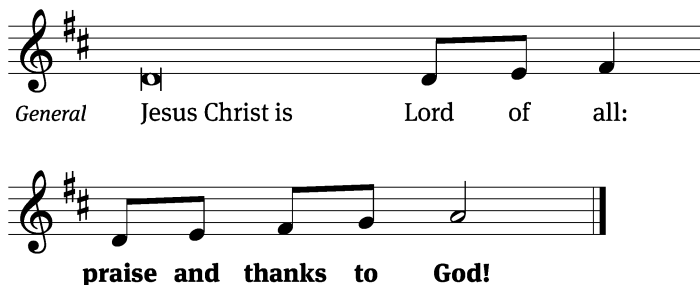


O Lord, o - pen my lips,
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



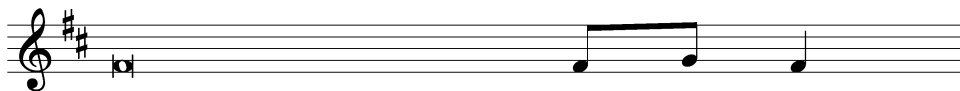
Has - ten to save me, O God;
O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

General

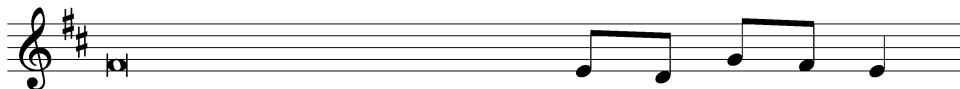


General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:
praise and thanks to God!

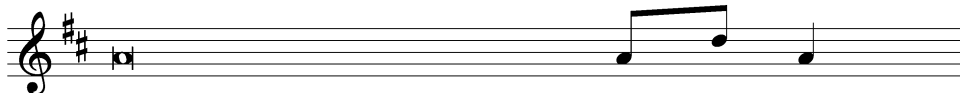
O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord CW 208



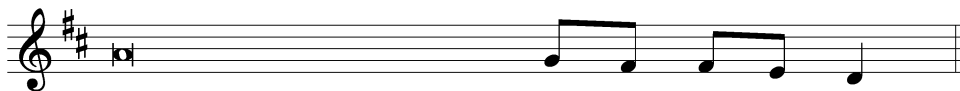
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|---|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | O come, let us sing | to | the | Lord, |
| 2 | For the Lord is a | great | _____ | God |
| 3 | The sea is his, for he | made | _____ | it, |



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|---|---|--------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | let us make a joyful noise to the rock of | our | sal - va - | tion. |
| 2 | and a great | king | a - bove | all gods. |
| 3 | and his hand | formed | the dry | _____ land. |



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|---|---|-----|-------|-------|------|
| 1 | Let us come into his presence with thanks | - | giv | - | ing, |
| 2 | The deep places of the earth are | in | his | hand; | |
| 3 | O come, let us worship and | bow | _____ | down, | |
| 4 | For he | is | our | God, | |



- | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|---------|
| 1 | let us make a joyful noise to | him | with | songs | of | praise. |
| 2 | the heights of the | hills | are | al - | so | his. |
| 3 | let us kneel before the | Lord | our | mak | - | er. |
| 4 | and we are the people of his | | | | | |
| | pasture and the | sheep | of | his | _____ | hand. |

Be seated

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ²And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God’s dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

⁵The one who was seated on the throne said to me, “Look, I am making everything new!” He also said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me:

It is done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To anyone who is thirsty,

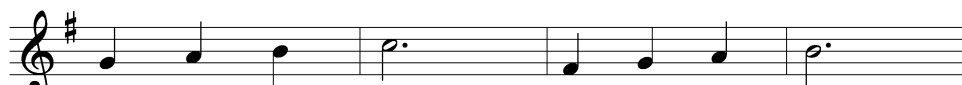
I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

149A Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song

Refrain



Sing to the LORD, sing a new song.



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the LORD!

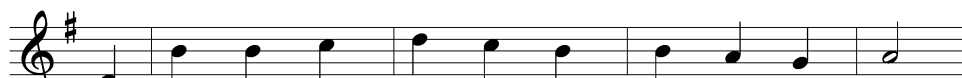
Verses



1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
3 In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the LORD;
4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,



a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
with danc - ing and song give praise to God's name;
with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
but o - ver the earth their faith shall pre - vail;



let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
for God in the faith - ful great plea - sure will seek,
go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—

Refrain



let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32–40

And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused foreign armies to flee. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection. ³⁶Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated. ³⁸The world was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 6:20–23

²⁰He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor, because yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you whenever people hate you,

and whenever they exclude and insult you

and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven!

The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

890 Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song
3 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
and bright with man - y an an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng.
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
And they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest;



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
you are with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it ev - er blest.

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Sermon

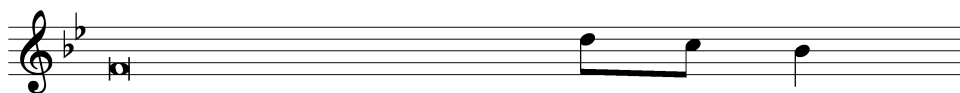
The Perseverance of the Saints

Hebrews 11:32-40

Stand

We Praise You, O God

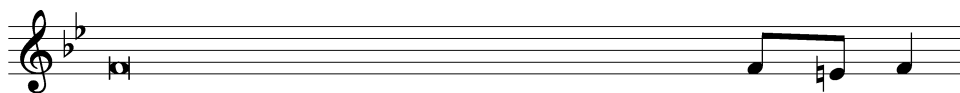
CW 210



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise ____ you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full ____ of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



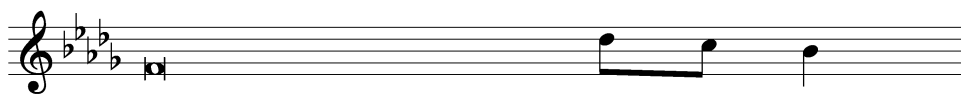
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise ____ you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



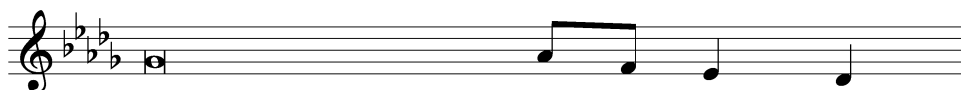
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise ____ you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



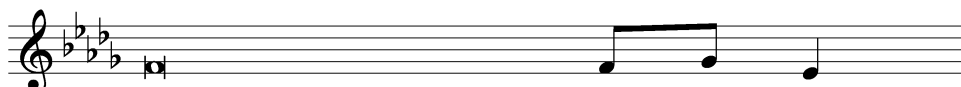
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



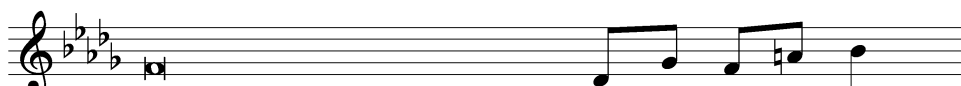
5 When you became man to set us free,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



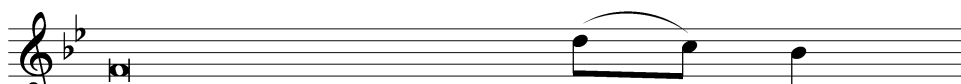
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Good News for Kids/Offering

868 By Faith



1 By faith we see the hand of God
 2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
 3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
 with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
 when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
 of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *Refrain*
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom - ise; we will fix our



eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

- 4 By faith the church was called to goin the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. (Refrain)
- 5 By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name. (Refrain)

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Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an-swer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Church

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us. **Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.**

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence. **Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.**

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, like thou - sand
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; but now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray, now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; who is
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, a priest -
 home in end - less day, ex - tol the Lord, who with



this band be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. So oft in
 his Word sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, who from the great af - flic - tion
 trou - bled days gone by, in an - guish they would weep and
 nar - row path you trod; you toiled and sowed the Word a -



came and in the flood of Je - sus' blood are cleansed from
 sigh; at home a - bove the God of love for - e'er their
 broad; re - joice and bring your fruits and sing be - fore the



guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
 tears shall dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
 throne of God. Swing high your palms, lift up your song,



their voic - es they in wor - ship raise; their an - thems
the heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; the Lamb, their
yes, make it myr - iad voic - es strong! Let heav - en



rise where God re - sides, mid an - gels' songs of praise.
Lord, at fes - tive board him - self is host and guest.
ring— to Christ the King all praise and thanks be - long!

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In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list:

Ukraine

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins

Paul White, Gary Finch, Linda Thielke, Larry Borchert, Jeff Overson, Makenzie

Phippen - health

Addyson Pender & Zach Ostendorf - engaged

Payton Weis - expecting in February

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Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Micah 7:18-20, Romans 5:6-11, Luke 19:1-10*

Game Night

Saturday, November 8, 4 - 8 pm

Bring food to share, games to play and friends. Meet in the basement.

Special Voters Meeting

Sunday, November 23rd, 9:15 am

Following the open forum on November 23rd, we will have a short special voters' meeting to vote on one motion. The church council is seeking the approval of the congregation to apply for a vicar for the 2026-2027 year. Please contact any member of the council or pastor with questions and concerns. See the November newsletter for more information.

November Forward in Christ

The November issue of Forward in Christ is on the shelf outside of the sanctuary. It may also be read at forwardinchrist.net if you prefer.

Here are some articles of note:

Read how an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner redirects the future of a family. See page 10.

Discover what it means for a Native American to be both Navajo and Christian. Read this on page 18.

Dig into the Bible to examine the question "Will there really be a new earth?" See page 30.

Read these and other articles and devotions on Thursday mornings with the Women's Fellowship Group at 10 am at the church.

Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of WELS

The Break with Missouri

In 1869 the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods officially declared fellowship, beginning a fruitful relationship that lasted more than 90 years. However, problems began in 1938 when the Missouri Synod resolved that its 1932 confessional declaration, “Brief Statement,” together with the “Declaration of the Representatives” from the American Lutheran Church (ALC) be regarded as the doctrinal basis for future church fellowship without resolving the doctrinal issues that had separated the two church bodies for decades. Later joint confessions of the two groups failed to demonstrate that concord on the disputed doctrines had been reached. Other events indicated that the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods were drifting apart. The Wisconsin Synod believed that participation in the military chaplaincy as it was constituted presented problems with the divinity of the call and church fellowship. The Missouri Synod approved participation in the chaplaincy. In 1944, the Missouri Synod abandoned its historic opposition to the Scouting movement. The Wisconsin Synod continued to oppose participation because of work righteousness wording inherent in Scouting materials, a false oath, and religious fellowship in the organization without regard to doctrinal differences.

In 1944, the Missouri Synod made an official distinction between “joint prayer” and “prayer fellowship.” This resolution involved a departure from long-standing Missouri Synod and Synodical Conference teachings of the doctrine of church fellowship and gave official sanction to false practice. In 1945, some 44 pastors, leaders, and theologians of the Missouri Synod issued a statement that rejected the synod’s historical understanding of fellowship. This document was allowed to be withdrawn rather than retracted as false doctrine. As the years progressed, many instances of the practice of church fellowship occurred between the ALC and the Missouri Synod, even though doctrinal agreement had not been reached nor fellowship declared. A Missouri Synod seminary professor delivered an essay that challenged the verbal inspiration of Scripture and allowed for errors in the Bible. Though some protested the essay, the author was never disciplined. The Missouri Synod seemed to be unable or unwilling to exercise doctrinal discipline.

When the committee tasked with determining whether the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods were still in doctrinal unity reported that the two synods could not reach agreement in the doctrine of church fellowship, WELS, meeting in convention in 1961, suspended fellowship with the Missouri Synod. Though some predicted that a break in fellowship would result in the end of the Wisconsin Synod, God blessed the synod with rapid home and world mission growth, an increasing number of parish schools, and expanding enrollments in its ministerial education schools.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS
November 2 - 9, 2025

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Kunama Worship
	11:35 am	Handbell Practice
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Catechism & Bible History
	5:30 pm	Choir
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6:45 pm	Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 am	Womens' Fellowship Group
Saturday	4:00 pm	Game Night
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