



ALL SAINTS' DAY

# WHITE AS SNOW

ONE CHURCH, ONE CHRIST, ONE FUTURE

*PREACHING AND TEACHING THE TRUTH TO HIS EXPANDING  
KINGDOM, REACHING OUT TO ALL!*

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah**  
**840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501**  
**970-245-2838**



**Reformation Sunday (Observed)**  
**(November 2, 2025)**

*The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. If you would like to come up for a blessing, feel free to do so. Simply cross your arms over your chest to let the Pastor know you would like a blessing. Thank you.*

*Offering baskets are located at either end of the back pews. Feel free to scan the QR code as well.*

*Pass Attendance/Visitor cards to center aisle. The ushers will pick them up after the offerings.*

**Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Shalom/Peace**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

### **676 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  
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who

is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.  
Tune: Norwegian, 17th cent.  
Text and tune: Public domain

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

## Invocation

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

## Exhortation

184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 130*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive**

**to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**But with you there is forgiveness,**

**that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>**my soul waits for the Lord**

**more than watchmen for the morning,**

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**And he will redeem Israel**

**from all his iniquities.**

## Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.**

## Kyrie

*186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. [Mark 10:27]**

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Luke 2:14;  
John 1:29]**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Give ear to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup>“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of well-fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup>“When you come to appear before me,  
who has required of you  
this trampling of my courts?

<sup>13</sup>Bring no more vain offerings;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—  
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

<sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed feasts  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup>When you spread out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
<sup>17</sup>learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
correct oppression;  
bring justice to the fatherless,  
plead the widow’s cause.

<sup>18</sup>“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*2 Thessalonians 1:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup>This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— <sup>6</sup>since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup>and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels <sup>8</sup>in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup>when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. <sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.



A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Messiah School Kids *They Will Know We Are Christians***

*Please stand as you are able*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 19:1–10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin credo, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.]*

## Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Kids' Time

### 677 For All the Saints

*sts. 1-4*



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 - mu - nion, 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!

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.  
Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958  
Text and tune: Public domain

**Sermon *White as Snow: One Church, One Christ, One Future.* Isaiah 1:18**

*Stand*

**C     Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Offering:** Offering bags are at either end of the back pews. Or feel free to use the QR code.

**Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]**

## **Remembrance of the Saints**

Let us unite with all the saints in heaven and bring before God our Father the needs of the Church and the world

Together we pray, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Church may lead her children from every nation and people to grow in faithfulness, holiness and communion with God. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

That civic and business leaders may be inspired by the lives of the saints to act with honesty and integrity and help the poor and powerless. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those suffering from sickness, persecution or any difficulty may not lose faith and hope in God but be supported by the prayers and example of the martyrs and saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we who are united with the saints in the Church Triumphant may also daily offer to God our lives in prayer and charity. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

# ***The Faithful Departed Brothers and Sisters***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Called Home</b>
John “Jack” Michels	November 5, 2024
Arlene Ottman	December 13, 2024
Jessie Mello	January 5, 2025
Jo Ann Gipp	January 6, 2025
Leland Ottman	January 23, 2025
Duane Sickler	March 14, 2025
Richard Bann	March 25, 2025
Douglas “Doug” Johnson	April 19, 2025
Shirley Robinson	April 27, 2025
Barbara “Barb” Freeman	May 12, 2025
Linda Messenger	June 12, 2025

That all the faithful departed have joined the angels and saints before them before God’s throne to praise and adore him forever. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, Your mercy is revealed in cross and the empty Easter tomb. Death does not have the last word. You have the last word, and that word is Jesus. Hear the prayers we offer you and guide us to follow in their footsteps.

Through Christ our Lord. **Response: Amen**

**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 Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1 Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]*

**Salutation**

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction [Latin for God's "Good Speak" to you]**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.  
**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

*[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]*

# 677 For All the Saints

sts. 5–8



5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,  
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;  
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The  
 Δ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, Through



Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And  
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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!

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt.  
 Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.



*Offering Option: Scan*





## Reflection Questions:

*White as Snow: One Church, One Christ, One Future*

Isaiah 1:18

1. **“Though your sins are like scarlet...”**

What does it mean that God Himself initiates reconciliation (“Come now, let us reason together”)?

How does this challenge the idea that we have to *get ourselves right* before coming to Him?

2. **One Church, Two Realms**

How does knowing that the Church Militant and Church Triumphant are one body change the way you view death, grief, and worship today?

3. **Christ’s Ongoing Work**

Where do you see Jesus still cleansing and restoring His people in the present—through Word, Sacrament, community, or quiet repentance?

4. **Faith for the Living**

Isaiah’s courtroom becomes a confessional of grace.

What might that look like in your own life—to let God “settle the case” instead of trying to justify yourself before Him or others?

5. **Hope for the Future**

When you picture the “host arrayed in white,” who comes to mind?

How does the promise of reunion in Christ shape the way you live, love, and persevere now?

**Pastor:** Mike Redeker  
**Elders:** Peter Cheney  
**DCE:** Jonathan Peterson  
**Acolytes:** Christopher Brossard,  
Oliver Messenger

**Ushers:** Brian Bruns, Jack Messenger, Ed  
Morris  
**Organist:** Richard Scott  
**Greeters:** Donna Bruns, Debbie Fenske

**PRAYER REQUESTS–** *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to [\*\*admin@mlgj.org\*\*](mailto:admin@mlgj.org) & [\*\*sec@mlgj.org\*\*](mailto:sec@mlgj.org)

### **Messiah's Prayer List**

**Continued health and healing:** Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, Linda Currey, John Feliciano, Carol Haller, Stephen Hildebrand, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, Jack Messenger, Jess Messenger, Tom Moore, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Bill & Deborah Stacy, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, Ed Morris.

**Fighting serious diseases:** Sharon Breshears, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Diana Walcher.

**Continue to fight cancer:** Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Arthur Kluegel, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers*, Loretta Siilata, Skogen.

**Home Hospice Care:** Kathleen Michels  
**Called Home:**

**Serving in the military:** Jake Bradshaw, Jack Eberhard, Elijah and Rachael Messenger, Karen and James Moore, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, Eric Stahly.

**Messiah Lutheran members**

**Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff**

**Messiah Lutheran Church/School**

**High School Students**

**Mavericks of Messiah:** *Continue to pray for the college students.*

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

**Celebrating Birthdays:**

2-Nov Joseff Diedrich, Dennis Clark,  
Piper M. Bonnell

3-Nov Jacob C. Barker, Coby Thornton,  
Canaan Thornton

5-Nov Matthew Sudduth

6-Nov Sue S. Morris, Penny J. Anderson

7-Nov Sawyer Hirons

8-Nov Bob Johnson

**Wedding Anniversaries:**