

# Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church  
November 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

## From the Pastor:

*"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth."* What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to

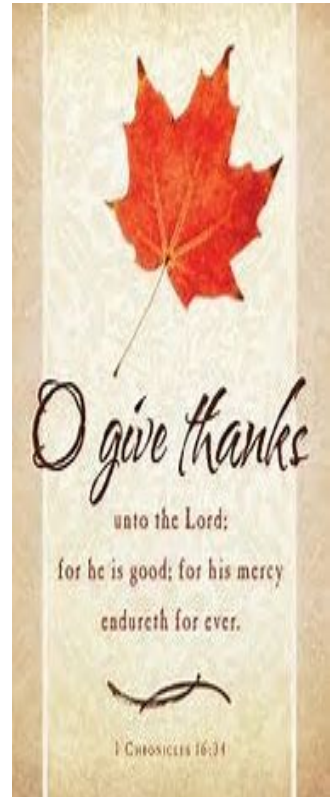
support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from evil. All this He does only out of Fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. Luther's Small Catechism

Thanksgiving Day is a popular holiday for most of us. It is a time to gather with family and friends. It is also a time to give thanks to the Lord. When we read Luther's explanation to the first article of the Apostles' Creed, we are reminded of all the things God provides for us. God has poured out His love and gives us all our earthly blessings. He gives us our life, family, friends, and that wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Of course, there will always be that temptation to complain about our lives. We live in a fallen world of sin so life can be very difficult. We are tempted to complain about many things in our lives. But as children of God we have much to be thankful for. As Christians, our entire life is one of giving thanks. We give thanks to God for giving us the earthly blessings mentioned above. Let us always remember that God gives them to us *"out of Fatherly, divine goodness and mercy."* We also give thanks to God for the gift of salvation He has given to us through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is the Lord who has given us a life of peace and hope. He has given us a life of eternal joy. All the good things that we have received come from God. As children of God we have much to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day and on every day of our lives.

I pray... "Almighty God our Father, your goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

In Christ

*Pastor Paul*



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# Council's Corner

## Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

09 September 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on the 09th day of September 2019 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul gave a devotional on how separation from material things is always inedible, but separation from God can never be destroyed. He opened with a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O'Connell, Chris Kinsey, Fritz Leifeste, Kara Martinez, Linda Ortegon, Teddi Phillips, Betty Thane, Barbara Walker, Marie Williams, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Marie Williams motioned to accept the August 12, 2019 original Council Meeting minutes as presented and Kara Martinez second the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich presented the Financial Report as of August 31, 2019, and it was approved as presented. The 2020 Budget Committee members are: Pastor Paul Zwarich, Elwin Hahn, Leon Thane, Crystal Purington, Lou St. Germain, John Ulrich and President Fritz Leifeste.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell presented a printed report with the weekly and monthly attendance figures and offerings for the current year.

### CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams said Rally Day was well attended. The theme was "Service", what it meant and how it applied to our life as Christians. On September 8 in appreciation of First Responders Day (September 11), the Sunday school students sacked candy for the eight San Angelo Fire Stations and the San Angelo Police Department - the main office and annex. The sacks were delivered by several of our congregation members since the students were in school. The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2019.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez reported that everyone enjoyed the August 25<sup>th</sup> Rally Day. Potluck is scheduled for the last Sunday in September. Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 17, 2019.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane reported the year to date funds received through the "Noisy Bucket" mission is \$593.52. "God's Work Our Hands Day", on September 8, 2019, 440lbs of beans and rice was bagged for "Project Dignidad. The church provided pizza in appreciation to those that helped.

Worship – Teddi Phillips said the next worship team meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2019 while the next Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for November 02, 2019. She is working to complete the 2020 worship budget and will have it ready by September 13, 2019.

Evangelism - Barbara Walker suggested several good ideas: One being the importance of building relationships within the church and beyond Calvary. Creating small groups from members within the church was one. The groups would meet once a month in the home of a member. A meal or snack would be served. Games could be played, or a preselected biblical topic or book could be discussed. Knowing or memorizing our own faith story would be very useful in case the opportunity arose to share it. Setting up a table at the Chicken Farm Event held once a month might be a good way to let the community know who Calvary Lutheran is. Balloons, water and church information could be given away. Calvary Lutheran also gets involved in the community through allowing AAA meetings to be held at the church, Meals for the Elderly, Good Gifts, Day Camp Outreach, Project Dignidad and helps with financial assistance. Recruiting new committee members was suggested since several of the current members are leaders on a few other committees.

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Paul presented the Pastor's Report. Pastoral Acts included: One letter of transfer, three Holy Communion's served at homes and twenty-one served at nursing homes. He also identified several meetings and activities that had taken place. Meetings included the August 4, 2019 Fellowship Committee Meeting, August 11, 2019 Worship Committee Meeting, August 13, 2019 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting, August 14, 2019 Evangelism Committee Meeting, September 05, 2019 Executive Meeting and September 05, 2019 the Social Justice Committee Meeting. Activities included Christians in Action, Adult Sunday Mornings Bible Study, Lutheran Diners, Rally Day, the COW conference meeting and God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Upcoming Events: Pastor Paul's vacation. September 13 through September 22, 2019. Canceled September 24, 2019 Clergy Pre-Retirement Seminar at First Lutheran Church in Temple, September 29, 2019 Church Potluck. More events coming are: October 07-October 09 Bishop Convocation @ Briarwood, October 13, 2019 Worship Committee Meeting, November – January Hymn Selection TBD, November 10, 2019 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, November 17, 2019 Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner, December 04, 2019 Mid-Week Advent Services Start. Times Pastor Paul will be out of the office are: February 18 – 20-2020, April 24 -25, 2020 Synod Assembl @ Pat Quin College Dallas, July 20-23-2020 for Rostered Ministers Gathering Phoenix AZ. Pastor Paul will be on vacation, September 20-September 26, 2020. Pulpit Supply is needed September 20, 2020.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Budgets: Committee Budgets are due by the middle of September. Fall Congregational Meeting: The council was reminded of the upcoming Semi-Annual Fall Congregational Meeting to be held November 10, 2019. Thanksgiving Dinner: This year's Thanksgiving Dinner is planned for Sunday November 17. Lawn Landscape: Barbara Walker presented a lawn landscaping estimate that was over the funds budgeted for the project. The estimate included the placement of large stone rocks. By removing the large stones, it appeared the cost would be within budget. The council asked Barbara to get a revised estimate that excluded the large stone rocks. Barbara agreed. Church Sign: John Ulrich said our church insurance would pay some toward the replacement of the digital sign in front of the church. The cost of the sign will be \$20,500.00. The funds to pay for the sign is primarily received through church donations. Chris Kinsey presented a motion to purchase the new sign once all the funds were received. The council team agreed to the motion.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Worship Services: It was approved for Joyce O'Connell to lead worship services and give communion September 15 and September 22 of 2019 while Pastor Paul is on vacation. Council Retreat: May be scheduled for late October. Realm Ministry "ACS Technologies: Joyce O'Connell presented a recommendation from Realm Ministry. ACS Technologies created a cloud-based software designed to connect church staff and their congregation together by integrating the core components of running a successful ministry's administration, accounting and community. We are currently using the Roll Call system. Joyce will confirm we have the required hardware necessary to integrate with ACS Technologies. She will also confirm pricing. Synod Assembly: April 24-25, 2020 in Dallas, Texas. Synod Assembly Delegates need to be confirmed. Church Directory: Marie Williams said hiring a business to produce our church directory was expensive. It was suggested for us to take the photos of our members and download them to an on-line photo website to produce the directory. A couple of members said they may know individuals that might be willing to take the photos inexpensively. Church Sign Update: John Ulrich submitted a total cost of \$20,500 to our insurance company to replace the digital sign in front of the church. Our insurance policy will pay \$425.00 toward the replacement. Funds to pay for the sign is primary received through church donations and special gifts. As of September 08, 2019, \$18,945.00 has been received for the sign. Lawn Landscaping Proposals: Barbara Walker presented an estimate from Bird's Eye Landscape for \$5250.00 and an estimate from Xeriscape Landscape for \$4,800.00. Chris Kinsey motioned to accept the proposed estimate from Xeriscape. Kara Martinez seconded the motion. All was in favor. The estimate from Xeriscape was approved.

CLOSING: There being no further business, the meeting duly closed at 8:20 P.M. in peace and harmony with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Linda Ortegon - Council Secretary



# Worship

*“Empowering God’s people to worship in grace and truth.”*  
John 4:23

**Teddi Phillips, Worship Committee Leader**

## November Liturgical Color(s):

**White** for All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3). All Saints Sunday is considered a “Lesser Festival” and apparently, white is used for most of the lesser festivals. The ELCA says, “Lesser festivals and commemorations are white, unless a martyr is celebrated, in which case bright red is suggested.” I might have found one reason *why* we use white for that particular day, however. One source I found said that the Saints’ robes were washed white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Green-** Season after Pentecost (Nov. 10, 17). Green is used for its symbolism of our growth in Christ. (ELCA.org, 2017)

**White** Christ the King Sunday is the final day of the church year and it uses white, a festive color suggesting light, joy, and the celebration of our Lord. The colors serve to adorn the worship space, and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. (ELCA.org, 2017)

**Hymn of the Month** - Worship and Praise 81, Kyrie Eleison (Dakota Road). Consider reading/singing the hymn as a prayer in the privacy of your heart and mind. Don’t have access to a hymnal? You can find the lyrics on DigitalSongsAndHymns.com. Type “Kyrie Eleison lead line” in the search box, and click on the one that lists the Worship and Praise Hymn book next to it (it’s the first one listed). Would you like to sing along? Go to YouTube.com and type “ELW Setting 8” (No, that is not a typo!) I recommend <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFq1stGOfGc>.

**Luther Quote of the Month** - “Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly.”

**News/Information** \*\*\* SAWL, Dan Lund, to visit and preach at Calvary on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> (SAWL= Synodically Authorized Worship Leader) \*\*\* Acolyte training and a baptism (or two) are coming up \*\*\* Next Altar Guild meeting: Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 9:30 a.m. \*\*\* Next Worship Team meeting TBD \*\*\* Congregants, please consider sharing your gifts by serving in the Worship Service! The signup sheet is in the Narthex. \*\*\* See calendar for additional information. \*\*\* Teddi’s e-mail address and phone number: [TeddiLPhillips@gmail.com](mailto:TeddiLPhillips@gmail.com); 325-277-0797 \*\*\*

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| Worship Service | Greeter/s    | Usher | Acolyte         | Assistant Minister (Liturgist) | Communion Assistant | Reader (Lector) | Video Tech |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|
| November 3      | Jo McCormick |       |                 | Joyce O’Connell                |                     |                 |            |
| November 10     |              |       | Joseph Phillips | Teddi Phillips                 | XXXXXX              |                 |            |
| November 17     |              |       | Ashlyn Scott    | Ann Helm                       |                     |                 |            |
| November 24     |              |       |                 |                                | XXXXXX              |                 |            |

Please Note: If you are unable to serve on the date listed above, please call Teddi Phillips at 277-0797, or change with another person. Notify Teddi of the change, and she will notify the Church Office. Please do not call the office or send an e-mail.



# Education

*"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Proverbs 22:6*

## November Parish Education News

In October the Elementary and Middle classes began a study of Moses. The average attendance has been 2 at the elementary level and 2 at the middle school level. The students have made birthday and anniversary cards for the shut-ins. They also made snicker-doodle cookie dough to bake in December for Cookies for the Military.

The high school group has averaged 3.

The adult class is going well. Attendance averages 8-10 people.

The Women's Bible Study has begun to meet again on Wednesday night. Please contact Barbara Walters about dates, time, and the materials they are studying. All women are invited to come and take part in the sharing of snacks, friendship and the word of God. The lessons are developed for dropping in and out as needed.

The Men's Bible Breakfast has also begun meeting again. Please see the bulletin as well as the newsletter for time, date, and location. Please come and enjoy the fellowship, food and the spiritual sharing.

The Sunday school program grouping will change in November. There will be an elementary class grades 1 - 6, a secondary class grades 7 - 12, and a Confirmation Class. Plans for the Christmas program are underway. **Marie Williams, Parish Education Team Leader**

# Evangelism

Thank you to everyone that came to help at the First Saturday at The Chicken Farm in October. We had a table set up with our "Come & See" banner, personalized water and balloons along with bookmarks



and a brochure about Calvary. We had the opportunity to visit with a lot of people. We gave out approximately

125 Bottles of water

100 Balloons

45 Bookmarks

15 Brochures.

Do you have another suggestion for reaching out to community members? Let's tell others about Calvary!

Betty Thane and Ann Helm at Calvary's First Saturday booth.



Do you have a passion to build deeper relationships with others? We have begun planning ways to encourage relationships within Calvary as well as outside of Calvary. Please pray about this. We could use your ideas and help. Let me know if you are interested!



**Get a free Bible for your phone, tablet, and computer.**

[Read the Bible Now](#)

**Join us with an online Bible Study, FREE!**

I have used a Bible app on my phone for years. There is a way to invite others to share in a study through the app (can be used on a PC or on a phone). The 28 day

study is called **Contagious: The Generous Gospel**. Go to "Contagious: The Generous Gospel" or to <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/8849> for more information.

Sign up any time and connect with me – *babswalker07*. I'll send out invitations to join the study. We will start in the middle of November - with the goal to finish by the end of the year - giving everyone extra time to complete. In January we can meet to review and discuss the highlights of the study. Let me know if you need my help to get started. Give me a call or text 432-213-5293.

Peace & Blessings, Barbara Walker - Email: [babswalker07@gmail.com](mailto:babswalker07@gmail.com) Cell: (432) 213-5293

***Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.*** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (GNT)



Contagious: The Generous Gospel

**THE  
SPREAD  
OF THE  
GENEROUS  
GOSPEL**

# Service and Justice

*“Do justice; love kindness; walk humbly with God.”*

## SERVICE AND JUSTICE November, 2019



*Betty Thane,  
Service and Justice  
Team Leader*

**NOISY BUCKET:** The last Noisy Bucket Offering for this year will be October 27th, 2019. The offering will resume on January 27th, 2020. Be thinking about what project you would like to save our change for next year. Will have a total for this year in the December Newsletter. I know if they could tell us, we would have a BIG thank you from those receiving the funds for their water. Thank You!!!!

**GOOD GIFTS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT TREE** will be going up in a couple of weeks. Start making your list now for those to whom you would like to give a Good Gifts ornament for Christmas.

**2019 ADVENT CALENDARS** are available on the table in the Narthex. There are enough calendars for everyone who would like to have one. They are free, so be sure and take what your family needs.

**COOKIES FOR OUR MILITARY** as a Thank You for their service as they travel home for the holidays. Please help us by baking cookies and bringing them to the church Worship Services on December 1st and 8th.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** is scheduled for December 15th after the Worship Service and a light lunch. Come help us sing and bring some cheer to our shut-ins.

**PROJECT DIGNIDAD:** Please remember our homeless and less fortunate by continuing to bring nonperishable food goods plus any clothing and household goods and placing them in the box in the Narthex. Jackets, sweaters, and blankets are a welcome item this time of year. Thank you for sharing your love.

**NEXT SERVICE AND JUSTICE MEETING** will be December 2nd in the church Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. We will be baking cookies, so come join us. We always need taste testers.

**O Give Thanks Unto The Lord for His Mercy Endures Forever.**

Blessings,

Betty Thane, Service and Justice Team Leader



# Fellowship

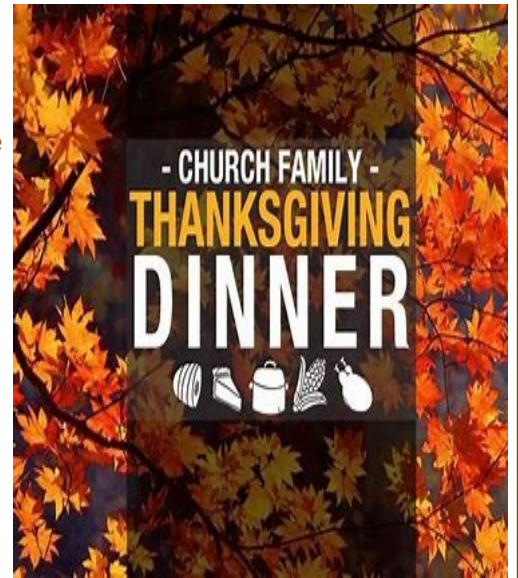
*"Building Christian community in love and grace."*

## CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH!

The sign-up sheet for bringing food items is on the table in the Narthex. At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 16th, help is needed with setting up tables. Help is also needed on Sunday, the 17th, with setting out the food items in preparation for the meal, and following the meal, with clean-up.

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 9th, at Rosa's Café on Sherwood Way. Come join us!

**LUTHERAN DINERS** will not meet during November and December, due to the busy-ness of those months.



**Kara Martinez,**  
Fellowship Team Leader

*Happy Anniversary*

November 16, 1973 - Al and Rosalee King  
November 20, 1973 - Steve and Jeannie Mild



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
ENDS ON SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 3RD.** We'll  
be setting our clocks  
back one hour.



November 2 - Renae Heinze  
November 3 - Daniel Williams  
November 6 - Caitlyn Phillips  
November 7 - James Parry  
November 11 - Marie Williams  
November 14 - Aymie Portwood  
November 14 - Elwin Hahn  
November 16 - Kristy Scott  
November 17 - Sue Taylor  
November 19 - Joseph Phillips  
November 21 - Pat Gavin  
November 24 - Valerie Bluthardt  
November 28 - Rich Myers  
November 29 - Blossom Parry



**ALTAR GUILD:** The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

We would love to have you join us! For more information, please call Pam Ulrich at 942-9404.

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                              | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <b>Give thanks to the Lord,<br/>for he is good; his love<br/>endures forever.</b><br>—1 Chronicles 16:34<br>         | <b>Give thanks to the Lord,<br/>for he is good; his love<br/>endures forever.</b><br>—1 Chronicles 16:34                 |                                      | <b>LOOKING AHEAD</b><br>December 4 - First<br>Midweek Advent<br>Service |   | <b>1</b><br><b>All Saints Day</b><br>5:30pm AA Group            | <b>2</b><br><b>9:30am Altar Guild<br/>Meeting</b><br>11:00am AA Group<br><b>Daylight Saving<br/>Time Ends<br/>Tomorrow!</b> |
| <b>3</b><br><b>All Saints Sunday</b><br>8:45am Confirmation<br>Class<br>8:45am Meet and Greet<br>with Dan Lund<br>8:45am Children's<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>Service                      | <b>4</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br>2:00pm Exercise<br>Group<br>5:30pm AA Group  | <b>5</b><br>5:30-8:00pm AA<br>Group  | <b>6</b><br>6:00pm Women's<br>Bible Study                               | <b>7</b><br>10:00am Exercise<br>Group<br>5:30pm AA Group  | <b>8</b><br>5:30pm AA Group                                     | <b>9</b><br><b>8:00am Men's<br/>Bible Breakfast at<br/>Rosa's Café on<br/>Sherwood Way</b><br>11:00am AA Group              |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Pentecost 22</b><br>8:45am Confirmation<br>Class<br>8:45am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>8:45am Children's<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>Service<br>11:00am Semi-Annual<br>Meeting | <b>11</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br>2:00pm Exercise<br>Group<br><b>6:30pm Church<br/>Council Meeting</b><br>5:30pm AA Group | <b>12</b><br>5:30-8:00pm AA<br>Group | <b>13</b><br>6:00pm Women's<br>Bible Study                              | <b>14</b><br>10:00am Exercise<br>Group<br>5:30pm AA Group   | <b>15</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER<br/>DEADLINE</b><br>5:30pm AA Group  | <b>16</b><br>11:00am AA Group<br><b>2:00pm Set Up for<br/>Thanksgiving Meal</b>   |
| <b>17</b><br><b>Pentecost 23</b><br>8:45am Confirmation<br>Class<br>8:45am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>8:45am Children's<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>Service<br>11:00 Thanksgiving Meal        | <b>18</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br>2:00pm Exercise<br>Group<br>5:30pm AA Group   | <b>19</b><br>5:30-8:00pm AA<br>Group | <b>20</b><br>6:00pm Women's<br>Bible Study                              | <b>21</b><br>10:00am Exercise<br>Group<br>5:30pm AA Group   | <b>22</b><br>5:30pm AA Group                                    | <b>23</b><br>11:00am AA Group   |
| <b>24</b><br><b>Christ the King Sunday</b><br>8:45am Confirmation<br>Class<br>8:45am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>8:45am Children's<br>Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>Service                         | <b>25</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br>2:00pm Exercise<br>Group<br>5:30pm AA Group   | <b>26</b><br>5:30-8:00pm AA<br>Group | <b>27</b><br>6:00pm Women's<br>Bible Study                              | <b>28</b><br><br><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b><br>Church Office<br>Closed<br>5:30pm AA Group | <b>29</b><br><b>Church Office<br/>Closed</b><br>5:30pm AA Group | <b>30</b><br>11:00am AA Group   |

## Calvary Lutheran Church

We strive to recognize and nurture the Christ in ourselves and each person that we encounter along the way. Our church is a thriving community of believers, and lovers of the word of God. Calvary Lutheran has a long tradition of outreach and service to its members and the community. We hope you will join us for service on Sunday to experience for yourself the fellowship of Christ.



Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

From "Now Thank We All Our God"

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PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

**All Saints Day, November 1**  
**All Saints Sunday, November 3**  
**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting,**  
**November 10**  
**Congregational Thanksgiving Meal,**  
**November 17**  
**Thanksgiving Day, November 28**

