

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Let us pray: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Suggested Bible readings for the week of Pentecost 21:

M Hosea 6:7-7:7; Acts 22:30-23:11; Luke 6:39-49.
T Hosea 7:8-16; Acts 23:12-24; Luke 7:1-17.
W Hosea 8:1-14; Acts 23:23-35; Luke 7:18-35.
Th Hosea 9:1-9; Acts 24:1-23; Luke 7:36-50.
F Hosea 9:10-17; Acts 24:24-25:12; Luke 8:1-15.
S Hosea 10:1-15; Acts 25:13-27; Luke 8:16-25.

Next Sunday's Texts- All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

This reading focuses on the future day when the Lord will fully manifest sovereignty over the universe. On that day, the Lord will host a banquet for God's faithful subjects.

Revelation 21:1-6

In the book of Revelation, John describes his vision of heaven, where the saints of God will live in light and glory. Of all the blessings found there, none will exceed that of simply being totally with God.

John 11:32-44

By raising Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, where death and weeping will be no more.

Brief reflection on the readings for Sunday:

All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. With thanksgiving we will remember all the faithful departed who have joined the church triumphant since the last All Saints Sunday. They include +Harry C. Thiede+, +James W. Munson+, +Margaret Knopf+, +Richard R. Ruesch+, and +Helen Behm+. These readings provide us all with the great promises of Jesus, that he always has the last word, and his word is never one of finality, but of hope, continuance, and life.

Let us pray...

For those in need of healing and comfort: Sue Hough, recovering from surgery at home; Faye Holmes, (mother of Sue Hough) cancer reoccurrence; Debra Lee Hovey, cancer survivor, undergoing tests; Margaret (friend of the Schiess' and Tim Carlsons), lung cancer; Helga Furnes, recovering at home; Andy, father of a member, prostate cancer; Kenneth Volek, relative of Arlene Juliano; Mary Curtis, friend of Trudi Black's, breast cancer; Christine Lawrence, friend of Eileen Remlin's, breast cancer; Joy Kotrch, (Ken Furnes' cousin), pancreatic cancer; Ty Bordenet, (friend of Eric Dreher's daughter), seriously injured in a motorcycle accident; Bob Wesche, now at home; Peg Wesche, Giant Cell Temporal arteritis; Raymond Plouffe, husband of Lynn Heim's co-worker; Linda Pleva; Sarah Mora; Victor Poklemba, brother of Helen Steinnagel, brain cancer; Jean McKinnon (metastasized breast cancer) and her husband Alex (friends of the Jacksons); Arlene Juliano, pain management; Judy Thomas, Beno's neighbor, mass on kidney; Bill Giarla (friend of Billie Flaherty), Lou Gehrig's disease, Ellie Ferguson, Wegener's vasculitis; Frank, prostate cancer

For peace with justice for all peoples of the Middle East.

Happenings at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church this week and beyond:

Monday, October 30	Confirmation Class – The Ten Commandments	7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 31	Reformation Day All Hallowed Eve (Halloween) No Adult Forum.	
Wednesday, November 1	Lutheran Home – Southbury Christmas Shopping Spree	
Thursday, November 2	Bell Choir Senior Choir	6:45 PM 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 5	All Saints Sunday Services at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday School at 9:15 AM	

Shepherd's Pantry supplies non-perishable food items for the Monroe Food Pantry. The requested items for the month of November are: stuffing and potatoes (fresh, canned or boxes of instant mashed potatoes).

The Youth Group is conducting a **cell phone drive** to donate to the battered women's shelter. This drive will run through the end of December. Thank you for your support.

Almighty God, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those joys which you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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