

October 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:30 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome  
and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

**WELCOME!** We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and** pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

**Nursery** Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Larry Fulfs
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Hanna Brinker	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sondra Winters	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Sue Kraft Dennis Luke
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Bob Schlachter	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Dennis Luke
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews, Braden Diddens		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Paul and Shirley Fox, Donna Gullickson, Darlene Aurand		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sue Kraft, Dennis Luke, Willie Kayser, Mike Geiseman		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Beth Martin, Shirley Fox		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Open		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> thru October 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Bible Study	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Parkinson Support Group	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45 am
	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thurs.Fri.Sat	Pastor Miranda gone for Continuing Education	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
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	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
	FCA Meeting at The Hangout	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Worship Attendance October 4<sup>th</sup> was 44

Total Offering for October 4, 2015: \$3,302.75 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$3,390.40

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *Lee Wenzel, Ellen Kyles, Verl Price, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz and homebound members Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner.*

**Pastoral Care Emergency Coverage**

*Pastor Miranda will be gone for Continuing Education from Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> until Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tom Ekstrand of St. John's Lutheran Church Pearl City, IL will be on call for pastoral care emergencies. In case of an emergency he can be reached by calling the St. John's church office at 815-443-2215, or Pastor Ekstrand's Cell 847-644-7450*

**– ORDER OF WORSHIP –  
ELW SETTING 3**

**PRELUDE** (*A time for prayer and reflection*)

**Tena Rackow**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**FIRST, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES: GIVING IN GRATITUDE KICK-OFF**

**Men's Chorus**

**Refrain**

Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

**GATHERING HYMN:**

Praise and Thanksgiving

(Verses 1,2,3) **ELW#689**

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

**GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE** *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

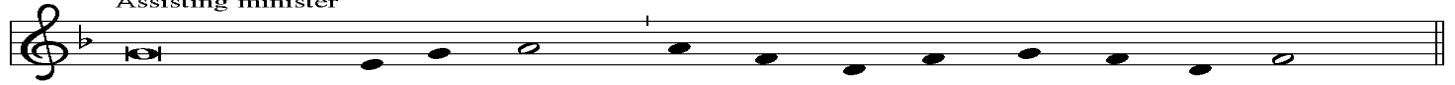
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE of PRAISE

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


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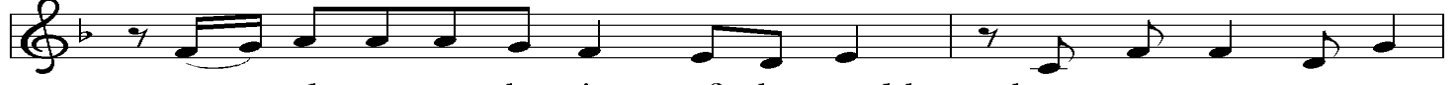
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



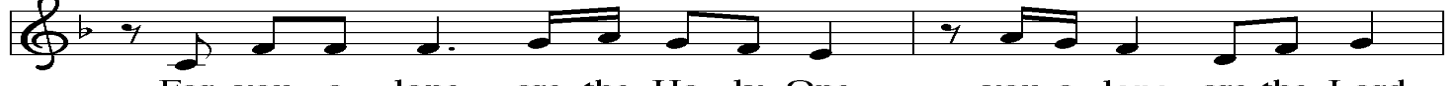
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*Please be seated.*)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 90:12-17** (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#90**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

<sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 10:17-31 C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

**P: The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Miranda Klosterboer**

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Grace and God of Glory

(Verses 1,2,3) ELW#705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.  
 brief silence.

WA: Holy and Loving God, Knock down the barriers in our lives that keep us from following you.  
 Show us how to open doors for others to enter into your saving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Lord, uphold your people with your word. Deliver mercy and grace to all your children through  
 Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**



WA: Reclaim lands and waters that have been polluted through human neglect and greed. By your creative Spirit introduce again the vibrant and diverse life you have made. Protect those who labor in the fields during this harvest season. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Pour out compassion on your servants in time of need especially *Lee Wenzel, Ellen Kyles, Verl Price, Jon Forsythe, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz*. Where people dwell in darkness, let the light of your truth and mercy refresh and renew them. Strengthen and encourage *Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner*. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

## Choir Anthem

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.*

## OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray. **C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.*



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW#154

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Gather Us In

ELW#532

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,  
 van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.  
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and  
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,  
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, ...following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

**We Are Called**

**ELW#720**



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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**DISMISSAL (from back)**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! **C: Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

**Tena Rackow**

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## FIRST, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES: Giving in Gratitude



### Kick-Off Sunday!

Today is Kick Off Sunday for year two of a three year journey as we explore growing in discipleship and giving our gifts in response to God's grace in Christ. Over the next few weeks we will talk together about "giving in gratitude". In our conversation together, questions such as "What are God's blessings in your life?", "How do you receive God's blessing?", "What is gratitude and how does it affect the way we live in God's grace?", and "How do we give in gratitude?" will provide faith growing opportunities for each of us. Our weeks together will be a time to grow in discipleship and continue to explore the spiritual reasons why we give of our time, abilities, spiritual gifts, and financial resources for ministry.

### **"GIVING IN GRATITUDE" BIBLE STUDY**

Today, our Discipleship Bible Study begins. This is a four week study and a key spiritual growth opportunity in our *First, We Give of Ourselves* emphasis. We will consider God's giving, how blessed we are as God's people, and how we receive and delight in God's gifts. You can participate by joining in the discussion in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 11am. We will meet Oct 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The study can be used by other committees and Bible studies as a devotional as well.

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

Good Shepherd to host the NI SYNOD Northwest Conference  
Fall Discipleship Gathering Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>

The 2015 Gatherings will focus on church leadership and the election of a new synod bishop, which will happen for us in 2016 with the retirement of Bishop Wollersheim.

Registration will begin at 6:15 pm. A light supper will be served from 6:30-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will begin at 7 pm, followed by the program. The evening will end by 8:45 pm.

### **PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Will meet October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Speaker will be Leanne Christians-hygienist from FHM Family Dental topic will be "Dental Health in Parkinson's"

Any Questions ? ? ? Call: Carol Griffin 815-947-2208 OR Marion Fahr 815-367-3961

### **CHRISTIAN ROCK CONCERT**

TobyMac and Colton Dixon live in concert! November 8th at 7pm

Aliant Energy Center in Madison, WI

Cost: \$15.50 if we have a group of 10 or more

We'll meet at church at 5pm to drive to Madison

### **YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT LEAF RAKING**

If you wish to have your yard raked or knows of someone who needs their yard raked, please call the Church office (815-369-5552) and leave your name and telephone number for the youth to contact you.

### **MEN'S GROUP STEAK FRY:**

**Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30pm.**

along with the monthly meeting. *Men of all ages are invited to attend*

### **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO KAPELLE**

Sunday October 25, 2015

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1320 S. Blackhawk Ave. Freeport, IL 915-232-6934

### **November 1<sup>st</sup> ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

We will remember each "Saint" or loved one that died since November last year. A carnation will be placed on the altar in a bud vase and a family member may take it home after the service. Also, the name of each will be read during a prayer. If you have loved ones who died in the past year and you would like them remembered in this way, please call the church office at (815)-369-5552 and leave the information or write it on the pew pad.