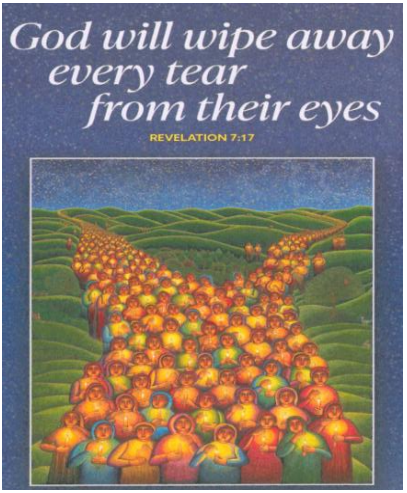



*Millcreek Lutheran Church*
*November 1, 2026*
*All Saint's Sunday*

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor and believe that Christ is your Savior and present in the Sacrament, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. All children who have received Communion instruction and have been approved to receive Holy Communion either here or at another church are also welcome to commune with us. Any child may come forward for a blessing. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

**Prayer:** Eternal Father, who blesses forever those who are faithful to you. Inspire us by the example of the saints who have gone before us and are now in your eternal care; that we may serve you with steadfastness, and know the happiness of faithfulness. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

**Serving you this morning:**

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| **Interim Pastor,** | Pastor Frank Terhune |
| **Lay Leader,** | Jennifer Rosengrant |
| **Organist/Pianist,** | Debbie Tice |
| **Lay Reader,** | Mary Ream |
| **Ushers/Audio,** | Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman |

## The Service

**Prelude of Entrance**

**Announcements**

**Prelude of Preparation**

**All Saints Day Litany:**

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

**Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

**Hymn** For All the Saints vv 1 – 3 LBW 174

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

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We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

*(Others who have died in the past year may be mentioned)*

People of God, we remember you, and we honor you.

**We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

**Hymn** For All the Saints vv 4 – 6 LBW 174

When we pass through the waters,

**God is there with us.**

When we suffer and feel hopeless,

**God is there with us.**

When we are joyful and celebratory,
**God is there with us.**
Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,
**God is there with us, always.**
We give thanks O God for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen**.

**Hymn** For All the Saints vv 7 – 8

## For All the Saints




Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

***Greetings:** **LBW p. 57, line 5**

**Prayer of the Day (read in unison)**
**Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

**First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their
hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one
who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the
great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood
of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship
him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun
will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of
the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the
water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (read responsively)**

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the Lord;**
**let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the Lord, who answered me**
**and delivered me from all my terrors.**
5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me**
**and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the Lord is good;**
**happy are they who take refuge in God!**
9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
**but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation, *Alleluia verse*** **LBW p. 62**

***Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Holy Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Responses (spoken): Page 63, lines 15 & 16**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ***When We All Get to Heaven*** **NCH (red) #487**

# 487 When We All Get to Heaven

Eliza E. Hewitt — Emily D. Wilson




***The Nicene Creed** **LBW p. 64**

**Choir Anthem**

***The Prayers**
Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

*A brief silence*

Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)** **LBW p.68**

***The Preface** **LBW p.68**

***The Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy*** **LBW p.69**

***Words of Institution** **LBW p.69**

***The Lord's Prayer** **LBW p.71**

**Communion of the Faithful**

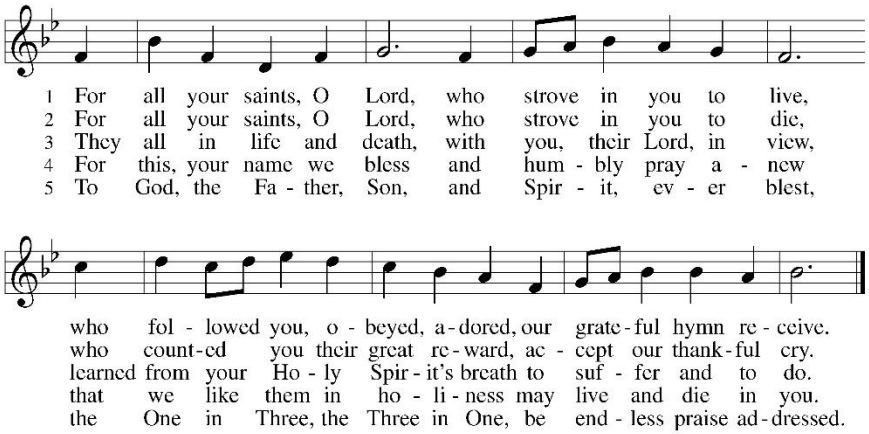
***Communion Blessing** **LBW p.72**

***Post-Communion Prayer** **LBW p.74**

***Blessing:**
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace ✢ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn:** ***For All Your Saints, O Lord*** **LBW #176**

# For All Your Saints, O Lord




Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

**Moments of Meditation (seated)**

***Dismissal** **LBW p.74**

**Postlude**

## Commemoration

When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ.
We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of men & women across time and space.
Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith.

## *All Saints Day*

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. On this day we remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

***The flowers and bulletins are given in honor & glory of God, and in celebration of the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ.***






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| *+Marvin F. Ritter, Jr.* | *9-22-2025* |
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| *+Donald R. Leibig* | *11-7-2025* |
| *+Audrey M. Putt* | *11-7-2025* |
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| *+Doris P. Auman* | *1-23-2026* |
| *+Mark R. Essick* | *2-11-2026* |
| *+Phyllis B. Rohr* | *2-12-2026* |
| *+Joan E. Strickler* | *5-19-2026* |
| *Kenneth N. McMullan* | *6-23-2026* |

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"The Church on the Hill"

**Our Mission:**
**Motivating Lives Through Christ and our community, our congregation, & ourselves.**

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**Lay Leader: Jennifer Rosengrant**

**Sunday, November 1, 2026**

You can listen to the worship service over the phone patch at 10:15 AM. Just dial 717-628-0125. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.

## Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Community

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

We had a great turnout of 20 decorated trunks full of candy for 150 children from the community. Special thanks to everyone that volunteered, decorated, or donated!

1st place: Engle's Jurassic Park
2nd place: Rosengrant's Toy Story
3rd place: Hoffman's goats




**ALL SAINTS DAY & VETERAN'S DAY PHOTOS:** We welcome you to bring photos or memory items on Sunday Nov. 1 for All Saints Day service and on Sunday Nov. 8th for Veteran's Day service, to honor those who has passed since last All Saints Day and to honor all veterans.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**:

We will be participating in Samaritan's Purse- Operation Christmas Child this year by filling shoe boxes for children who would otherwise not receive any gifts at Christmas. There are brochures and labels in the narthex with instructions. (Please read them carefully as there are restrictions as to what can be included in the shoe boxes.) There are also pre-printed shoe boxes that can be assembled, or you can wrap a shoe box of your own, just make sure the lid can be opened. Finished shoe boxes should be placed on the table in the multi-purpose room. If you are including the shipping charges, it is $10 per box, payable to Samaritan's Purse (put your check in an envelope inside your box) or you can refer to the instructions in the brochure to donate online. The deadline for completed boxes is Sunday, November 8, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Martin (610) 589-5501.

## Motivating Lives Through Christ and our Congregation

**FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS** for 2026 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-$30, Bulletins- $10.

**UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:**

- Sunday November 1- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am All Saints communion service
- Sunday November 8- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am Veterans' Day service. November 8th will be Pastor Terhune's last service with MLC, followed by reception in the multi-purpose room
- Sunday November 15- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am regular service with Pastor Joel Risser, followed by meet & greet in multi-purpose room.
- Sunday November 22- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service with guest Pastor Thom Keller
- Sunday November 29- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service, guest Rev. Barry Heckman
- Sunday December 6- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service with Pastor Joel Risser, followed by a **Call Vote*** in the multi-purpose room.

*__Call Vote Requirements__

1. Individual must have taken communion one time during past year. Please complete a communion form in the Narthex by November 30th if you have not done so within the past year.
2. Contribution on record within the past year. If you have only contributed cash during the past year, we ask that you make one contribution via check or electronically before November 30th. Capital campaign contributions can count toward this requirement.

**Note:** Individuals must be physically present on December 6th for the Call Vote. ( CALL INS ARE NOT PERMITTED)

**CALLING FELLOW MUSICIANS:**

We will be playing on Sunday, November 8 at 10:00 for Veterans' Sunday.
Rehearsals will be
Saturday, October 31 at 10:00 AM
Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 AM

Please let me know if you are able to play and have any questions or for music . My email is juliestrickler@gmail.com or text me at 6102079650. Thanks to all for joining us in this music ministry!

Julie Strickler

PS- Save the date: Sunday, December 20 Lessons & Carols service

## Motivating Lives Through Christ and Ourselves

**WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:**

Norman & Patricia Sharp
8 Central Drive
Newmanstown, PA 17073

**PRAYER LIST:** Please make requests to Jen M. by noon Wed. each week: secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570. *Please provide updates when our prayers have been answered, so this list can be kept current.*

**MILLCREEK MEMBERS:**

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| Violet Hepler | Liz Leibig | Michael Yiengst, Jr | Stewart Wolf |
| Portia Lindermuth | Brian Ream | Devon Yiengst | Norm Sharp |
| Gerry Strickler | Julie Strickler | Aaron Yiengst | Greer Zellers |

**NON-MEMBERS:**

Gary Beatty, brother in law of Debbie Hartman
JoAnn Deahl, Brandy Gahres' mother
Linda McMullan, sister in law of Greta McMullan
Jennifer Clinton, daughter of Renee & Layne Strickler
Kevin Kochinsky, family friend of Stephanie Seldomridge
Kaylee Gordon, family member of Jamie Keener
Candy Hibshman, friend of Rachel Mock
Pat Ontkos, friend of MLC
Gary, friend of Kristin Bender

## The "Bee Attitudes"

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



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# The Church Triumphant

Today the church remembers those who are now in the realm of God, at rest from their earthly labors. Their baptism is complete, and they feast eternally at Jesus' welcome table.

As we speak or hear the names of deceased loved ones today, let us give thanks for the ways in which they shared the gospel with us. None of us would be following Jesus now without a faithful saint or two who told us their favorite Bible passages and stories, shared their favorite hymns with us, and exemplified faithful witness and service. Who was most instrumental in your faith development? Thank them today or, if they have died, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their enduring legacy of faith.

Jesus prepares a place of inexpressible joy for us. Only good things await beyond the door we call death. Abundant blessings are in store for those who once were poor in spirit, mourning, or meek; for those who longed for justice and righteousness; and for the peacemakers and pure of heart. These saints are wrapped in the love of God for all eternity. They no longer experience hunger, thirst, tears, pain, suffering, or sorrow. The former things have passed away. All things have been made new!

While here we grieve the death of our beloved ones, we also take heart, knowing that one day we will join the church triumphant and unite our voices with the faithful of every time and place. Alleluia, thanks be to God!

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