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ALL SAINTS DAY

November 2, 2025

A Great Reward



It's a dramatic scene: that moment in a movie when a large family comes together for the reading of the last will and testament. Usually, a lawyer sits facing the assembly with a pile of papers. The family members sit on the edge of their seats in anticipation. As the camera pans around the room, we can imagine their thoughts: "What will I get?" "Which one of us will keep the mansion?" "How much will my inheritance be?"

This typical scene of "reading the will" gets flipped upside down on All Saints Sunday. Yes, All Saints Sunday is about the reality of death and what happens next. But on this day, instead of looking at a lawyer, we look to Jesus. We give thanks for the inheritance Jesus has already made possible for us through his death on the cross and his resurrection to eternal life.

Our inheritance from Jesus isn't only hope for the future. It's the fuel that helps us live today. When we are poor, we can trust that one day, God will give us his kingdom. When we are hungry, we can trust that God will fill us. Jesus' words assure us that he is with us now and that our reward is great in heaven. In him, God has conquered sin and death. Our inheritance as children of God is secure.

Jesus' words are a comfort to us. His promise about our inheritance fills us with hope, especially when we hear the names of those who have died in the past year read aloud on All Saints Sunday. Even as we grieve their loss, we trust that their reward is great in heaven. Because of God's reconciling love for all creation, the inheritance of eternal life belongs to us and to the saints who have gone before us.

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Pastor: Dr. Wendy S. Farone

Assisting Minister: Daisy Shields

Lector: Judy Haliko

Organist: Drew Pogyor

Altar Care: Loran Bohman

Altar Flowers: are given to the glory of God by Judy and Tom Haliko.

The Sanctuary Light: is given to the glory of God.

The Columbarium Light: is given to the glory of God.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance Hymn **ELW 418 Rejoice in God's Saints**

Hymn of the day **ELW 1030 Death Be Never Last (Bulletin Insert)**

Communion Hymns **ELW 423 Shall We Gather at the River**
ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation

Sending Hymn **ELW 422 For All the Saints**

Communion- If you need assistance or are unable to come to the communion rail, stay in your pew, and the Pastor will come to you. If you are unable to receive either the consecrated bread or wine, receiving either one is a complete and valid reception.

Membership- There are many ways to be connected with our congregation. Everyone is welcome to participate in any congregation activities, and anyone baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to Holy Communion. We welcome your membership request.

October 26, 2025 Attendance: 29

Bible Study Attendance: 13

Offerings:

Weekly Need: \$3,300.00

October 26, 2025: \$690.00

Death Be Never Last



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
 2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
 3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
 loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
 thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
 grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
 af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain



Turn-ing eyes now to their shin-ing mem-'ry, to their faith-ful past,



saints be now the truth di-vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever

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First verse to be sung before reading the names. The next verse isn't to be sung because the names will be read. After the names are read, the last verse is to be sung.

Behold the Host Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad
2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in
3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall

moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -
heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they
you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and

fore the throne of light! These are the saints who
shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through
scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at

kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He
bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -
home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in

is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -
formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their
tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the

stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
fears. For now they have the best at last; they
seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O

sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when
keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our
saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let

they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lord com - mands; he is both host and guest.
heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907
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Faith Announcements:

Our Annual Fall Craft Show was a success! Thank you so much to all the vendors and volunteers!

Tables: \$665

Kitchen: \$206

Raffle: \$260

Grand Total: \$1131

Faith has a new YouTube channel! All worship services will be located there from now on. Please like and subscribe!

www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchWhiteOakPA

Pastor Wendy has a new email address to match her new title! She will be checking her old email address for the next month or so, just in case. New email: flcpastorwendy@gmail.com

On November 16th at 3 pm, Faith will be hosting a local contemporary a cappella group named Vocal Steel! This event is open to Faith, friends, and our community. Since there are only 120 seats available for this performance, please reserve your spot. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Pastor's Podcast- New episode!

Understanding Church: Children in Church

<https://www.belc.org/podcast/> or wherever you listen to podcasts

Oct/Nov Council Meeting: November 13, 2025, at 12:30 pm

Bible Storytelling News for the Upcoming Week:

We welcome back Pastor Wendy Farone! We will continue the book of Hebrews on Tuesday. Come join us!

Prayer List October - December 2025

<u>Nikki</u> Amhurst	<u>John</u> Konik & Family
<u>Katie</u> Bachinger	<u>Teresa</u> M
<u>Becky</u> Ball	<u>Birdie</u> McMillan
<u>Jean</u> Bickerstaff	<u>Georgina</u> McMarlin
<u>Jean</u> Bodenlos	<u>Margie</u> Miller
<u>Barry</u> D	<u>Marlene</u> Newman
<u>Jamie</u> Cummings	<u>Helen</u> Pula
<u>Kara</u> Eaton	<u>Corey</u> Rhodes
<u>Shelley</u> Gessner	<u>Mark</u> Scott
<u>Rose</u> Gombas	<u>Tracy</u> Scott
<u>Heather</u> Grantz	<u>Sandy</u> Seitz
<u>Bill</u> Grimm	<u>Maxine</u> Smith
<u>Jerry</u> Groves	<u>Amanda</u> T
<u>Eric</u> Harshman	<u>Steven</u> T
<u>Renee</u> K	<u>Theresa</u> Zell
<u>Ken</u> K	<u>Nick</u>
<u>Ellio</u> Keiser	<u>Dominick</u> Family
<u>Nancy</u> Kimling	<u>Mundy</u> Family
<u>Bill</u> Kimling	

Synod Weekly Announcements:

Installation of Bishop Stoller

On Saturday, October 18, Rev. Melissa Stoller was installed as bishop of our synod. The sanctuary of Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church overflowed with ministers, lay people, bishops from other synods of the ELCA, heads other Church denominations, friends, and family members. Hundreds more joined by livestream and at watch parties hosted by congregations throughout our synod. Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry presided over the installation and many individuals from our synod participated in various parts of the service.

In addition to the vows a bishop takes when installed, we were also asked to make promises:

“People of God, representatives of this synod, will you receive Melissa as a servant of God and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ? Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?”

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Installation of Pastor Halle Kluever
Sunday, November 2: 3PM
Hope Lutheran Church
8070 Rowan Rd, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

[Invitation >>](#)

Your prayers and presence are requested as Pastor Halle Kluever is installed as associate pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Cranberry. Ministers are invited to vest and process; the color of the day is red.

Supporting Community Members Facing SNAP Changes

The SWPA Synod Hunger Elimination Action Team is working to respond to the changes to hunger programs in our area. According to this **[announcement regarding changes to SNAP eligibility](#)**, those adults between 18-65 who remain eligible will need to carefully document and communicate the reasons they should be continued on SNAP to the Commonwealth's Department of Human Services.

Community Announcements:

Sampson Mills Presbyterian Church has asked us to partner with them on a Christmas cantata, which the Church Choirs Unite group will perform on December 14th. If anyone is interested, please let Jessica or Pastor Wendy know, and we can provide sheet music and practice recordings.

Upcoming Commemorations

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Monday, November 3, 2025

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus

Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Friday, November 7, 2025

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.