

November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

Numbered hymns and page numbers will be found in the cranberry hymnal. The Psalms are found in the front section of the hymnal, after the last red tabs.

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bells

The Liturgy of Remembrance

Announcement of Comfort and Hope (Congregation stands)

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

(Congregation is seated)

Honoring and Remembering

(Members of our West Denmark community who have died this past year: Amy Johansen Ripberger, Donna Mortensen, Renée Showalter Hanson)

Lighting Candles of Remembrance

(The members of West Denmark who have died in the last year will be named first, and a bell will toll for them and a candle will be lit. Afterwards, you are invited to name aloud anyone you would like to be honored and remembered. Remember the power of the resurrection!)

Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for the saints, both known and unknown—who have touched our lives and guided us in faith. May the light of these candles shine as a symbol of hope, love, and the eternal bond we share in Christ. Grant us peace and strength as we continue our journey, united in faith and love. AMEN

Hymn: *For All The Saints (verses 1,2, and 3)*

#422

Greeting:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise Behold The Host Arrayed In White (verse 1)

#425

Prayer of the Day:

O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our siblings who now rest in you and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the joy of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

First Reading: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Connie

Engblom

Psalm 149

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 11-23

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia!*

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Gospel: Luke 6: 20-31

Sermon

Rev. Cordelia

Strandskov

Hymn: *The Ash Grove*

in Favorites from a World of

Song

Prayers of Intercession

Nikki

Strandskov

Peace

Offering

Offertory

Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer (*Begin with Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father*)

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Communion

Lamb of God *p.154*
 Communion Hymn: *Shall We Gather At the River* *#423*
 Prayer after Communion
 Blessing
 Hymn: *For All The Saints* *(verses 4,5, and 6)* *#422*
 Dismissal L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements

Our Ministry Team

Rev. Shawn Mai, Interim Pastor **Christy Wetzig, Interim Parish Associate**
Liz Dodge, Church Administrator

Our Music Team

Christine Johansen, Pianist **Charles Parsons, Organist**
Harry Johansen, Cantor and Choir Director

We welcome to our pulpit and table today the Rev. Cordelia Strandskov, ordained in the United Church of Christ, and daughter of Henrik and Nikki Strandskov.

All are welcomed to a time of coffee and fellowship after the service. Today's refreshments are provided by Barb Kass and Mike Miles.

Please remember in your prayers, calls, and visits:

All those experiencing times of transition.

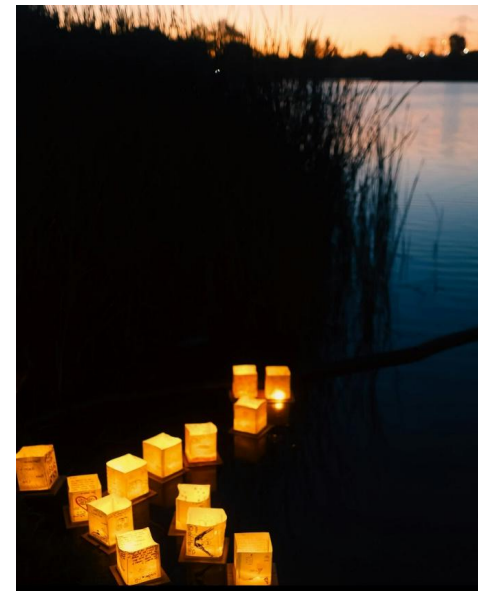
Our elders, those who are ill, those who don't get out much: Will (Kristan's friend), Bob (Nancy Moe's brother), Al, Larry, Deacon Jodi, Nancy, Kristan, Marlis, Donna Mae, Tom and Joyce, Danny and Marilene.

For the friends and family of Family Camper Renee Showalter Hanson, who died October 7th. A memorial gathering is planned at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, November 9th from 1 to 3 pm.

For the suffering people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all war torn lands, that they may find help, healing, justice, and peace....

Welcome to

West Denmark Lutheran Church
 November 2, 2025



Statement of Welcome

West Denmark is a safe place to worship, study, and build relationships with God and others, regardless of race, creed, economics, cultural background or sexual orientation or identity. **We're glad you've come!**

CALENDAR

Today:	Mindfulness Meditation in balcony, 8:30 am Sunday School, 9:00 am Worship, 10:00 am Fellowship, 11:00 am
Monday:	Men's Breakfast, Tin Shed, 7:30 am Women's Breakfast, Tin Shed, 10:00 am Women's AA Meeting, 7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Confirmation, Luck Lutheran, 6:00 pm Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
Thursday:	Encore Group, 10:00 am Women's AA Meeting, 7:00 pm
Saturday:	AA meeting 9:00 am
Next Week:	
Sunday:	Mindfulness Meditation, 8:30 am Sunday School, 9:00 am Worship 10am Fellowship 11am: A special coffee to welcome Chuck Parsons and Shawn Mai as permanent area residents! Memorial Gathering for Renée Showalter Hanson at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, 1:00 -3:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make sure you've marked your calendars for Steven Hobert's concert here at the church on Saturday, November 15, at 7:00 pm. Steven will present piano explorations on themes from around the world. Donations will be accepted for church community projects.

It's none too soon to be thinking about our annual Cookie Walk! Saturday, December 6, is the date. The better organized among us can start baking and freezing any time; also watch your grocery store for sales on butter, sugar, flour, and other ingredients. All who are able are asked to bring 3 dozen each of two kinds of cookies suitable for the Christmas season – or more if you are so moved.

Music Notes

The hymn *For All the Saints* was written by Anglican Bishop William Walsham How(1823-1897), known as “the poor man’s bishop” and “the omnibus bishop” for his habit of using public transportation like the poor he served. Several tunes have been used, but SINE NOMINE (without a name) by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams became the most popular almost as soon as it was published in 1906.

Behold the Host Arrayed in White was written by Hans Adolf Brorson (1694-1764), a Danish Lutheran Pietrist pastor and hymnwriter. The version we sing today was translated by Gracia GFrindal (b. 1943), who taught for many years at Luther Seminary, and has published several books of hymns, hymnology, and devotions. The Norwegian folk tune known as DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK was harmonized by Edward Grieg (1843-1907), Norway’s greatest compose.

The Ash Grove is not, strictly speaking, a hymn at all, but is frequently requested to be sung at funerals and memorial services. The tune is a traditional Welsh folk song, and there have been various lyrics sung to it. Our version is adapted from that written by John Oxenford (1812-1877), an English dramatist who is also known for his play *A Day Well Spent*, later adapted by Thornton Wilder as *The Matchmaker*, and still later by Michael Stewart and Jerry Herman as the musical *Hello, Dolly!*

Shall We Gather at the River may bring to mind the River Jordan, the site of Jesus’ baptism. Its author, Robert Lowry (1826-1899) was probably thinking of the river in the Book of Revelation “that flows by the throne of God,” since he is said to have written it during an epidemic in which many died. The idea of gathering by the river in Heaven was to be a comfort to those left behind. This popular hymn, while often sung at funerals, can also remind us of baptism and is also often used for Rally Sunday in those churches that observe the custom. The tune HANSON PLACE, with its upbeat and catchy music, was also written by Lowry.