

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2009 – 11AM

+ Children remain in the service today +
Junior Jamboree again next Sunday!

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers
downstairs throughout the service

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Blessed Assurance – arr. Whitworth

*Call to Worship Psalm 24:3-5

Leader: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord
and who may stand in his holy place?

People: *Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who do not put their trust in idols
or swear by what is false.*

Leader: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
Let us exalt his name together

*Hymn 767 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Opening Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson Revelations 21:1-6a Bill Anderson, Reader

Unison Prayer of Confession Hymnal No. 902

Gospel John 11:32-44

+ The children's bulletins are based on this passage +

Our Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

+ **Special offering today for the "Helping Hand" Fund** +

*The Doxology Hymn 48

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 551 *As We Gather at Your Table*

Communion Meditation Isaiah 25:6-9

THE JOYFUL FEAST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*The Apostle's Creed Hymnal No. 878

*Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer

+ **Please call out the names of those you wish to remember** +
God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who,
having witnessed to you on earth, now live with you in heaven:
remembering especially before you (names) .
keep us in fellowship with them until we meet with all the faithful
in the joy of our kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 747 *In the Sweet By and By*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Ruth Kendrick
Ushers: Aaron Knowles
Reader: Bill Anderson
Communion: Mary Hamilton
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy Knowles/Bob Ericson
Sound Tech: David Reitman
Snack: The Seguins

SERVING NEXT WEEK: November 8

Greeter: Erik & Anna Karlson
Ushers: Jim Hamilton
Reader: Lisa Ann Abranchess
Nursery/Assistant: Lynda Seguin/Aaron Knowles
Sound Tech: Bob Ericson
Snack: Claire Bentley

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Tuesday Becky Ericson
Wednesday Mary Hamilton
Sunday Dawn Kalis

Scripture Lessons to read for Sunday, November 8:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Ruth and Boaz
Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ's perfect sacrifice
Mark 12:38-44 A widow's notable sacrifice

Remember that this building is regularly used by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

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Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.

THIS WEEK

Today 9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
Don't forget to vote!
Saturday EPIC Revitalization Workshop
in Livingston, New Jersey

Next Sunday, November 8

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM The Service of Holy Communion
Guest Preacher: Ruth Correll

When you come to church on Sunday, remember to . . .

Bring your Bibles – It's not all in the bulletin

Bring canned goods for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

Bring change for the change box to fund capital improvements

Bring a dollar or two to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion International sponsored child in Indonesia

We're celebrating the Lord's Supper today. *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your hearts that God raised him from the dead, you are welcome to join us – even if you're not a member of this congregation. Everyone will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. If for any reason you do not wish to participate, please feel free to remain in your seat. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table – the youngest are given grapes. Older children may receive the bread and the cup if in the opinion of their parents, they understand the significance of the celebration and have put their faith in Christ.*

As your church organist and your pastor, we want to express our gratitude to you for the card you gave us last Sunday with its many personal greetings and very generous check. As "Pastor Appreciation Month" draws to a close, you need to know that we do feel very appreciated and blessed! John and Sandy Benson

If anyone might be available to help drive Rich to doctor appointments, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call (703) 622 – 4741 if you are available to help.

There is a great need for school supplies for Afghan children. If anyone is interested in donating to a "school supply" care package, please contact Kristin Zeman.

The Shack, by Wm. Paul Young, is the book scheduled for discussion on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen. A lot of people are reading and talking about this best-selling book and so should you! According to Eugene Peterson, "This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress did for his. It's that good!" See if you agree – read it and join our conversation about this unusual book which addresses the question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?

In the Covenant Companion: "Why We Worship" – Jay Phelan writes about what he has learned from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "Bonhoeffer was well aware of hypocrisy, selfishness and shortsightedness that could afflict a Christian community. But he thought the struggle well worthwhile." Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

The Helping Hand Fund – A new special offering is being introduced in the service today as approved by the last congregational meeting. Its purpose is to "lend a hand" to those in the church family with emergency financial needs (see Galatians 6:10 for the inspiration for this – Whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all, and especially to those who are of the family of faith.) Make your contribution to this fund using the special envelopes included in the bulletin on Communion Sundays. Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Pastor and Church Council.

A Sign-Up Sheet for Holiday Volunteers is on the table outside the sanctuary. If you will be here during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, please consider signing up!

Covenant World Relief Funds are already at work in India. Emergency funds have been sent to the Hindustani Covenant Church and Rural Evangelism Fellowship as they assist some of the millions affected by historic flooding that has devastated two southern states. Pick up a "Soup Can" bank from the credenza and use it gratefully and generously every day as we gather our World Relief Offering.

A Prayer for All Saints' Day

Lord, keep us ever mindful of the depth and breadth and height of your church – throughout the world and throughout time. Encourage us in our living with thoughts of saint and apostles, of patriarchs and matriarchs, of hosts arrayed and white and high angelic choruses. And, when those thoughts seem to distance and perhaps too lofty, remind us of the dear ones, now hidden from our sight, who taught and fed, encouraged and nurtured us – who now stand before your throne in everlasting light! In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Pastor John and Sandy Benson are leaving this afternoon for a trip to Connecticut (to look at a couple of houses), to Wisconsin (to visit with Laurel, Ben and Benson in Kenosha), and to Missouri (to visit with Jen and Tim, Thomas, Lars and Markus in Warrenburg). They are planning to return to Springfield on Wednesday, November 18. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact church chair, Rob Ericson, or Aaron Knowles in the church office.

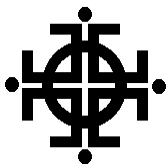
THE 2009 CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 2 PM. We urge you to participate in this multi-congregational four mile walk from Living Savior Lutheran on Rt. 123 in Burke Station, to Fairfax Presbyterian. See the bulletin board for details and talk to Mary Hamilton about joining in this effort to combat world hunger.

How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 703-505-0626) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY

Did you miss last week's sermon? Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at www.covenantchurchva.org.



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