Since Salvation is a Gift, we can be assured of our place in Heaven!

Luke 23: 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Romans 8: 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Revelation 3: 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Announcements

Mission of the Month CWS Blankets



Food Pack Event

November 9 2 Shifts Chicken & Biscuit Luncheon November 12 11am-1pm

Algona First United Methodist Church





ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE WEEKEND

Jackie Schmidt July 10, 1945 - December 4, 2024 Dick Manske

DECEMBER 4, 1953 - DECEMBER 30, 2024 CLETUS ZWEFEL

November 16, 1930 - February 22, 2025 Jan Lindhorst

February 7, 1936 - February 25, 2025 Bob Boleneus

August 17, 1948 - April 1, 2025 Bob Diekmann

SEPTEMBER 12, 1926 - MARCH 31, 2025 CINDY MASSEY

MAY 19, 1953 - APRIL 15, 2025

CHAR LARSON

SEPTEMBER 10, 1938 - MAY 2, 2025

CHARLES DEARCH

June 8, 1928 - January 7, 2025

Ann Darbyshire

MARCH 21, 1926 - JULY 24, 2025



Algona First United Methodist Church

November 1 & 2, 2025
All Saints Observance Weekend

Welcome Serve Love

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship

Pastor: We remember, O God...

People: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

Pastor: We remember, O God...

People: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

Pastor: We remember, O God...

People: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

Pastor: We remember, O God...

People: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

Pastor. We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

ALL: SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOY.

Opening Prayer

Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge; may the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those in distress, and bring hope to all. In the name of the Risen One we pray, Amen.

*Song #711 "For All the Saints" Verses 1, 2, 4, 6 (Saturday & Sunday)

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 23*

Remembering & Honoring the Saints

We light candles in honor of our church family members who have gone before us...

We light a candle in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives for us, including our military, law enforcement and fire fighters. We especially remember Officer Kevin Cram.

We light candles for other loved ones we hold in our hearts...

*Affirming Our Faith Hymnal #882 The Apostles' Creed

Congregational Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you. Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals; Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, Strong hands and those gnarled with age. Holy hands, used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; Whether hardhatted or steel-booted, Head ragged or aproned, Blue-collared or three-piece-suited. They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

*Song #710 "Faith of Our Fathers" (Saturday)
"10,000 Reasons" (Sunday)

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Celebration

Offering & *Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Lord, we thank for Your faithfulness. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please now take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Amen.

*Song #707 "Hymn of Promise" (Saturday)
"In Christ Alone" (Sunday)

Children's Message

New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-7

Message

The Lord's Supper

*Response #706 "Soon and Very Soon"

*Benediction Inspired by Revelation 21:1-6

Pastor: God invites us into his future, where the one who makes all things new has made his home among us.

People: We are called and chosen, together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning, crying, pain and even death will be no more.

Pastor: Remember God's future, for this is our story.

People: Our Lord says, "See, I am coming soon!" and we respond, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Heaven!

We are already included in Heaven!

Ephesians 1: 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ ... 2: 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Christ Himself will remove all suffering!

Revelation 7: 16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Revelation 21: 22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

A Place of Diversity & Unity!

Revelation 7: 9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."