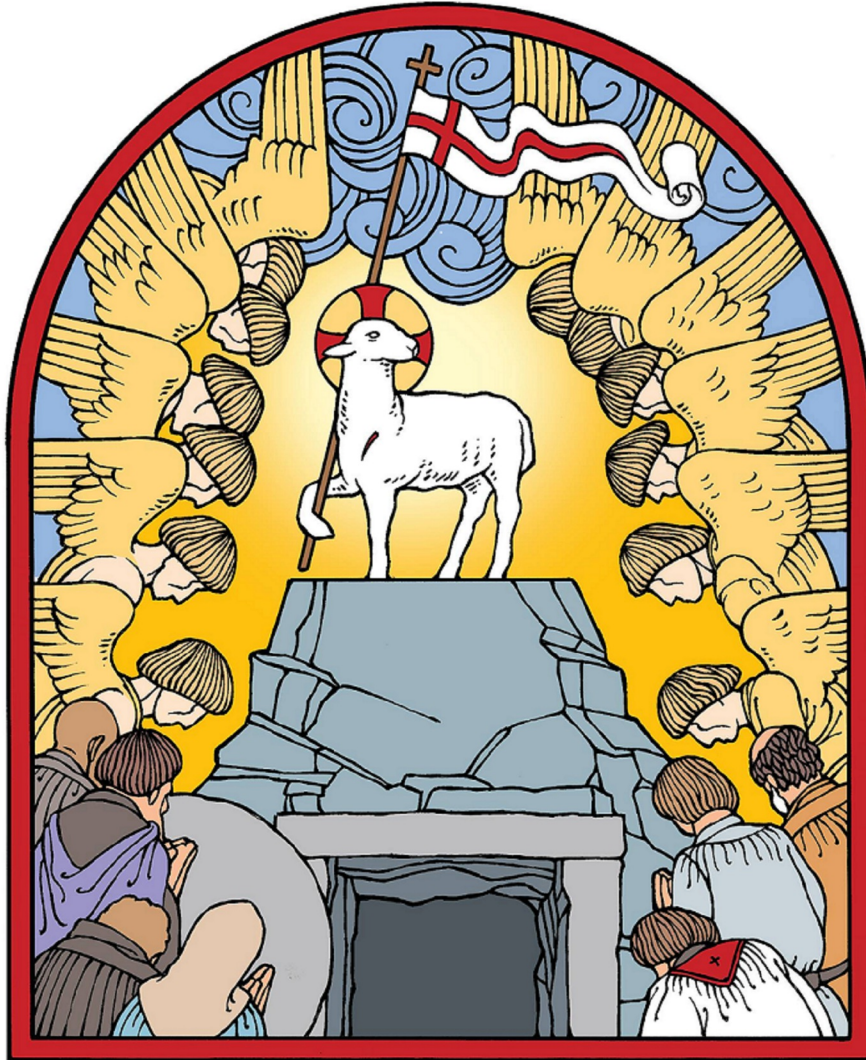


ALL SAINTS' DAY

"Forever Blessed"

October 31-November 1, 2026



Music of Preparation

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

Welcome! On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

Devotions & Publications are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... WORSHIP NOTES

Communion: *The Lord's Supper - The Real Presence

We come to the Lord's Table because we have sinned and want the Lord's assurance of His forgiveness of our sins as well as His strength for living the New Life of His Resurrection. As we eat the bread and drink the wine, because Jesus says so, we also receive His very Body and Blood. Doing this in repentant faith we receive His forgiveness. Along with God's forgiveness, comes the repentant New Life. In that New Life, we seek and use His power to overcome sinful ways and forsake them, including any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. We also strive to be faithful in regular worship and in attendance at the Lord's Table. Only in such faith do we properly and profitably receive the Sacrament and not misuse it to our judgment.

Fellow confirmed Christians of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod are welcome to share this sacrament with us. Prompted by love and caring, we ask that our other guests please speak with a pastor or lay minister before communing.

NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, the two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available at the back of the church and on the information wall in the main (west) entryway at the school.

AS WE GATHER...*When we think about “saints,” we typically think of “really good people.” But as we gather for All Saints’ Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are “saints” because they are really God’s people. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus returns.*

8:30am - Pre-service: “Blessed Are They” *Sanctuary Singers*

We’re So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

+ PREPARATION +

Opening Hymn: “For All the Saints” *LSB, hymn #677, st. 1-3*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

ALL SAINTS’ CELEBRATION

P: All Saints’ Day is a day for all of God’s believing people - those of every time and place - who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. On this All Saints’ Day, we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table. Now, they gather in God’s presence so that

they may continue in joyful service to Him forever. As we pause in silence while the bell tolls, we remember our loved ones who have died in faith.

ST. PAUL’S MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR		
Marilyn Bottorff Kathy Pangle Donna Beckman Debbie Zapf Linda Freitag Gary Gerberding Dale Johnson Bob Adams	Nancy Martin Trina Carraher Betty Hess Doug Mann Alice McVey ~~~~~ Those martyred for the sake of Christ.	We remember our loved ones, not of this congregation, who have also fallen asleep in Jesus. Those who died in infancy, the miscarried, the aborted, and the stillborn.

- P:** Let us pray. . . . Gracious Father, we remember with thanksgiving all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.
- C:** **Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another.**
- P:** Into your hands we commend them, O merciful Savior, sheep of Your own fold, lambs of Your own flock, sinners of Your own redeeming.
- C:** **Grant eternal rest to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.**
- P:** As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life,
- C:** **bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may praise Your name forever.**
- P:** Teach us to follow the example of the saints who have gone before us, that like them, we may persevere in the race set before us and cling to faith in Jesus Christ.
- C:** **Comfort those of us who mourn over loved ones lost this past year, and encourage us all through Your Word, that we may trust Your promises and abide in the joy of Your salvation. AMEN!**

Response: “For All the Saints” *LSB, hymn #677, st. 4-6*

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: On the celebration of this All Saints' Day, we are also reminded of the overflowing grace of God, our heavenly Father. He sent His only-begotten Son to become one of us to die for us. Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, God has declared us to be His holy saints, His totally forgiven sons and daughters. We rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In today's Epistle, John writes, “*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.*” Yet, we do not live our lives as if we are children of God. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness.
(Silence for reflection)

P: Father in heaven,
C: **Forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name. You lavishly love us, but we have not shown love for You or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. As God's called servant, it is with great joy that I announce God's grace to you. In His stead and at His command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

P: Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Grant us Your strength that we may follow Your blessed saints in all godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Amen.**

Response of Praise: “For All the Saints” *LSB, hymn #677, st. 7-8*

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Please be Seated)

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 *(A View Of Eternity)*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3 *(The Blessing Of Being God’s Children)*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Stand (as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse - Common - (Divine Service 1, page 156-157) *John 6:68*

C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 *(Blessed)*

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’

sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon Hymn: “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” *LSB, hymn #336*

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev’ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev’ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture Gaze we on those
glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

Sermon: “When Jesus Appears” *1 John 3:1-3*

Stand (as you are able)

CONFESSIO

P: Let us confess our faith using Luther’s explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed:

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the

Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

- P: Let us pray, . . .On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. May their memory be blessed among us, and may we follow our Lord faithfully all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Celebrating our lives together as saints, we pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God’s holy people, asking that we may bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and may worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Thankful for the saints among us in these days, we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in Your church around the world. May You bless their work among us as they serve in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: O Lord, we pray for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). O Lord, May their petitions be answered according to Your good and gracious will, and may they be supported by this fellowship of saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- (Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)*
- P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,
- C: Hear Our Prayer.**
- P: Above all we praise and thank You for Your saving Word and for Your Son's body and blood, which You give us to eat and drink in the Sacrament. Through

these means of grace, You send the Holy Spirit into our hearts, and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth and in heaven.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another. Amen

(Please be Seated)

Offering & Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards

LSB, Hymn # 955

C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

+ SACRAMENT +

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

P: Let us pray, . . .It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy - Divine Service 1, pg 161

Is. 6:3, Matt. 21:9

C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: O Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God - Divine Service 1, pg 163

John 1:29

C: (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB594 - God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (tune LSB420)

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

LSB605 - Father Welcomes

Refrain

*Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.*

Little children, come to me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin.

Refrain

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again.

Refrain

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

LSB672 - Jerusalem the Golden

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

(Please stand for the Trinitarian Verse)

O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank The Lord - Divine Service 1, pg 164:

C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. . . Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at Your gracious Table. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received that we be the peacemakers, the meek, and the pure in heart. Keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom with saints and

angels in light everlasting. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: Go with the peace of God and with His blessing:
The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: AMEN.

Closing Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LSB, hymn #411*

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

Refrain
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

See You In Worship Next Week!

After worship prayer
Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after the service.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our son, brother, nephew and cousin, Caleb Hoggins, for his Heavenly birthday on November 3rd, He is loved and remembered by Antonio, Annette, Cassandra, Christian, & Cory Hoggins, Jim & Carol Baron, and John, Christie & Layna Rahn.



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