

**Family of Christ Lutheran Church
All Saints Day
November 1, 2026**

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Requests

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked
at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

**Holy God, we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for
your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which
keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and
others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse
us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.**

Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd,
feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ACS 977

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

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Please be seated

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression.

Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

² **I will glory in the LORD;**

let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

let us exalt God's name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, who answered me**

and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant,

and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶ **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**

and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD

and delivers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**

happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,

for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²² O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the

children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW 422 For All the Saints

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through
thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness, drear, their one true light.
King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we fee-bly struggle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
5 The golden evening bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faithful
they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis-tant triumph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a - dise the
thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong,
blest.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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All Saints Litany

Lord of all Time, we remember before You the great ancestors of our faith, from Sarah and Abraham to Phoebe and Paul, from Miriam and Moses to Matthew and Mary Magdalene:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us Your way, O God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and godparents, aunts and uncles, those who You placed in our lives who have gone before us:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We remember our animal companions who are no longer with us:

Companions on the journey, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, siblings, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon. And we lift up to You, O God, those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with You forever. (*As we read these names, we will pause to light a candle to remember and give thanks for their lives.*): **Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts. **Saints gone before us, we**

remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life on earth. We trust in the hope of Resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen.**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Prayers of the People

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for
the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the
gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and
inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect
soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in
harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. This morning, we ask you to heed our prayers for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now (*brief pause*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

(Please share a sign of peace however you're comfortable today: fist bump, handshake, high five, peace sign, or gentle wave.)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

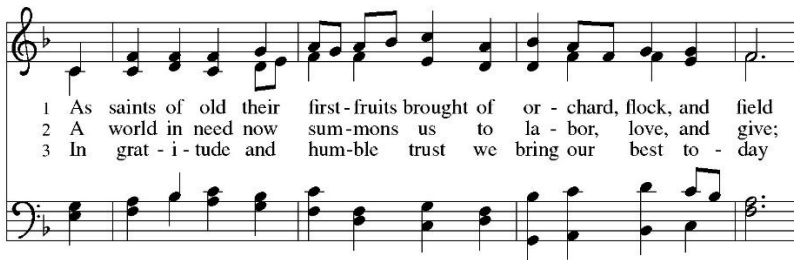
Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

Offering Is Collected

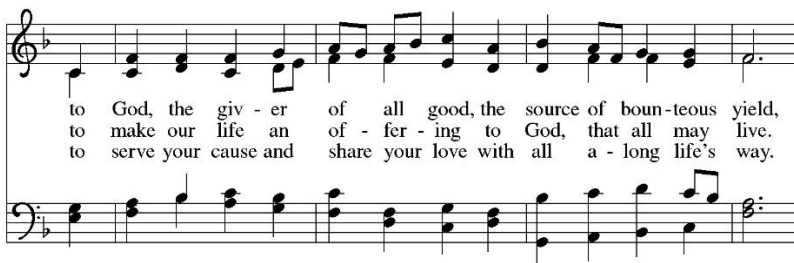
Offering and Elements Are Brought to the Table

Offering Hymn: ELW 695 As Saints of Old

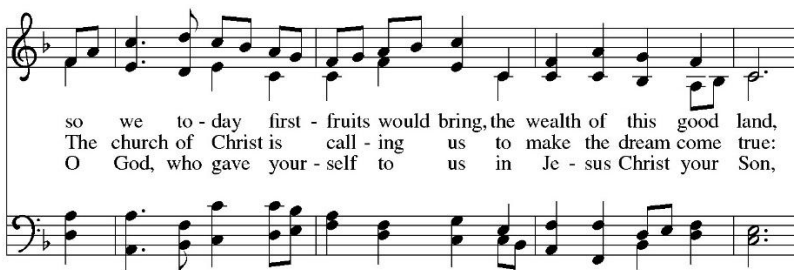
As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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Offering Prayer

Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

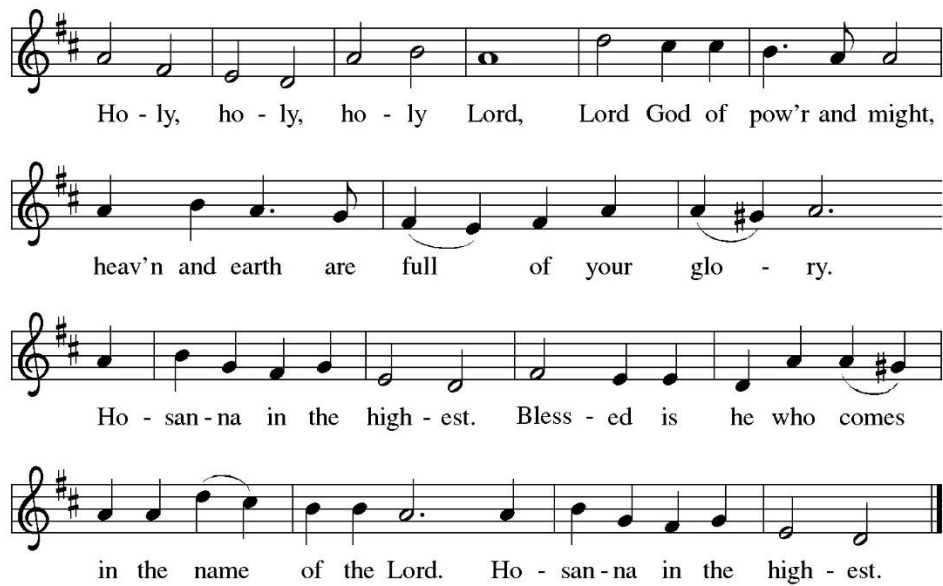
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

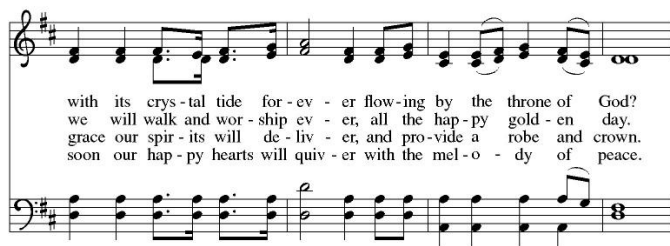
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive
what Christ has prepared.

Communion Hymn: ELW 423 Shall We Gather at the River

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Refrain
Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, **we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, tend the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ACS 950

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that

saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo-ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re-vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath-er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal-le-lu-jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num-ber when the saints go march-ing in.
 num-ber when the Lord in glo-ry comes.
 num-ber when the new world is re-vealed.
 num-ber when they gath-er round the throne.
 num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

- **Getting Crafty:** Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. Bring your current work-in-progress and craft and visit for a while.

- **Book Club:** Nov. 19, 7 p.m. (This is changed from the fourth Thursday because of Thanksgiving.)
- **Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Potluck and Silent Auction:** Nov. 22. Bring a dish to share and stay to bid on silent auction items! Donations of items are being accepted now.

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