

November 1, 2026
All Saints



Together we are:

~Called to Worship~
~Committed to Serve~
~Connected in Faith~

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Everyone is welcome to Worship

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn "For All the Saints" 1-3 ELW 422

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.

Kyrie (setting 5, WOV #28)

Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy

Prayer of the day

Let us pray.

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.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
(Ps. 34:9)

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.

Gospel Acclamation (setting 5 WOV #31):

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “Blest Are They” ELW 728

Apostles Creed

Sharing of the peace

Offering Hymn “Shall We Gather at the River” ELW 423

Prayer:

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord’s prayer

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.

Hymns During Distribution

ELW 832 – “My Lord of Light”

ELW 823 – “Praise the Lord! O Heavens”

ELW 483 - “Here is Bread”

Post Communion Blessing

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

You provide the true bread from heaven, you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Benediction

Closing Hymn “When the Saints Go Marching In”