

Stewardship 2026 Join the Journey

*"Trust in God from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God's voice in everything you do,
everywhere you go." Proverbs 3:4-6*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP 21st Sunday after Pentecost November 2, 2025 – All Saints Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Worship

Pastor: Paula Geister-Jones **Lay Ministry Administrator:** Jenny Hoffman

Guest Preacher: Sophie Geister-Jones

Organist/Pianist: Linda Kunz

Special Music: Mens Choir

Lector: Bob Kluge

Acolytes: Lauren Koch & Hannah Peterson

Ushers: Todd Skavlen, Mark Wilberg, Eric Smedal, Roger Nitzsche

Technical Support: Thomas Lehr, Roger Slack

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

CALL TO WORSHIP “By All Your Saints” Finnish Tune/Set by Organ

The Saints who have passed from this life to the next this past year...

August D. Bjugstad	December 20, 1942 – December 28, 2024
David Kent Selbo	January 13, 1951 – January 20, 2025
Rebecca Johnson	January 3, 1965 – March 25, 2025
Rodney Wayne Trunzo	September 2, 1946 – April 11, 2025
Martha June Onsrud	May 3, 1939 – April 23, 2025

Randall T. Brummer	August 16, 1961 – April 13, 2025
Lois Dybevik	September 26, 1934 – June 29, 2025
Gurena M. Linnerud	November 24, 1945 – August 7, 2025
Vicki Marie Ballweg	September 22, 1971 – September 14, 2025

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

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

Brief silence for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

Stand

HYMN: “For All the Saints” ELW #422 vss. 1, 3 & 7

**vs. 1: 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!**

**vs. 3: Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

vs. 7: 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!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

LITANY

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord.

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Blessed Assurance" ELW #638

**vs. 1: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

***Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**vs. 2: Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

Sit

ANTHEM: “Ticket to the Kingdom” Men’s Choir

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of the reign of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream. What he saw as he slept in his bed terrified him—a real nightmare. Then he wrote out his dream: ²⁻³ “In my dream that night I saw the four winds of heaven whipping up a great storm on the sea. Four huge animals, each different from the others, ascended out of the sea. ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ “But as for me, Daniel, I was disturbed. All these dream-visions had me agitated. So I went up to one of those standing by and asked him the meaning of all this. And he told me, interpreting the dream for me: ¹⁷⁻¹⁸ “‘These four huge animals,’ he said, ‘mean that four kingdoms will appear on earth. But eventually the holy people of the High God will be given the kingdom and have it ever after—yes, forever and ever.’

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE: “O God, Our Hope in Ages Past” ELW #632 vs. 1

**vs. 1: O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**

The Gospel is announced...

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-23; 27-30

¹⁷⁻²¹ Coming down off the mountain with them, he stood on a plain surrounded by disciples, and was soon joined by a huge congregation from all over Judea and Jerusalem, even from the seaside towns of Tyre and Sidon. They had come both to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Those disturbed by evil spirits were healed. Everyone was trying to touch him—so much energy surging from him, so many people healed! Then he spoke: You're blessed when you've lost it all. God's kingdom is there for the finding. You're blessed when you're ravenously hungry. Then you're ready for the Messianic meal. You're blessed when the tears flow freely. Joy comes with the morning. ²²⁻

²³ "Count yourself blessed every time someone cuts you down or throws you out, every time someone smears or blackens your name to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and that that person is uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—skip like a lamb, if you like!—for even though they don't like it, I do . . . And know that you are in good company; my preachers and witnesses have always been treated like this...

²⁷⁻³⁰ "To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW #423 vss. 1, 3

**vs. 1: Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

***Refrain:* Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;**

gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

vs. 3: Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SAINTS

P: *Throughout our prayers in "Remembrance of Our Saints" we will sing the refrain of "Sweet By and By" after the pastor says, "For all these saints, O Lord, we give you thanks. At this time, we will sing the refrain for the first time..."*

Refrain: "Sweet By and By"
In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Sit

OFFERTORY “Den Store Hvide Flok” Set by Shields

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal. The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Music is played as those who wish to come forward for communion come forward and kneel at the communion rail. Others are invited to commune in your pew.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace till life everlasting.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Faithful God,

C: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BLESSING

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✚ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN: "O When the Saints Go Marching In"

Vs. 1: Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Vs. 2: Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory come,

**O lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.**

**Vs. 3: And on that hallelujah day,
and on, that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.**

POSTLUDE: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” Set by Maynard