



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 2026
8:00 AM Traditional Worship

All Saints Day

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"
set by Hopson

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

Rick Segebrecht	December 25, 1962 – November 3, 2025
Joan M. Roneid	January 12, 1934 – December 1, 2025
Marlene A. Judd	February 28, 1953 – February 4, 2026
Kevin Wilson	June 22, 1974 – February 8, 2026
Joseph Koshollek	October 19, 1971 – June 4, 2026
James Hanson	February 13, 1939 – June 17, 2026

Phillip Oren	March 4, 1937 – July 1, 2026
Richard Severn	June 24, 1941 – September 16, 2026
Scott A. BonDurant	August 14, 1970 – September 16, 2026
Scott Vingum	February 26, 1969 – September 25, 2026
Gen Wilberg	September 13, 1934 – October 11, 2026
Phillip Gardner	October 5, 1939 – October 19, 2026
Gerald Harnack	June 24, 1938 – October 27, 2026

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

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

C: Amen.

Stand

HYMN: "For All the Saints" #422 ELW vss. 1, 2, 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. 2: 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!

**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.

KYRIE: page 120 ELW (*front of the hymnal*)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation, let us pray to the lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort,
and defend us, gracious Lord,

C: Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: page 122 ELW (*front of hymnal*)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**vs. 1: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain...**

**vs. 2: Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might,
be to God and the Lamb forever Amen. 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

READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹⁻¹² I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were *standing*, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing: salvation to our God on his throne! Salvation to the Lamb! All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing: Oh, Yes! The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, The honor and power and strength, to our God forever and ever and ever! Oh, Yes! ¹³⁻¹⁴ Just then one of the Elders addressed me: “Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?” Taken aback, I said,

“O Sir, I have no idea—but you must know.” ¹⁴⁻¹⁷ Then he told me, “These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they’ve washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. That’s why they’re standing before God’s Throne. They serve him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes.”

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia!” page 124 ELW

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia**

The Gospel is announced...

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

¹⁻² When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said: ³ “You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. ⁴ “You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you. ⁵ “You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought. ⁶ “You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat. ⁷ “You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for. ⁸ “You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world. ⁹ “You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family. ¹⁰ “You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom. ¹¹⁻¹² “Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put

you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, / do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN: “Shall We Gather at the River” #423 ELW 1,3 & 4

**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...***

**vs. 4: Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *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.

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...*

P: O Lord, we give you thanks for the life of..... **For all these saints, O Lord, we give you thanks...**

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.

P: O God of grace and glory, we thank you for giving us these saints to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth, Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all the your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Sit

OFFERTORY: “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” set by Callahan

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Eternal God,

C: 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.

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: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared. The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

People are invited to sing while others come forward to commune. The hymns are: "One Bread, One Body" ELW #496 and "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" ELW #470

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: Holy God,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

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: “Rise Up, O Saints of God” Walter/Hopson