



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 2026
9:15 AM Worship Lite

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

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.

Stand

GATHERING SONG: “Do Lord”

Refrain: Do, Lord, O do Lord,
O do remember me, O Lordy! (3 x)
Look away - beyond - the blue horizon.

Vs. 1: I’ve got a home in glory land that –
outshines the sun, O Lordy! (3 x)
Look away – beyond – the blue horizon. Refrain...

Vs. 2: I took Jesus as my Savior,
You take him too, O Lordy. (3 x)
Look away – beyond – the blue horizon. Refrain...

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...*

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.

Stand

GOSPEL SONG: “I Love to Tell the Story” ELW #661

**Vs. 1: I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

Lector: The Good News according to 5th chapter of Matthew, verses 1-12

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Narrator: ¹⁻²When 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:

Women and Girls: 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.

Narrator: 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.

Men and Boys: 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.

Narrator: 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.

All: 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.

Narrator: 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

THE WORD

Stand

SONG OF THE DAY: “All Day, All Night”

Chorus: All day, all night, angels watchin'
over me, my Lord.

All day, all night angels watchin' over me.

Vs. 1: Now I lay me down to sleep, O Lordy
Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
Pray the Lord my soul to keep.
Angels watchin' over me. Chorus...

Vs. 2: If I die before I wake, angels
watchin' over me, my Lord.

Pray the Lord my soul to take.
Angels watchin' over me. Chorus...

Vs. 3: If I live forever and a day.
Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
Pray the Lord will guard me,
Angels watchin' over me. Chorus...

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

GOD'S PEOPLE SHARE THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all!

All: And also with you.

Sit

OFFERING SONG: "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595

Vs. 1`: Jesus loves me! This I know,

for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus love me, (3 times)
the Bible tells me so.

Vs. 2: Jesus loves me! he who died,
heaven's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. Refrain...

Vs. 3: Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. Refrain...

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: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494; "One Bread, One Body" ELW #496

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.

POSTLUDE: "Rise Up, O Saints of God" Walter/Hopson