



All Saints' Day



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

November 1st, 2026
All Saints' Sunday
9:30 am

*Today we worship with the liturgy
Setting four in Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

Gather

Prelude

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt
 Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

FESTAL SONG
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Kyrie

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.

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister S 148



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



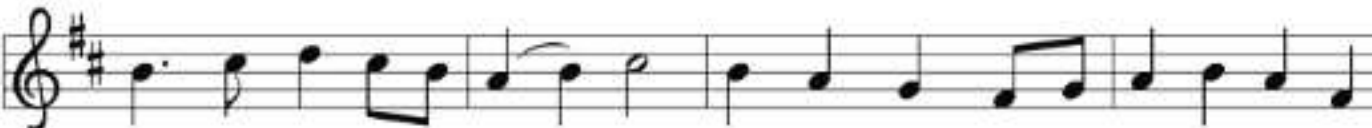
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: 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.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Erin Koster

Word

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

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."

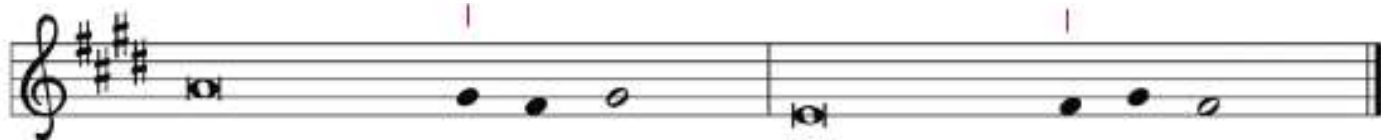
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood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

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 17 (read responsively)



P: ¹Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed | to my cry;

C: Listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

P: ²Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;

C: Let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

P: ³Examine my heart, visit | me by night,

C: Melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

P: ⁴I have not regarded what | others do;

C: At the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.

P: ⁵My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;

C: And my feet | do not slip.

P: ⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;

C: Incline your ear to me and | hear my words.

P: ⁷Show me your marvelous | loving kindness,

C: O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

P: ⁸Keep me as the apple | of your eye;

C: Hide me under the shadow | of your wings,

P: ⁹from the wicked | who assault me,

C: From my deadly enemies | who surround me.

P: ¹⁰They have closed their | callous hearts,

C: And their mouth | speaks proud things.

P: ¹¹They track me down; now | they surround me,

C: Watching how they may cast me | to the ground,

P: ¹²like a lion, greedy | for its prey,

C: And like a young lion lurking in | secret places.

P: ¹³Arise, O Lord; confront them and | bring them down;

C: Deliver me from the wicked | by your sword;

P: ¹⁴deliver me by your hand from those whose portion in life is | in this world;

C: Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, whose children have plenty, who leave wealth to their | little ones.

P: ¹⁵But at my vindication I shall | see your face;

C: When I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- | ing your likeness.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Erin Koster

*Hymn of the Day

"For All the Saints" v 1-3

ELW 422

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; ...
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,

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we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

Lighting of Remembrance Candles

We remember those members of our congregation who have joined the church triumphant since last All Saints' Sunday.

✠ Winifred Klinger

✠ LeAnn Moe

✠ Charles Baerg

✠ Darlene Peterson

✠ Magdalen Oien

✠ Connie Anderson

✠ Richard Schupbach

***Prayers of the People**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"I Am Bound for the Kingdom"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Lyrics:

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His
mercy and His grace;

In the mansions bright and blessed He'll
prepare for us a place.

Refrain

I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to
glory with me?

Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway clouds
will overspread the sky;

But when trav'ling days are over, not a
shadow, not a sigh.

Refrain

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting,
serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils
of life repay.

Refrain

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His
beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open, we shall
tread the streets of gold.

Refrain

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release
what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole
lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is our duty and delight....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

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.

*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.

S 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"Shall We Gather at the River"

ELW 423

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.

Prayer

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

*Blessing

P: May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

"For All the Saints" v. 4 choir, v. 5-7 all

ELW 422

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
5 The golden evening bright-ens in the west;
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
soon, soon to faithful servants com-eth rest; . . .

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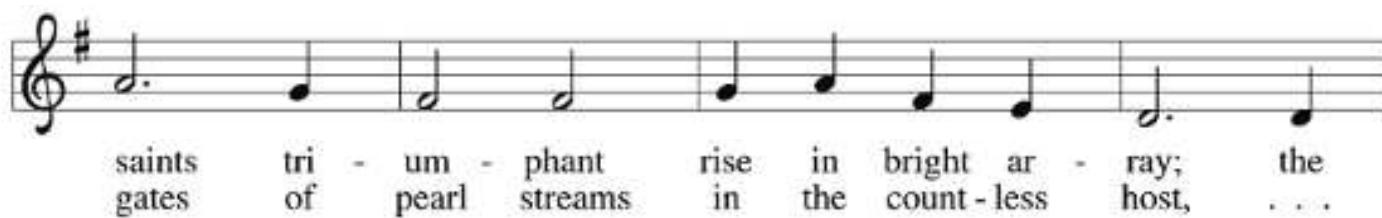
hearts are the brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, ...



King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"For All the Saints"

arr. Wilbur Held

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: LaDonna Blackorbay

Chancel Choir

Nicole Lang

Kristi Mueller

Chancel flowers

Mark and Marie Newgard

In celebration of their 49th anniversary

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Cindy Hanson

Sue Aleckson for a broken foot

Vonnie Coleman

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young

Quincy Meyers

Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Dedication of Memorial Garden Pavers

November 1, 2026

Sponsor

Randy and LaDonna Blackorby

Linda Broman

Phillip, Nicholas, and Leigha Haywood

Joan Hermanson

Vesta Lindboe

David Loos

Myra Madsen

Ryan and Katie Peterson

Ruth Circle

Dedicated To

Joann Monson

Jan and Jim Kappel

Emily Haywood

All Past Clergy, Staff and Members

Michael Lindboe

Robert and Joan Loos

Marvin, Lydia, and Jim Madsen

Darlene Rose Peterson

Connie Anderson

Announcements

Updates on Estate Planning Sessions Attorney Rebecca Bell, who led the general information class recently, has agreed to host four private, 30-minute sessions here at Family of God on **Sunday, November 22nd**. You will receive personalized recommendations (eg, wills vs trusts), pricing info, and establish an attorney/client relationship with a retainer fee due that day. You will also receive an organizer to complete prior to your appointment. Appointments are available at 11:00 11:45, 12:30, and 1:15. Please see Sue Arens to sign up and receive your organizer. Rebecca is also graciously offering \$250 off an Estate Planning package to any Family of God member using the code *Family of God*. This offer is valid through 2026. Also available is a free, 15-minute "Discovery Call" with her Client Service Director to ask your initial questions. These may be scheduled by calling Shelley, Client Service Director, at 763-582-1414.

Dear Family of God Congregation: Thank you so much for the 25th anniversary celebration. It has been a privilege to serve you and I am most grateful. – Pastor Paul

The **National Lutheran Choir's concert TO REMEMBER IS TO BEGIN** centers on memory as sacred practice. Through music of Jewish and Christian traditions, the choir holds space for grief, resilience, and shared humanity. In a world where forgetting can perpetuate harm, this concert insists on remembrance as the first act of reconciliation. Concert is today: Sunday, November 1, 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi. The November 1 concert will be livestreamed at nlca.com. Tickets available at nlca.com.

Blanket Drive: David and Rita Loos are organizing a blanket drive to help the low income and homeless people in downtown Minneapolis. We are asking for gently used and new blankets throughout the rest of October and November. They will be given out in early December.

Ruth Circle meets on Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 am. Our purpose is to provide fellowship, a Bible study and service to the congregation and the community. All women of the congregation are invited to join us. Hope to see you then!

Dashing through the Snow: Ladies, while you are "dashing through the snow" and "dreaming of a white Christmas," also make plans to attend the Annual Women's Christmas Brunch. The date is December 5th, the time is 10:30, and the theme is "Holiday Traditions." Bring a friend or two. Plan on delicious food, a festive atmosphere, and nostalgic music. See Jeanne Ferguson, Nancy Knoell, or Myra Madsen if you have questions or input.

FOG Drama is excited to announce that our next production will be *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, performing in late April, 2027. This heartfelt musical comedy features the *Peanuts* gang we all know and love as they navigate life's ups and downs. Packed with upbeat music, laughs, and nostalgia, this show is sure to be enjoyed by all ages! Interested in being a part of the show? Stay tuned for more details about auditions and other ways to get involved.

In November we are supporting the Champlin Park High School Shelf. Here is thier list of most needed items:

Basic Needs for the Day

Hair brushes

Combs

Belts, 28"-38"

Basic Needs for Take-Home

Full-sized toothpaste

Conditioner (we have shampoo in stock)

Food Supplies

Snacks (individually packaged, such as popcorn, sun chips, almonds, yogurt, apple sauce, granola bars, etc.)

Oil (vegetable, olive, canola)

Bags of rice

Bags of dried beans

Please no canned food, they are more difficult to get distributed to young people.



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