



**All Saints Sunday
Thursday, October 29, 2026**

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (*from ELW Funeral Liturgy*)

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth,
who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who
rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *For All the Saints*

ELW #422

vv. 1-4



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,

Stanzas 3-5 below.

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



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .

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



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

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!

3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west: soon. soon to faith-ful
 they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are
 ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the
 thine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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.

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Pastor Mary E. Zupansic

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All Your Saints, O Lord

ELW #427

vv. 1-3



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: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

You are invited now to join in prayer as we light candles remembering the newly baptized, our faithful departed, and the great cloud of witnesses who surround us. We thank you, O God, for the newly baptized, that they might bear your light to the world:

Eli Luke Baneck + September 13, 2026

We thank you, O God, for the lives of the saints from First English Lutheran who have entered the church triumphant, and for the joy of knowing that through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ they are with you even now. This year we remember:

Joyce Utecht + November 29, 2025
Richard Petzke + January 31, 2026
Geraldine Hopperdietzel + February 2, 2026
Thomas Pagel + March 21, 2026
Roger Stasko + March 22, 2026
Chad Seivert + June 11, 2026
Karen Otto + September 24, 2026

We give you thanks, O God, for all others whom we remember today – friends and family members whose light remains with us, and whose love inspires us to goodness and grace:

Al Henke + February 19, 1982
Clarence Kluetz + April 5, 1994
Glenn Rohde + March 1, 1999
Bill Zumann + May 21, 1999
Lorraine Henke + May 22, 2002
Russ Streveler + November 24, 2004
Ruth Kluetz + July 24, 2018
Marilyn Kluetz + February 23, 2019
Helen Zumann + October 1, 2019
Sheri Stark + December 19, 2020
Leo Hardell + July 12, 2021
Marilyn Grunenwald + January 23, 2023
Gary Zumann + August 22, 2024
Linus Schmidt + December 7, 2024
Kathi Bittner + January 30, 2025
Natalie Strevler + May 23, 2025
LaVerne Grunenwald + September 30, 2025
Lyle Hotchkiss + June 27, 2026

Norman Koeford + July 22, 2026
Judy Beemer + September 7, 2026
Paul Hahm + October 2, 2026

Gracious God, as we remember those who have gone before us, grant us the vision and courage to fulfill our own baptismal mission, that we might live lives of love and compassion. We look with hope to the day when we will reunite with those who even now sit at the great high feast and sing around the throne of God. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All Your Saints, O Lord
vv. 4-5 (see p. 6)

ELW #427

CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with the following response.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

**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

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, 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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION: Instrumental Interlude

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy God,

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you with wisdom to welcome

the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW #424



1	Ye	watch - ers	and	ye	ho - ly	ones,	bright
2	O	high - er	than	the	cher - u -	bim,	more
3	Re -	spond, ye	souls	in	end - less	rest,	ye
4	O	friends, in	glad - ness	let	us	sing,	su -



ser - apts,	cher - u -	bim, and	thrones,	raise the	glad strain:
glo - rious	than the	ser - a -	phim,	lead their	prais - es:
pa - tri -	archs and	proph - ets	blest:	"Al - le -	lu - ia!
per - nal	an - them	ech - o -	ing:	"Al - le -	lu - ia!



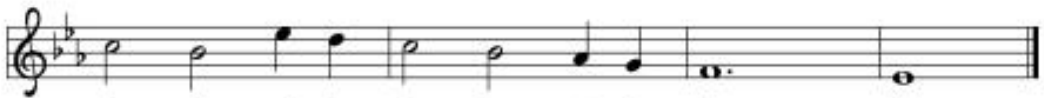
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary, or if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her cell phone 920-671-4338.

If you or someone in your family is admitted to the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please let Pastor Mary or the church office know. If you would like to have your name included on our Prayer List in the bulletin, please let us know.

CARD OF THE WEEK

Gerald & Audrey Fellbaum in celebration of their 69th wedding anniversary on Nov. 2. Let's send them our congratulations and God's blessings.

A GIFT has been given by

Building Fund: Larry & Jan Wiederhoeft in memory of Karen Otto

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Thursday, Oct. 22: 21 Sunday, Oct. 25: YouTube Views: 52

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 25: 10

INVITATION TO ALL SINGERS

Any FELC singers interested in joining the combined choir for Thanksgiving Eve Service (Tuesday, Nov 24) can join choir rehearsals at St Andrews Lutheran (6:30 pm) or Good Shepherd Lutheran (7:00 pm). Contact Dan Larson for details about music that is being prepared for that service.

TREASURE SALE NEWS...

We are excited to collect treasures for our Holiday Sale and our summer sale in 2027. We are accepting items for both our Holiday Sale and the 2027 Treasure Sale.

Our Holiday Treasure Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7 in our Fellowship Hall 9am – 3pm, both days
A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for helpers who will be available to help with the sale. Nov. 4 & 5 for filling the tables and decorating the trees.
Greeters for a 2-hr. shift. Floor walkers to help shoppers

JOINT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Join us for a special worship service featuring beautiful music from our combined church choirs and bell ensembles, along with a meaningful reminder of God's abundant blessings. We will collect non-



perishable food items to benefit **Maggie's Pantry**. This joint service with **Saint Andrew, Good Shepherd, and First English** will be held on **Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30 PM** at **First English Lutheran Church**.

We need some worship volunteers for the service. Check out the signup sheet on the narthex table. A time for fellowship will follow the service. If you would like to donate bars or cookies, there is a sign-up sheet on the narthex table.

KIDS IN MISSION

October 25th through November 15th – we will be collecting items for our members in assisted living facilities or who are homebound. We will be putting together small gift baskets for each person with the goal of a personal delivery by one of our Sunday School/Confirmation students and their families.

Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Socks; Puzzles, puzzle books, card games
- ✓ Individually wrapped snacks – crackers, cookies and chips
- ✓ Candy bars and candy; Tea, cocoa, cider
- ✓ Cards/stamps/pen; Small Blanket
- ✓ Shampoo, lotions, soaps, lip balm Book of devotions

Thank you from the FELC Education Team! There is a box in the narthex.

AS MIDTERM ELECTIONS

approach there will be lots of efforts to "inform" us about voting. The Church in Society Committee recommends a couple of safe and reliable sites for you to get voter information.

myvote.wi.gov Brought to you by the State of Wisconsin Elections

Commission. Lots of good voting process information, easily accessible.

my.lwv.org/wisconsin The League of Women Voters provides information on candidates/ballot issues.

VOTE411.org/wisconsin League of Women Voters also provides information on the voting process, but it is not as easily searchable as the State of WI site.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

John Otto, Lyle Jaegler, Jerry Roemke, Heidi (*daughter of Duane & Darlene Chapman*), Linda Kittel, Ron Wiese (*friend of the DeWitt family*), Melinda (*sister of Matt Heyne*), Diane (*Aunt to Angela Greenfield & Jarek Nelson*), Tracey (*friend of Sheri Fochs*); Justin (*cousin of Gail Kainz*)

Homebound / Assisted Lived: Kathie Peterson (*Primrose*), Dolores Hintz (*Sylvan Crossings*), Sue McKee (*Rennes in Weston*), Diane Zuelke (*Mountain Terrace*), Michelle Detert (*Cady Home*), Ila Barttelt (*Rennes in Weston*), Gary Klingbeil (*Wood Aven*), Dennis & Laurayne Nicoliasen (*Rennes in Weston*) Sue Crone, Audrey Fellbaum, Gary Pagel, Jerry Roemke, Delphine Saeger, Eleanor Thorpe

Daily Prayers Offered for: Bishops Anne Edison-Albright (*East Central Synod*) and Yehiel Curry (*Presiding Bishop of the ELCA*), and all those who work in the East Central Synod and National ELCA Offices; ShyAnn and Peter Egwalata (*in Uganda*)

PEEK AT THE WEEK of Nov. 1-8, 2026

Sunday, Nov. 1: 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday, Nov. 3: 9:00 a.m. Quilting Ministry; ELECTION DAY

Wednesday/Thursday, Nov. 4 & 5: Holiday Treasure Sale Set-up

Thursday, Nov. 5: 6:00 p.m. Worship

Friday, Nov. 6:: 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting

Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7: Holiday Tresure Sale 9am – 3pm

Sunday, Nov. 1: 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 2026

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Daniel Payne, teacher, pastor, 1893 (TFF)

Monday, November 2, 2026

Educator Daniel Payne organized a school for African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, that eventually became the largest school in Charleston. In 1835 the school was closed when the General Assembly of South Carolina passed a law preventing free African Americans and slaves from operating schools. Payne eventually enrolled in Gettysburg Seminary and was ordained by the Franckean Synod of Upper New York. No call was available to him in the Lutheran church, so he served a Presbyterian congregation in East Troy, New York. He went on to found Wilberforce College in Ohio.