

Traditional Worship

November 1, 2026

All Saints 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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Variations on LAUDATE DOMINUM – Rejoice in God's Saints
- Charles Callahan & David Cherwien

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL *

As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.
*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME *

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Assembly: **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN #418 *

Rejoice in God's Saints

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather in the presence of God,
remembering those who have gone before us in faith.
We come carrying grief and gratitude, hope and longing.
We come trusting that the God who calls us blessed
also meets us in our brokenness.

Leader: Let us confess our sin and receive the promise of God's mercy.

Silence for reflection.

Leader: Merciful God,
you call us blessed, yet we have not always trusted your promises.

**Assembly: We have turned away from those who mourn.
We have failed to show mercy to those in need.
We have sought our own comfort instead of working for peace.
We have held tightly to our fears and doubts,
forgetting that we are held in your everlasting love.
Forgive us, O God.
When grief overwhelms us,
remind us that we are not alone.
When we struggle to find hope,
help us trust your promise of new life.
When we remember those who have died,
draw us into the communion of saints,
where your love binds together the living and the dead.
Gather us again in your mercy,
and make us people of compassion, peace, and hope.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
who calls us blessed.
Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news:

Jesus Christ, who blesses the poor in spirit
and promises comfort to those who mourn, is the source of our hope.
God's mercy is greater than our sin.
God's love is stronger than death.
And God's promise of life holds us now and forever.
In Christ, we are forgiven.
We are beloved children of God.
We are held in the communion of saints,
and nothing in life or death can separate us from God's love.

Assembly: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's like - ness, we a - wak - en,
Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's like - ness, we a - wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace." The score ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God,

you bless the poor in spirit

and promise comfort to those who mourn.

As we remember those whose lives have touched ours

and who now rest in your eternal care,

strengthen our hope in your promises.

Guide us in the way of Jesus, that we may live with mercy, seek peace,

and share your love with all.

Keep us faithful in times of sorrow and joyful in the promise of resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN AT THE PSALM #421

By All Your Saints

The assembly remains seated and sings the stanzas marked 1, 2, and Last.

SECOND READING

I John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY #422 – Verses 1-4 *

For All the Saints

HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Assembly: 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."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #422 – Verses 5-7 *

For All the Saints

SERMON

HYMN & LITANY OF THE SAINTS #428 *

Give Thanks for Saints

The litany is crafted around the singing of Hymn #428, "Give Thanks for Saints."

The assembly stands as the organ introduction is offered.

Organ Introduction

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for all the saints of our lives
and the witness they have shared with us
even as we continue to walk the journey of faith
and make our way to the glory that God is preparing for all of us.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
we praise you for the saints of all times and places
who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us.
For their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice,
for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance,
we give you thanks and praise.

Verse 1 is sung by Assembly.

Leader: God of all creation,
we praise you for all your servants who have witnessed to your truth,
who have shown us your love,
who have inspired us to have hope.
By their example of faith, hope, and love,
remind us of your calling to join in making your new creation real
in this world and the next.

Verse 2 is sung by Assembly.

Leader: God of grace and peace,
we praise you for women and men and children
who reflect your love into our world.
Guide us to continue their faithful work
as we too walk in the light of your love.

Verse 3 is sung by Assembly.

Leader: God of all saints,
today we especially remember the saints from among this community
who have departed our company over the past year.
We thank you for the faithful witness of...

Gilbert Jenei
Randy Worch
Peg Higginbotham
Kerri Aceto
June Burt
Frank Peters
Peggy Michalik
Pat Keezer
Timothy Lott

for their courage amidst strife
and their hope in the face of death.
We remember so many other saints who have walked this road with us,
whom we name before you aloud or in silence:

A brief time of silence and prayerful naming of names is kept.

Continue to inspire us by their faithful witness,
that we too might join in bringing your justice, mercy,
and peace to our world.

Verse 4 is sung by Assembly.

Leader: Eternal God,
as we walk this pilgrim way, make our faith firm,
our hope clear, and our love pure,
that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: **And also with you!**

The assembly greets each other with “peace be with you...and also with you.”

You’re invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

If you’re worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ’s body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

OFFERING

As we respond to hearing God’s Word and prepare to feast at God’s table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.

Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.



8:00 – *Deep River* (with *Shall We Gather at the River*) - arr. Lloyd Larson

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

*Oh, don’t you want to go to that gospel feast,
that promised land where all is peace?*

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

*Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Requiescant in pace.

English translation:

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY *

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

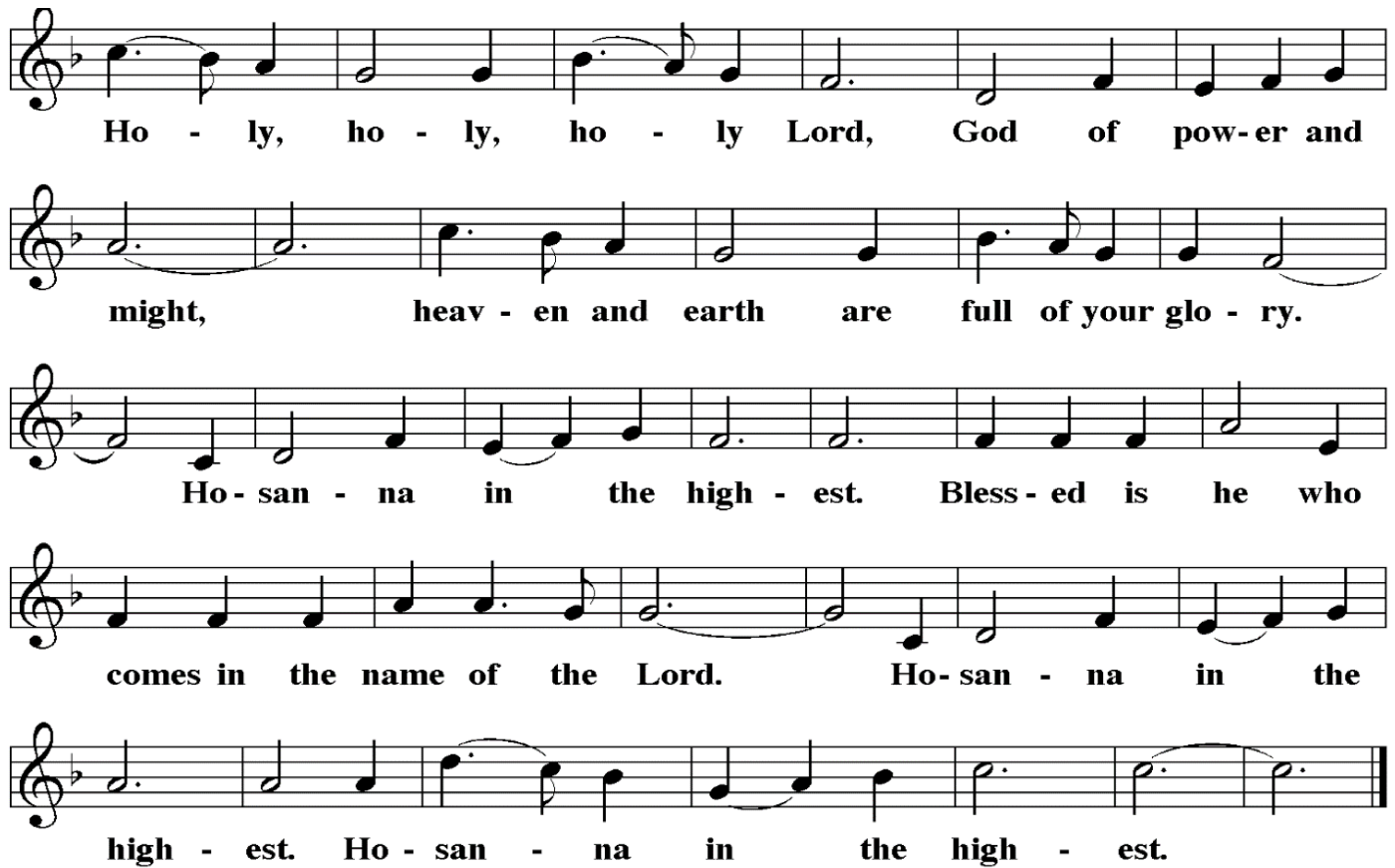
Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

On this day we remember those whose lives have touched ours
and who now rest in your eternal care.

We give thanks for the faithful witnesses who have gone before us,
and for the promise that in Christ death does not have the final word.

In the words of Jesus,
you bless the poor in spirit,
comfort those who mourn,
and promise your kingdom
to all who seek your righteousness.

Gathered at your table,
we join the song of all your people,
in heaven and on earth,
and proclaim your glory,
as with one voice we sing:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

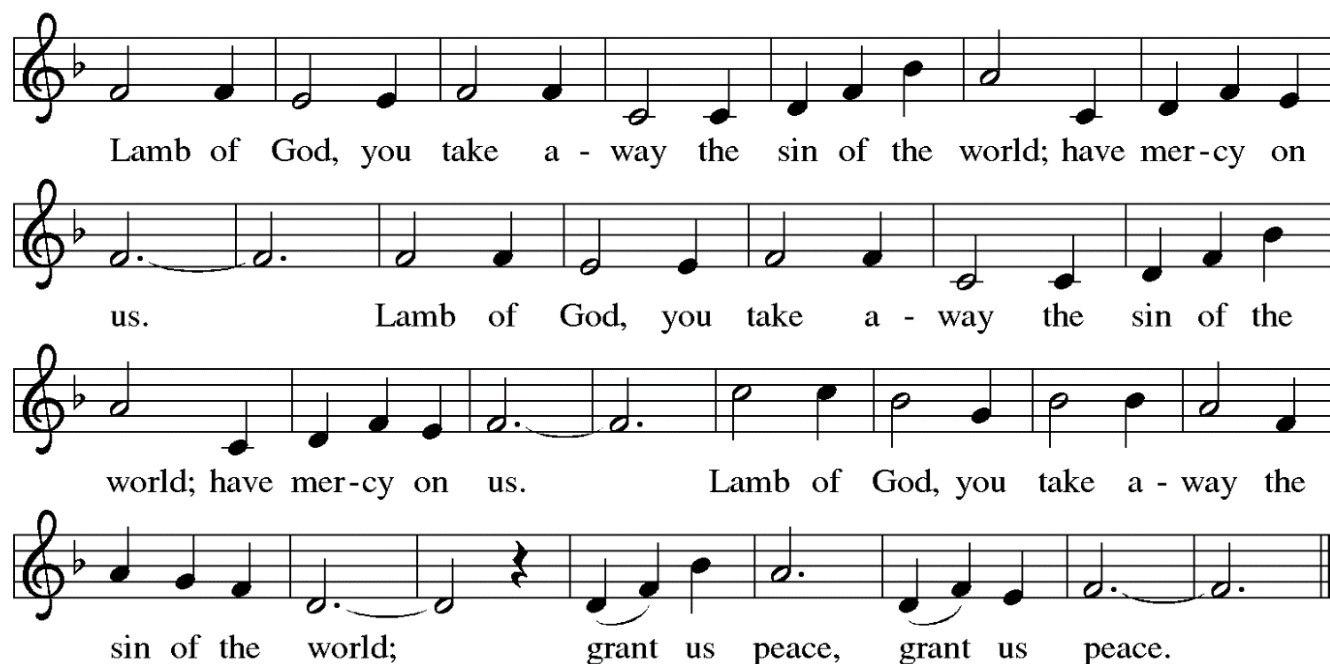
Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

LAMB OF GOD *



HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available

in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.

You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Leader: Christ extends the invitation to all people to come and feast.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution: *Largo* - Symphony No. 9, Mvt. II - Antonín Dvořák

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God,
you have gathered us at your table
and nourished us with the bread of life.
Strengthen us by this holy meal to follow the way of Jesus,
to show mercy, to seek peace,
and to comfort those who mourn.
As we remember those who have gone before us,
keep us steadfast in faith and joyful in the promise of resurrection.
Send us forth to serve our neighbors and share your love with the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #873 *

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace.
Give thanks for those who have blessed you
and be a blessing to all the world.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *

Improvisation on SINE NOMINE – arr. Jacob Weber

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor Leslie Fox Lott, Transition Pastor
Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor
Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, Director of Youth & Family
Mark Sulzmann, Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00
Bev Sapienza, Lector & Communion Assistant 11:10
Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music
Alyse Hancock-Phillips, Cantor
Lucas Ruetz, Trombone
Jane McFadden, Chancel Choir Accompanist
Gretta Conrad, Violin

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

The altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Tim and Kathie Skamfer.

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