All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

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. In communion, 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.



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GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water –
the rain that nourishes animals and plants…

…We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water. [3x]

…We praise you, O God, for baptism.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

…Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 423**
Shall We Gather at the River

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

A candle will be lit for each saint as they are named, and you are invited to respond as noted below. You will also be invited to name aloud any treasured saints in your life who have died in the last year or any year.

For/with [name], **we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.**

HYMN **ELW 422, verses 1-5**
For All the Saints

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22
1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.
Amen.

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.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ELW p. 142**

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.

DISCUSSION
1. Reflect on a saint who has impacted your life. How has this saint formed your faith?
2. What does it mean to you to be a child of God? How does your identity as a child of God influence how you live? What reminds you of or grounds you in your identity as a child of God?
3. How are the Beatitudes an act of protest against the current order of any time and place? What blessing might you add to the Beatitudes as a modern protest?

HYMN OF THE DAY **ACS 950**
Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

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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
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

We thank God for all we have.

OFFERING **ELW 422, verses 6-7**
For All the Saints

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.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING **ELW 689**
Praise and Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD
For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

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.

SENDING

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

AFFIRMATION OF VOCATION IN CIVIC LIFE
Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ,
in gratitude to God and in service to others?
I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life,
nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?
I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action,
commending what is true and right,
renouncing what is unjust and harmful,
and working to mend what is flawed?
I will, and I ask God to help me.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **ELW 723**
Canticle of the Turning

SENDING
Go in peace. You are God's children now.
Thanks be to God!

Thank you, worship leaders!

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