

# November 23, 2025



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**November 23, 2025**  
**All Saints Celebration**  
**Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church**

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introduction**

Today we are celebrating All Saints Day. Though we don't typically celebrate the canonized saints of the church and all their various saints' days in our denomination, we recognize that we have saints in our own lives who have formed our faith in some way and who have passed on from this life. So on All Saints Day, we celebrate, honor, and remember these forebearers of the faith. These past two weeks, you have had the opportunity to submit names of these saints to be remembered today. Their names are included in our bulletin this morning and we encourage you to remember them during our prayers. We also remember in worship today the saints of our congregation who have passed away during this last year. We give thanks to God for their life and witness. In our service today, you will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of the saints we hold dear. We pray that their memory will continue to be a blessing for us, this day and always.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*  
Faithful God,

**C** **you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.  
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.**

**We ignore our neighbors.  
 We exploit the earth.  
 We reject your abundance,  
 trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.  
 Repair our relationships,  
 restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new  
 life. Amen.**

**P** Hear the good news:  
 God the Faithful One loves you,  
 in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are set free.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Gathering Song: For All Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427)**



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,



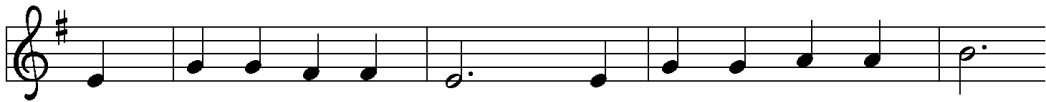
who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a-dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
 who count-ed you their great re-ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
 the One in Three,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

### **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.**

## Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Canticle of Praise



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Time of Remembrance

On All Saints Day, we take time to remember and honor those who have gone before us. While they were with us, we saw them face to face. Their voice, their touch, their smiles. And now, beyond the veil that separates this world and the next, all we see is the glow of their Christ-light, flickering as part of the great cloud of witnesses.

*(names of those who have died in the past year from the congregation are read and a candle is lit for each)*

Though we don't see them face to face any longer, these saints are not gone. Their memory lives on in us as their souls live on in their Creator. Their Christ-light shines just as brightly as before, unbounded by the physical limitations of their earthly bodies. They are now part of the glory that awaits beyond this life. Thanks be to God.

I invite you now to come forward and light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life. If you do not wish to light a candle, you may remain seated but please take a minute to reflect and remember all the names printed in your bulletin insert.

*(lighting of candles)*

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we entrust these souls to you. As you formed them from the earth, we have returned their bodies to the earth. And as you breathed your breath of life into them, their souls have returned to you, Source of All. Hold them close, and hold us close, too. Give us your peace as we await the day we return to you in glory. In life, in death, and in life after death, we trust in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup> I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup> and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup> As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup> I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of

the matter: <sup>17</sup> “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup> But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm: Psalm 149***

L <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

C <sup>2</sup> **Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

L <sup>3</sup> Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;  
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

C <sup>4</sup> **For the Lord takes pleasure in the people  
and adorns the poor with victory.**

L <sup>5</sup> Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.

C <sup>6</sup> **Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

L <sup>7</sup> to wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,

C <sup>8</sup> **to bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron,**

L <sup>9</sup> to inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23**

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward

redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Holy Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

*P The holy gospel according to Luke.*

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

*P The Gospel of the Lord*

**C Praise to you O, Christ**



## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day: The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)



- 1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

## 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

**P** Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.  
**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great. We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Offering**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you**

## Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)

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. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Offering Prayer

- P God of healing and hope,  
C **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.  
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the  
abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ  
our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P 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

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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 There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

## Holy Communion

### Communion Song:



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Post Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

P God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
C **you have nourished us with the bread of heaven**  
**that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your**  
**Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,**  
**and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.**  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity  
bless you and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## Sending Song: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* (ACS 950)



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the  
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they  
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that  
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num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

## Dismissal

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

- **Sunday School Teachers Needed!** Sunday school teachers are needed especially for our younger elementary/preschool age class. If you are interested in helping, please talk with Craig Lamm.
- **Decorating for Advent!** Following worship on TODAY we will be decorating the church for Christmas and advent.
- **Poinsettia Ordering:** Please sign up in fellowship hall for a poinsettia plant to decorate our sanctuary for advent, the cost is \$20 per plant.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service:** The Perry Ministerial Association invites you to a Community Thanksgiving Service tonight, Sunday, Nov. 23 at 5pm. Service will be held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church (621 10th St). Free will offering will go to support the Good Samaritan Fund which assists community members in need.
- **Congregational Meeting Nov 30<sup>th</sup>:** There will be a short congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 30 to vote on new council members for 2026. There are three open positions and Meg Menke, Roger Neimeyer, and Mike Ramsey have been nominated to serve. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- **30 Days of Thanks continues!** Don't forget to try one of the gratitude practices from the list in the newsletter each day or pick up a new copy of the list in the fellowship hall if you need one. We will continue stuffing the altar with food pantry donations.
- **Carols and Cold Ones:** This event will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Huntington's Home! Please feel free to ask for the address if needed!
- **Online Giving:** Did you know you can set up online giving so you never have to worry about having to catch up on your giving when you have been away? You can visit the church website to sign up. The website also has a text to give option. If you need help signing up, please talk to Martha or Doug Stetzel.
- **Office Hours:** Pastor Kimberly is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thursdays she will be splitting her time between Immanuel and Mt. Olivet, so if you would like to see her on that day, please call ahead so she can be sure to be in town. You can call the church number (515) 465- 5298 and it will ring to Pastor's cell phone if she is not in the office.