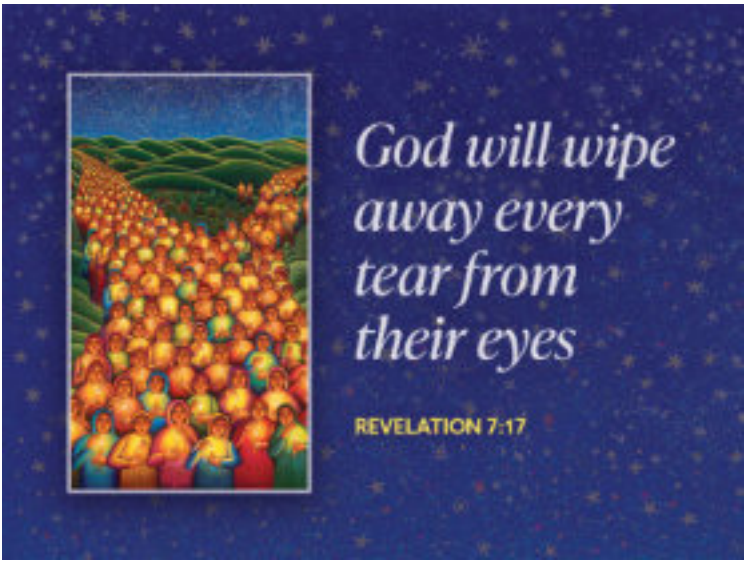


ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 1, 2026

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Welcoming all
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Growing together in Christ
Worshiping and serving in Jesus' name

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Children are an active part of Memorial's community of faith! We welcome you to worship each week! Children's bulletins and Quiet Bags (lots of exciting things to do!) are available at the doors coming from the parking lot. Please take one of each as they may help your children bring smiles into our time of worship!

Welcome to Memorial Lutheran Church. As you prepare for Worship, please silence your cell phone.

INTRODUCTION
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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Please kneel or stand as you are able.

All make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. + Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

Please remain standing or stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN *"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"*
ELW 847

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE *"Glory to God"*





PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
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.

Please be seated.

WORD

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."

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"* *- M. Ryan*
Bell Choir

SECOND READING **1 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia. **They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.** ***Alleluia.*** *(Rev. 7:15)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"For All the Saints"* **ELW 422**

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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,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

A brief silence.

God of the called and sent, revive deeply in us the desire to follow you closely as your disciples. Help us, we pray, to drop our nets and abide with you. Touch our hearts, enlighten our minds, and stir our spirit to share the fruits of our faith with all people. Give us the strength to carry our cross and walk humbly in Your grace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope and mercy, you are our refuge and our strength, our sure rock in the midst of any storm. Be with all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering, and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of goodwill to respond with compassion and generous hearts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors *(William "Bill" Wilson, Jr., Evelyn Fuller, Marshall Mailey, Shirllinda "Cricket" Force, Alicia Schaeffer, Karen Larson, Gordon Chen, Elizabeth Basler Wilson, Maxine Enderlein, Robert Clark, Sr., Joan Boxler)*. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Please greet those around you.*

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

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY *"With All the Saints Triumphant" - arrg. Dan R. Edwards*

The Ushers will collect the offering.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **ELW 884**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Let us pray together.
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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you are praised in the company of your Saints and, in crowning their merits, you crown your own gifts. By their way of life you offer us an example, by communion with them you give us companionship, by their intercession, sure support, so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run as victors in the race before us and win with them the imperishable crown of glory, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Angels and Archangels, and with the great multitude of the Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
Abiding God, you are our dwelling place in every generation. You sent your spirit of wisdom to rest upon Joshua and blessed him through the hands of Moses to continue the story of your mighty works. You sent Jesus as the new Joshua, our savior and the pioneer of our hope. As we remember our Lord's saving mercies, send down your Holy Spirit to continue in and through us your story of salvation, and sanctify this bread and cup to be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.
My Lord and my God.

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 remem-brance of me. **My Lord and my God.**

Embracing God, you invite us to love you by loving our neighbors. Open wide every heart to the way of your commandments. Make your church a living body of your gospel, written into one shared life. Fill your children with the zeal of the prophets. Show your people how to love their neighbors not only in word but in action. Pour your transform-ing Spirit upon any whose most difficult struggle is learning to love themselves. Reveal yourself in the face of friend and stranger, until that day when your world shall see you face to face; when, by the fullness of your grace, we come to share in your lasting glory, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Lord remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray.
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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward by the center aisle at the usher's direction. If you choose to have wine for communion, take an empty cup from the usher. If you prefer grape juice, receive a pre-filled cup at the altar. If you or a child has never received the sacrament, fold hands to receive a blessing instead. After receiving communion or a blessing, you may choose to remain at the altar for extra time in prayer. When you return to your pew do so by the side aisles. Please deposit the empty cup in the basket.

COMMUNION HYMN *"Come, Let Us Eat"* **Senior Choir**

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION 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 together.
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

BLESSING
The holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* **ELW 414**

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for our All Saints Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following today's 10:00 am worship service.

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.

KEEP IN PRAYER

Mary Kay Dagenhart

Doug & Pat Maun

Jeanne Naugle

Dorothy Railing
Trina Ruth
Wayne Widney
All Caregivers

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Organist & Pianist
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