St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.



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.

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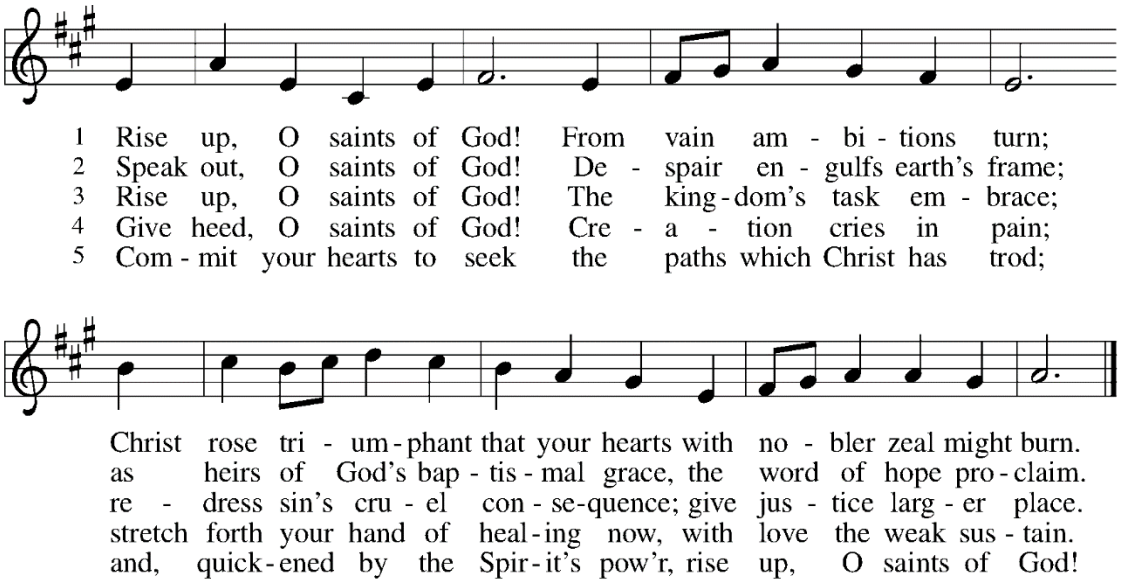
WELCOME

Please stand

GREETING

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN — Rise Up O Saints of God ELW 669



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to our help. All hearts are revealed to you, all desires are known by you, and no secrets are hidden from you. We are curved in on ourselves by sin. Open us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may cleanse our hearts, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,
C: We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING — Psalm 34:1-10, 22

A: A reading from Psalm 34.

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

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A: A reading from the First Letter of St. John, the third chapter.

[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.

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 773

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take My Hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C: 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

Please stand

HYMN — Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Chorus
Swing low sweet chariot
Comin' for to carry me home
Swing low sweet chariot
Comin' for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan and what did I see
Comin' for to carry me home
A band of angels comin' after me
Comin' for to carry me home *(Chorus)*

If you get there before I do
Comin' for to carry me home
Just tell my friends I'm comin' home too
Comin' for to carry me home *(Chorus)*

Swing low sweet chariot
Comin' for to carry me home
Swing low sweet chariot
Comin' for to carry me
Comin' for to carry me
Comin' for to carry me home

THE PRAYERS

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.
P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

Please stand

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

In gratitude to God we give out of the abundance that God has given us.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until all the world is fed and no one is hungry.
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death we cry to you
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.
We praise you for Christ who proclaimed your reign of peace
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection
we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice and make all things new in Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.
C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together our Lord's Prayer:
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.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

This is God's table so all are welcome to join the feast.

Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

CANDLELIGHTING IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

During the distribution of the bread and wine of Holy Communion, you will have an opportunity to light a taper in memory of loved ones and place it in the boxes of sand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity,
Creator, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN — Oh When The Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.

Oh when the drums begin to bang,
Oh when the drums begin to bang,
I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

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