All Saints Sunday of November 1, 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. 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 as God makes His home with humankind.

Today, by reading their names and lighting a candle for each, we remember those of our congregation who have died during the past year.
+++*Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them.*

Prelude – Jill Rimington

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Announcement of Comfort and Hope (congregation stands)

P: Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.
C: Thanks be to God!

L: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
C: Praise be to God!

Opening Hymn – "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW #423 vss.1,2

(*congregation is seated)*

HONORING AND REMEMBERING

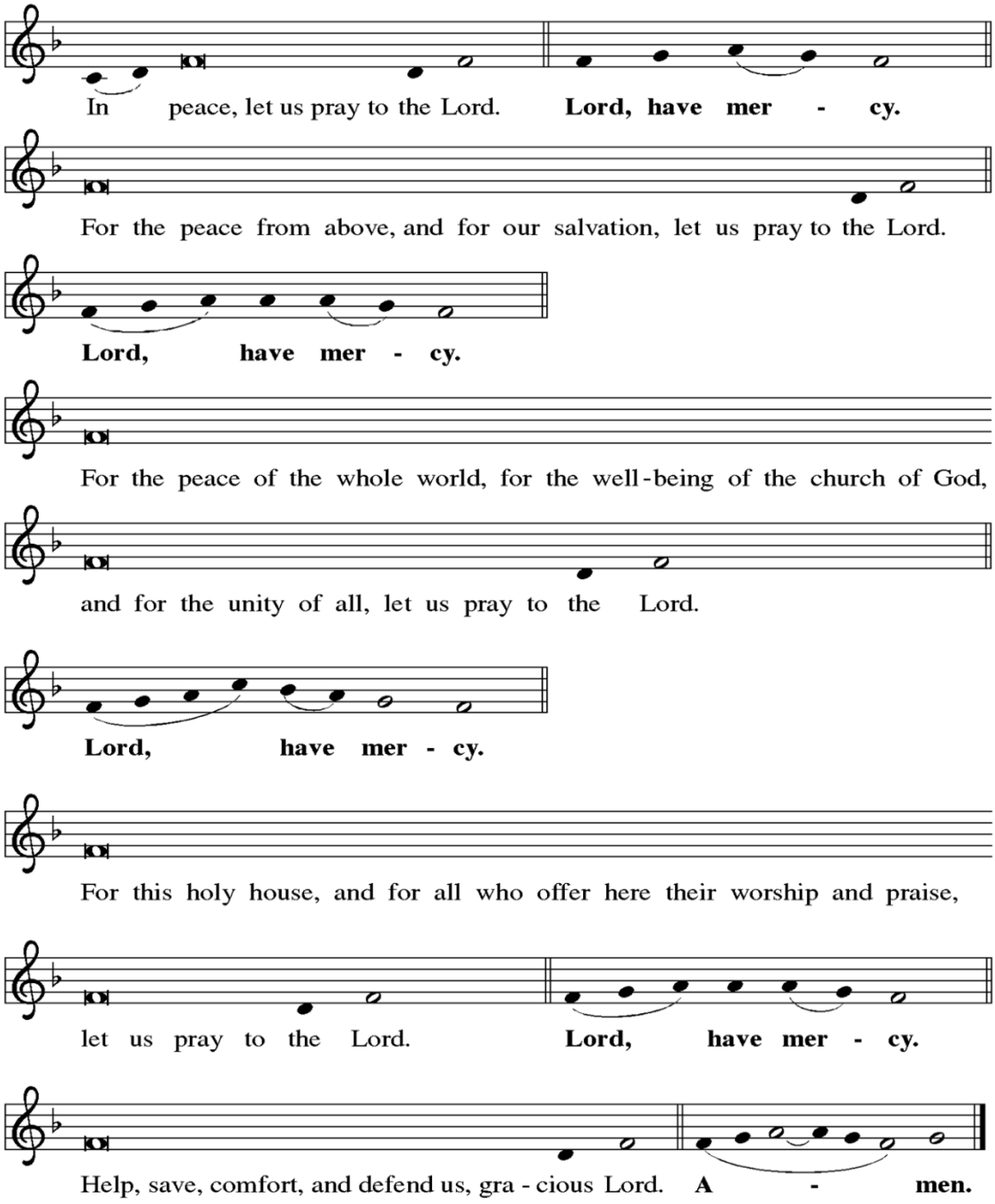
(Candles lit for each)
Patricia Hagen; Barb Gresham; Kay Bernstein; Wayne Hagen

Those we remember and give thanks.
(while "For All the Saints" is played, feel free to come forward to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend)

Hymn – "For All the Saints" ELW #422 vss.1&3
(after the candles are lit)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Kyrie



All Saints Hymn of Praise – “Give Thanks for Saints”ELW #428 vss. 1&4

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, we give thanks for the witness of your saints, all of your saints.
C: We acknowledge that we would not be in this faith without their constant encouragement, their testimony to your truth, and the examples that they set before us.

L: Help us in our time to live so that others might be brought to faith in you through our witness.

C: May we bear the gift of tradition in a loving, gracious way so that a new generation might see your truth and might walk your way that leads to life everlasting. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17
Who is able to stand? God's protection.

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 honorand 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, 7 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord.

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

Second reading – 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor.

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.**

Children of God Time

Message – “What Is a Saint?”

Hymn of the Day – “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” W/P #41

Prayers of Intercession

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways (*local places may be named*). Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

L: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors (*those who have died in the past year may be named*). Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. 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.

Amen.

Offering/Offertory Hymn – "Lord, speak to Us That We May Speak"
ELW #676

Dedication of Stewardship Gifts and Memorials

L: O God, you have called us to be workers together with you:

C: Make us now of one heart and mind to pray and work and give for the up-building and strengthening of your church at home and abroad.

P: Bless our annual emphasis and stir up the will of all your people to do according to their ability as good stewards in your service.

C: Amen.

Memorials

L: We offer not only our gifts of time/talents and money but special gifts that enliven our worship and life together.

P: Special needs and ways that we grow together are how these gifts are used:
Bless and dedicate: Seven ELW hymnals for use in our "overflow needs."

Great Thanksgiving

P: God of saints and sinners, we thank you that the communion table is a connection place in our lives.

C: A place where heaven and earth collide as Christ calls us to feast with the saints. As we experience the retelling of the life, death, and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ, through this Holy Sacrament, we confess that we also long to lay our grief and pain at your feet.

P: May our gift of grace nourish our longing souls and prepare us to continue the ministry of all saints

C: In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Consecration

The 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.

Distribution

Communion Music – Jill Rimington

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

L: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.

C: 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.

Benediction

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn – "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" ELW #424

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Jill Rimington

