Welcome to Worship

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026 | 9:30am

GATHERING

PRELUDE *He Has Made Me Glad* Arr. Peggy Bettcher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
A refuge for all generations,
whose compassion never relents.

C **Amen.**

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

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we trust our plans**
instead of your welcoming grace.
We value our pride over care for your people.
We trust the whispers of our shame and fear,
keeping us from the experience of true community.
We are oblivious to your coming.
Wake us and rescue us,
that we may know the fullness of your joy. Amen.

℗ Receive the riches of God's grace. ✝ Jesus, the good shepherd, offers you mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

ℂ **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *For All the Saints (vs. 1, 3,5, 6,7)* ELW 835

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
   who thee by faith before the world confessed,
   thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
   we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
   yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. The golden evening brightens in the west;
   soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
   sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
   the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
   the King of glory passes on his way.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
   through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
   singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 ELW p. 120

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW p. 122

Refrain

This is the feast
of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ,
the lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free
to be people of God.

Power, riches,
wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are his.

Refrain

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Final Refrain
This is the feast
of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(everyone pray)*

C Comforting God, you have knit your people together in all generations through the gift of your Spirit. Grant us grace to follow in the footsteps of your faithful children in lives of trust and devotion, 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

READING 1 John 3:1-3

A *Today's reading is from the First book of John, chapter 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.

PSALM *(read responsively)* 34:1-10,22

A 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C **2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;**
let the humble hear and be glad.

A 3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

C **4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me**
and delivered me from all my fears.

A 5 Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

C **6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord**
and was saved from every trouble.

A 7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.

C 8 **O taste and see that the Lord is good;**
happy are those who take refuge in him.

A 9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

C 10 **The young lions suffer want and hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

A 22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 124

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL *(the Beatitudes)* Matthew 5:1-12

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter.*

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

P 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.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Amy

SERMON Pastor Amy

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Day Full of Grace (vs. 1,2,3,5)* ELW 627

1. O day full of grace that now we see
   appearing on earth's horizon,
   bring light from our God that we may be
   abundant in joy this season.
   God, shine for us now in this dark place;
   your name on our hearts emblazon.

2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,
   our Lord on the earth arriving;
   then came to the world that light sublime,
   great joy for us all retrieving;
   for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
   all shame and despair removing.

3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
   when he on the cross was hanging;
   and then he arose and moved the stone,
   that we, unto him belonging,
   might join with angelic hosts to raise
   our voices in endless singing.

5. When we on that final journey go
   that Christ is for us preparing,
   we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
   all joy of the heavens sharing,
   and there we will join God's endless praise,
   with angels and saints adoring.

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 power of 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 THE PEOPLE

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

A 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 **Your mercy is great.**

A Restore all lands suffering from degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

C **Your mercy is great.**

A 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 **Your mercy is great.**

A 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. God, in your mercy,

C **Your mercy is great.**

A 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 **Your mercy is great.**

A At this time, the congregation is invited to share their own prayers either out loud or silently in their hearts**.**

℗ God of all time,
we praise you for all your servants,
who have done justice, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God.
For all those who have faithfully served you,
witnessed bravely, and died in the faith,
who are still shining, lights in the world,
we praise you, O God.

You are the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Of Moses and Miriam.
You are the God of Joshua and Deborah,
Ruth and David.
You are the God of the Old Testament priests and prophets,
of the New Testament apostles and martyrs.
You are the God of our mothers and fathers,
the God of our children,
the God for all people through all the generations.
For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, we praise you O God.

- ✝ Martha Jo Onstad
- ✝ Rogene "Inky" Noreen
- ✝ Ramona Wubben
- ✝ Steve Casperson
- ✝ Paul Sundquist
- ✝ Myrt Thompson
- ✝ Ronald Sockness
- ✝ Dennis Trenda
- ✝ Robert Olson

℗ We acknowledge people who have served as saints in our own lives – parents, teachers, mentors, friends, who have challenged us to be all God created us to be. Let us call out the names of our own saints:

℗ We also remember with thanksgiving saints alive today who continue to touch our lives and our faith journeys, and we look ahead with hope to the people whose faithful witness to God's love will inspire future generations.

℃ **Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations and make us, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life. Amen.**

℗ 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

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℃ **And also with you.**

OFFERING MUSIC *My Song is Love Unknown* *arr.* Barbary Kinyon
Handbell Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

**C 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.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung responsively)* ELW p. 129

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.
By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with the glorious company of the apostles,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ELW p. 130

C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 134

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 135

C Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* ELW 628

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,
   when shall I come to thee?
   When shall my sorrows have an end?
   Thy joys when shall I see?

2. O happy harbor of the saints,
   O sweet and pleasant soil!
   In thee no sorrow may be found,
   no grief, no care, no toil.

3. Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
   continually are green;
   there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
   as nowhere else are seen.

4. There trees forevermore bear fruit
   and evermore do spring;
   there evermore the angels sit
   and evermore do sing.

5. Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
   God grant that I may see
   thine endless joy, and of the same
   partaker ever be!

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Pastor Only)*

[P] Holy God,
We have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continually seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever. Holy God,
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now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

1. Oh, when the saints go marching in, (vs. 1,2,4,5)
   oh, when the saints go marching in,
   O Lord, I want to be in that number
   when the saints go marching in.

2. Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
   oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
   O Lord, I want to be in that number
   when the Lord in glory comes.

4. Oh, when they gather round the throne,
   oh, when they gather round the throne,
   O Lord, I want to be in that number
   when they gather round the throne.
5. And on that hallelujah day,

and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL A Go in peace.
C **Encourage one another.**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

In remembrance of those who have gone before us.

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