



November 2, 2025 – All Saints' Day (Observed)

AS WE GATHER

All Saints' Day gives us an opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for those saints who have fallen asleep in the Lord since last year's All Saints' Day. But on All Saints Day, we also remember that through Christ, **we** are also saints. In the sermon this morning, we will reflect especially on our Revelation reading as we see all the saints standing before the throne of God and the Lamb. The saints are wearing robes made white in the blood of the Lamb. As we reflect on this image, we give thanks to God that You and I are saints who will be there, along with all those saints who we remember today. Thanks be to God for the Lamb of God!

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 728, "How Firm a Foundation"*

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1, 3, 8-9; 97:10-12*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: As we celebrate the saints of every age, we take to heart the exhortation of the psalmist: "O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of His saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

People: **Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!"**

Pastor: "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

People: **"Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!"**

Pastor: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

People: **Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

People: **Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.**

Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised you His forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This is the Feast" (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 155)*

All: *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. Refrain

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. Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Final Refrain

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: "I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them'" (Revelation 14:13). On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, who have fallen asleep in the Lord, resting in Him and awaiting the resurrection.

(At this time individuals who have fallen asleep in the Lord since the last All Saints' Day may be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell may be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.)

(We take a moment of silence to remember sainted family, friends, and members of our congregation who have gone before us in the faith.)

Pastor: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed family, friends, and members of our congregation who have gone before us in the faith. We offer thanksgiving for the blessings they have brought to our lives but especially for their faith in Christ as their Savior and we hold fast to the certainty of Your promises.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, in Jesus Christ, we remember with thanksgiving before You all those whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; help all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may laud and magnify Your name forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING*Revelation 7:9–17*

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing 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 saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR*“By All Your Saints”***EPISTLE READING***1 John 3:1–3*

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE*Revelation 7:10*

All: **Alleluia. Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING*Luke 19:1-10*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the nineteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 676, "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"*

SERMON *"White Robed Saints"*

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy,
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 159-160)*

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
People: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin,

Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

(Augsburg Confession-Article X)

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We life them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 161)*

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You... now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 163)*

All: 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.

DISTRUBUTION HYMNS

LSB 623, "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 563, "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 912, "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

THANK THE LORD *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 164)*

All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN *LSB 671, "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"*

CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

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Service from Divine Service Setting 1 found in LSB 151-166.



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of November 2, 2025

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Dane Arbuckle Families
Trinity, Nevada - Rev. Johannes Brann

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)
Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)
Tresa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)
Jason Ernest – (Emily Ernest's father – health and healing from surgery)
Bonny Gray – (sister of Cynthia Swoyer [Wolf]–health and healing)
Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)
Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)
Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Joe Pennington – (brother-in-law of Bill Michel – health and healing)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
Tim Tucek – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)
Jacquelyn Zimmer – (friend of Edee Chambers – health and healing)

Long Term

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister-in-law – health & healing)
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	November 2nd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion Out-Reach Meeting after church
Monday	November 3rd	Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm No LWML
Tuesday	November 4th	Election Day
Wednesday	November 5th	Bible Study - 5:30 pm
Thursday	November 6th	Confirmation Class – 5:30 pm
Friday	November 7th	Pastor's Day Off
Sunday	November 9th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	November 10th	Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study at Freistatt - 1:30 pm

Birthdays: Nov. 2-Lora Wright; Nov.6-Michael Lampe; Nov.9-Bill Michel & Gary Gardner

Anniversaries: Nov. 2-Bill & Sandra Whalen

November

Greeters

02--Bill & Joanne Michel
09-Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer

Usher

02-Charlie Chambers
09-Matt Miller

16-Cathy Munden & Teri Ediger
23-Rob & Marlo Springer

30-Charlie & Edith Chambers

16-Bill Michel
23-David Lampe
26-Charlie Chambers
30-Doug Goodman



Confirmation: Confirmation class began on October 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm. Meetings are at Grace. Parents are welcome to attend.

Confirmation Volunteers: Studies show that children are more likely to stay in the faith if they have 5 adults (that are not their parents) who invest in them and their lives. Pastor Heitshusen is seeking to facilitate this sort of intergenerational connection. To do so, he is seeking volunteers to come and sit in on confirmation class. You would not need to come every week; he will put together a schedule to accommodate everyone's schedule. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Heitshusen.

We are collecting for “Dawggie Bags” food collection. The collection box is in the Narthex. If you have questions, please ask Pam Bowling.

Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran Education

Taxpayers to the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The tax credit program, MO Scholars, allows the Missouri District to scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state (including Freistaconvert tax dollars into tt!!). Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more about MO Scholars and get the process started. Questions can be directed to Leah Sieveking at 314-590-6211 or leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org. Thank you for your participation in MO Scholars through the Missouri District!

A new year will be coming soon with new 2026 offering envelopes. If anyone would like envelopes for 2026 that doesn't currently have them, please let Linda Myers or Pastor know. Also, anyone that does not want envelopes, please let us know (a regular envelope with your name also works). For anyone that wishes to donate by credit card, information can be found on our web site <https://gracelutheranaurora.com/give.php>.