ALL SAINTS SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

GREETING
P: Gathered in Christ.
C: We serve with grace.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen. *(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8–9)*

Kneel/Stand ~ Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: Most merciful God, we confess that our lives and our world have been corrupted by sin. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen."

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *[John 20:19–23]*
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *"For All the Saints"* ..... #422

PRAYER OF THE DAY
C: Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:[2-8] 9-17

[2I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living
God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to
harm earth and sea, 3saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we
have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” 4And I heard the number of
the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 512,000 from the
tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of
Gad, 612,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from
the tribe of Manasseh, 712,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the
tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.] 9After 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, 10and crying out with a
loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
11And 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, 12saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” 13Then one of the elders
addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have
they come?” 14I 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. 15Therefore 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. 16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall
not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17For 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.” The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

1Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
4For the LORD takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.
5Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.
6Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two edged sword in their hand;
7To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

[8]To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
[9]To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

SECOND 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.
The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
P: *Alleluia.*
C: You have one instructor, the Messiah, the greatest among you will be your servant. *Alleluia.*

*THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 5:1-12
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
[1]Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted. [5]Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [7]Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. [8]Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [9]Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [10]Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11]Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US
P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows that which we have received from God,

Himself. O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your world throughout the centuries into our time and place. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

The bell will be rung for saints as they are named.

P: As we remember all these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. To you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever,
C: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*..... #733

*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 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 INTERCESSION
P: Lord of heaven and earth, keep your church attentive and faithful that she may be ready for that day when your redemptive work is complete and all things will be made new in Christ. Bless those who are merciful, patient, long-suffering, and giving. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for all who lived and died believing in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for the memories we share of loved ones whose lives have touched our own; memories that are precious gifts from your most gracious hand. Give us grace to trust your Word and your promise of eternal life together with those who have gone before us, [naming those . . .] encouraged by the witness of their lives of faith. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of peace, war and violence threaten to destroy the peace and well-being that you desire for your people. Strengthen and sustain those who seek to bring an end to violence and war and those who live in war torn areas. Open our eyes to the ways in

which we participate in violent or oppressive situations. Open our mouths to speak words of peace, love and justice when necessary. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful One, look with compassion on your children who are still learning about your never-ending power, love, and mercy. Bring strength and peace to those who need it most [particularly ...]. Help us to understand and accept your eternal healing power. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Beloved God, in Christ you have drawn all your people into one holy communion. Grant that as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are strengthened for lives of faithful service to you so that the world will know your blessed presence. Bring us at last to the feast which has no end where all will be one; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY SONG "*GIVE THANKS*"
C: Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the holy one. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich; because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

*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 hungry no more, all the world is fed, 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary…

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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 in remembrance of me."

Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
C: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

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

COMMUNION HYMN *"Lamb of God"*..... Setting 4 #154

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 abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C: Amen.

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

SENDING SONG *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*..... #631

RINGING OF THE BELLS

SONG OF PEACE
C: My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace

that the world cannot understand; peace to know; peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

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