

All Saints' Sunday

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2025



INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** John wrote, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”
1 John 3:1
The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins.
- C** **Most merciful God and Father, we confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.**
- P** “Beloved, we are God’s children now,...we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”
1 John 3:2–3
Rejoice and be glad. For Jesus’ sake, God forgives our 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.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

HYMN 602:1–2, 6 – *The Gift Christ Freely Gives*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Admonition to Parents

Preparation

Admonition to Sponsors

Holy Gospel for Baptism

- P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

Presentation of White Garment and Baptismal Candle

Welcome

- A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member
of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of
all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and
apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our
brother/sister in Christ, that together we might hear His
Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him
who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

As the baptismal group gathers at the altar, the congregation sings:

**Salvation now belongs To God upon His throne,
And to the Lamb, whose blood Makes us His very own!
So now to Birdie Jay, God gives his blessing true,
For her robe has been washed And she is born anew.**

**Now see what kind of love Our God and Father gave,
To set her free from sin And death, her soul to save.
She now is God's own child,
A saint who's blessed with grace.
Lord, keep her in true faith 'Til she beholds Your face.**

Prayer

P ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

P Peace be with you. **C** Amen.

HYMN 590 – Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Following each reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1–3

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1–12

HYMN 667 – Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

SERMON

Not Alone, Surrounded

Revelation 7:9–17

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

C “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest
from their labors, for their deeds follow them!” Revelation 14:13

P “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”
As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the
rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with
confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have
died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice
that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which
knows no end. We honor the life and give thanks to God for
these His saints:

The bell tolls after each name is read as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.

Cathy J. (Pickart) Becker

November 9, 1956 – November 8, 2024

But [Jesus] said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”

John 6:20 ESV

Barbara Sue “Bobbie” Rinderknecht

October 1, 1953 – December 24, 2024

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 11:25–26 ESV

Ruby Elaine (Barz) Parris

September 14, 1936 – March 28, 2025

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteous, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33 ESV

Keith Kankelfitz

January 16, 1963 – May 18, 2025

Roger William Haerther

February 2, 1938 – July 7, 2025

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 ESV

Margaret Anne “Peg” Deklotz

November 7, 1926 – September 9, 2025

“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Revelation 2:10 ESV

P Let us learn from the witness of the faithful and be inspired by their faith as we live as saints on earth.

C We praise God for the saints who have gone before us.

HYMN 678 – We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Following each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

OFFERING

HYMN 949 – Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

SALUTATION and PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. You have gathered us into the communion of Your saints and surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You:

SANCTUS – *The Lord of Hosts* Tune: LSB 644, *The Church's One Foundation*

**The Lord of Hosts is holy And worthy of our praise.
“Hosanna in the highest!” Our voices now we raise
With saints, the heav’nly chorus, “Blest is the one who came,
To bring us grace and mercy In God the Father’s name!”**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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 is My ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

AGNUS DEI – O Lamb of God

Tune: LSB 644, *The Church's One Foundation*

O Lamb of God, have mercy; Take all our sins away.

O Lamb of God, have mercy; Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray.

The world's sins you have taken,

You've washed them all away!

Grant peace, have mercy on us; Grant peace, O Lord, today.

DISTRIBUTION of the Lord's Supper

HYMN 677 – *For All the Saints*

HYMN 670 – *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

LSB 644:5 adapted

The Church on earth has union With God, the Three in One.

And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace

That we like saints before us, May see you face to face.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith that we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Blessed are you
C **who are poor in spirit.**

P Blessed are you
C **who mourn.**

P Blessed are you
C **who are meek.**

P Blessed are you
C **who hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

P Blessed are you
C **who are merciful.**

P Blessed are you
C **whose hearts are pure within us.**

P Blessed are you
C **who try to make peace.**

P Blessed are you
C **who are reviled for trusting in Christ.**

P Rejoice and be glad,
C **for our reward is great in heaven.**

P 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.
C **Amen.**

HYMN 676 – *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*





Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Every year on either November 1 or the first Sunday of November, we pause our busy lives to remember the saints. Lutherans teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, they are sinners redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and they are sinners who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. Why remember saints? Our Augsburg Confession of 1530 says it clearly: “Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling” (AC XXI 1). Why remember the saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our walk of faith, and to remember and rejoice for God giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew.