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ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

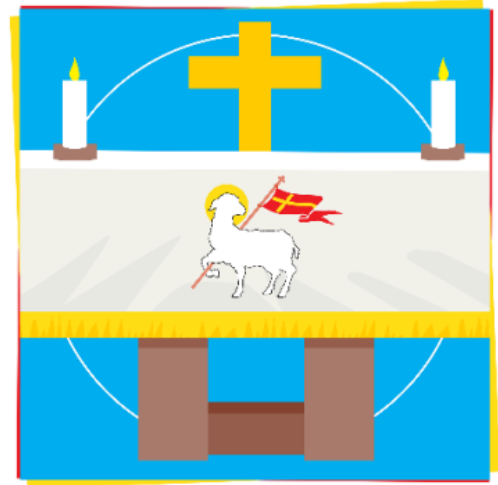
HYMN NO 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" [Sts. 1–4)

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**



INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *John 11:25–26; Job 19:25–27; Romans 14:7–8; Revelation 14:13*

P: Jesus said, "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."

C: **For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!**

P: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

C: **And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:12a

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.” The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Most merciful God and Father,

C: 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 and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.

P: John reminds us, “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. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.” In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

C: Alleluia! Amen!

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

C: You make us saints through calling us to faith and cleansing us in the waters of Baptism. Lead us to imitate the lives of the saints who have gone before us as they imitated Jesus, so that together with them, we come to the indescribable joys You have prepared for those who love You;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:2-17*

(A picture of God’s saints gathered around His heavenly throne.)

Then I 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, ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷ 12,000

from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

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. ⁷ 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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

L: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

L: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–3* (We are God's children.)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

P: Alleluia.

C: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

P: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1–12* (God's children are blessed.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Seeing the crowds, he 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^[a] 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SONG “This Little Gospel Light of Mine” Sunday School PreK-6

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY NO 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

SERMON "The Blessed Saints Standing Around the Throne of God" *Rev.7:(2-8) 9-17*
Rev. Jeff Nehrt

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM *Romans 6:3-4*

P: In Holy Baptism, God's children are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness, which covers all of our sins. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

COMMEMORATION OF THE REDEEMED CHILDREN OF GOD

P: Today, with God's children throughout the Christian Church, we remember all those who remain God's children for eternity. We especially note this day those who have gone to the church triumphant during the days of this last year. (Names of faithfully departed are read).

P: 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.

C: 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;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CREED *Nicene Creed*

**People: 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO 677 “For All the Saints” [Sts: 1–2]

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: We thank and praise You, O God, our Maker and King, for leading Your children through the wilderness of this world to the promised land of Your eternal heavenly kingdom. We thank You for saving us by grace through faith in the Lamb, who is our shepherd and guide. We thank You for the encouragement and example of Your saints who have gone before us. Compel us by Christ's love and empower us by Your Spirit to imitate them as they imitated Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

HYMN NO 677 “For All the Saints” (Sts: 3–4)

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: We thank and praise You for making us members of Your mystical Body, the church, through the waters of Holy Baptism. Keep us firmly rooted in Your Word of truth. Lead us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to grieve with those who grieve. We ask for You to provide comfort and peace to all who are grieving the earthly loss of loved ones today. We ask for encouragement, strength, and healing for all who are struggling physically, emotionally, and spiritually, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

HYMN NO 677 "For All the Saints" (Sts: 5–6)

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: We thank and praise You for Your deep love for us, Your children. Strengthen families by deepening their love for one another. Strengthen mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers in their vocations that they may train their children and grandchildren in the way they should go as they make their way through this warring world. Bless all authorities, those who serve in government, those who serve in Your church, those who work to bring peace and justice and healing, as well as those who work in schools and businesses. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

HYMN NO 677 "For All the Saints" (Sts: 7–8)

**But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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!**

P: Lord Jesus, as we wait for Your return, nourish us with Your body and blood so that we may be raised to immortality and incorruption and be seated at Your heavenly banquet. While death still claims our mortal bodies, You have been raised up so that we may pass from death to life and join those who have died in You and now rest from their labors in the resurrection. Bring us to the fullness of our salvation, that we may see You face to face and live forever with You, our Lamb and Shepherd; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eternity.

C: Amen.

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our Maker and King, for You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In the communion of all Your saints, we are gathered into the Body of Your Son. You purify Your children in the waters of Baptism and robe us with the righteousness of Christ. You bless and encourage us by the faith of the saints who have gone before us so that as we run this race, we may finish it and receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(LSB page 161, sung by the congregation)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power 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

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, our Maker and King, for You have cleansed us, Your children, through the blood of the Lamb, who was sacrificed for the sins of the world.

By faith, the saints who have gone before us clung to Your promises, leaving an example and encouragement for us who now walk by faith and long to see You face to face.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink the body and blood of Your Son in this Holy Supper. Join us in unending praise with our forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the prophets, apostles, evangelists, martyrs, and all the saints in glory who have run the race, kept the faith, fought the good fight and been crowned in glory. In Jesus' name, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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

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

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *(LSB page 163, sung by the congregation)*

**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 HYMNS

Video

#680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

Thine the amen Thine the praise

Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head

Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story

Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard

Then the cup is lifted up lifted up

Thine the life eternally

Thine the promise let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree

All the earth on bended knee

Gone the nailing gone the railing

Gone the pleading gone the cry

Gone the sighing Gone the dying

What was loss lifted high

Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving
Evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonderful surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing
At Thy feast At Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor
Thine the brightness
Only Thee only Thee

#618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone are able
To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning,
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy Lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden

My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

POST-COMMUNION HYMN NO 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving,
To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Hebrews 12:2*

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Lead us to lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Keep us firm in the true faith that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His eternal kingdom when He returns; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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 NO 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (Sts. 5–8)

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence give:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God!**

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