ThanksLiving
"Giving thanks in life's challenging times"

PART 1 (Nov 1) – All Saints Sunday
"When Life Doesn't Go According to Plan"

Pastor Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship
Pastor: Out of the chaos of our upended lives, we gather to meet the Lord. When our carefully laid plans shatter, we come seeking the One who remains unshaken.
People: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer; in Him we will trust.
Pastor: We confess that our eyes often focus on the broken pieces of our expectations.
People: We see the rising costs, the sudden changes, and the pathways that seem blocked.
Pastor: Yet, the Holy Spirit calls us to look higher.
People: Open our eyes, Lord, to see Your hand moving even in the dark and unexpected detours.
Pastor: Mary and Joseph faced an unmapped future, yet through their obedience, salvation entered the world. God is still at work in your unplanned seasons. Therefore, we offer Him our sacrifice of praise.
People: We will give thanks to the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in our mouths! Come, let us worship Him!

Hymn
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (LSB670:1,3-4)
Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:

"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Day
Pastor: Sovereign God, whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are far beyond our own, we praise You for Your unchangeable faithfulness.
People: When our personal plans fail, when financial stability shakes,
Pastor: and when the future looks completely different than we imagined, grant us the grace to trust Your hidden hand.
People: Hold our anxieties,
Pastor: Quiet our complaints,
People: Teach us the secret of true gratitude—
Pastor: knowing that You work all things together for the good of those who love You. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph
will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to
Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "Please
forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And
now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept
when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said,
"Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place
of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about
that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for
you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

New Testament: Romans 8:28-39

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[a] for those
who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many
brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also
justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these
things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave
him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring
any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is
the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who
indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,
"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be
slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved

us. [38]For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39]nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24a

[18]Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [19]And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. [20]But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21]She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." [22]All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: [23]"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). [24]When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

Creed: Nicene

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. 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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day
"I Am" (Crowder)

Message

Offering
"When Peace, like a River" (LSB763:1,3-4)

Remembering the Faithfully Departed

Pastor: We gather on this All Saints' Sunday to remember those who paved the way, finished the race of faith, and joined the great cloud of witnesses.
People: We give thanks for the memories we share.
Pastor: The life they lived.
People: The legacy they shaped.
Pastor: But most importantly, we give thanks for the life You gave on the cross and tomb.

"For All the Saints" (LSB677:1-2)
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!

Pastor: We remember those who together with us stood at the foot of the cross, who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, who have gone before us into the heavenly mansions:

(A bell is rung as the names of the departed are read)

Our Departed Ones
Since November 1, 2025

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P: Gracious Father in Jesus Christ, we remember with thanksgiving before You all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. As you have received our brothers and sisters who have gone on 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 praise Your name forever through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

Song
"For All the Saints" (LSB677:7-8)
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!

Prayer & 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.

Confession/Absolution

Words of Institution & Communion

"Be Still, My Soul" (Lifeway Worship)

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" (LSB671)

Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

“I’m But a Stranger Here” (LSB748)
I’m but a stranger here,
Heav’n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav’n is my home;
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev’ry hand;
Heav’n is my fatherland,
Heav’n is my home.

What though the tempest rage,
Heav’n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav’n is my home;
And time’s wild wintry blast
Soon shall be over past;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav’n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not,
Heav’n is my home;
Whate’er my earthly lot,
Heav’n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord’s right hand.
Heav’n is my fatherland,
Heav’n is my home.

Prayer of Thanks

Next Steps & Sending

Closing Hymn
“Great In Thy Faithfulness” (LSB809:1)
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not:
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Sending
P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.