St. Paul
Lutheran Church

All Saints' Day November 1, 2026 10:45 Blended 1

Welcome

Prelude: Handbells "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

As We Gather

Today, we celebrate the whole church of God - all saints living and those who have gone on to eternity - the Kingdom of grace and the Kingdom of Glory.

+ PREPARATION +

Opening Song "For All the Saints" LSB 677 vs 1-3

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who 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!

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!

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Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

A As saints and yet sinners, we call upon the mercy of God, our heavenly Father. O almighty God,

C **You rule and reign with justice. As Your people, we should love all Your decrees. Yet our hearts are hard. We prefer our ways to Your ways. We shout our freedoms but whisper Your correction.**

You call us salt and light, yet over and over we choose the darkness. Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. Renew our hearts that we might rejoice as the saints You call us to be.

Pause for silent reflection

P To make sinners into saints of His kingdom, God in His mercy sent forth Jesus, who declares, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The blood of Jesus has opened the door to the Kingdom where He rules and reigns, now and forever. As a called and ordained servant of the living Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Song of Forgiveness "You are My King (I'm Forgiven)" SSP 32

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

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+ WORD +

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.
Almighty God, Lord of saints below and saints above, Your Word puts the sinner to death and raises us to righteousness. Bind Your church in faith that we might evermore declare the glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

"For all the Saints" LSB 677 vs 4-6 with praise team

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

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!

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Epistle *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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel *Matthew 5:1–12*

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth 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."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

"For All the Saints" LSB 677 vs 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!

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[At this time individuals who have died since 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.] **Angela Synder, Cythina Estes, Roger Ditzenberger, Betty Tucker, Ed Mischen,**

Sermon "God's Messy Saints" 1 John 3:1-3, Rev 7:13-15

Prayer of the Church

A Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever.

God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they continue to serve Him forever.

A In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promise that where You are, there Your servants shall be also.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, asking that its members grow in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Celebrating our lives together as saints, we pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that You strengthen us to bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Confident that Your care for the saints knows no limits, Lord, we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, *Jamie Phillips, Alve Rupert, Marcene Tennyson*, *Jimmy Smith, Tim Fields, Sumshot Khular, Sandra Keith, Lennie Sprayberry, Rick Miller, John Haubold, Jan Peterson, Carla Weikert, Robert Wood, Kerstin, Krueger, Joseph Davis*. Answer their petitions according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Let us pray…

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.

+ RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH +

P Members of St. Paul, this is a joyous day for this congregation. We are now to welcome new members to this congregation – some by adult confirmation and others by transfer of membership. I will now address them.

Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

All of You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit? (I would invite the members of St. Paul to join in confessing faith using the Apostle's Creed.)

R *All 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.

And 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.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, as well as to live according to the Word of God in faith, word and deed to remain true to God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even to death, rather than to fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, promising to actively support this congregation with your time, talent and treasure?

R *I do, God helping me.*

P We, the members of St. Paul, rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ

R *Amen.*

P Dave & Clare Mowery, Karson Hughes, Ed Clark, Christine Snyder, Isabella Snyder, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

R *Amen.*

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior,

Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our ✢ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

Offering is Received

Prepare our Hearts for Communion

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

Communion Instructions

(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

Offering Blessing

C **Thank you, Lord, for blessing us that we might be a blessing to others.**

+ SACRAMENT +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

A O Jesus, as we gather in your name, remembering your death and your Last Supper, we beg you to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit.

Holy Spirit, give us the faith to eat Christ's body and drink His blood as he calls us to do in His Word. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all faithful believers at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.
In your grace, hear our prayers, save us and preserve our faith.

We honor and worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the only true God, now and forever.

The 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 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."

Pax Domini

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Song of Sacrifice "Lamb of God" SSP 4

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

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Distribution Song "Forever Jesus" SSP 85

My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus
My firm foundation in shifting sands
My strength and hope
Through many fears and failures
The disappointments of the past
His constant love has held me fast

So for all my days
I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
Though the storms may rage
He is strong to save
He's the King forever Jesus

My song of joy will be forever Jesus
Who bore my suff'ring who made a way
His life a gift His death a precious ransom
That wipes the sinner's guilt away
And turns my night to glorious day

So for all my days I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
Though the storms may rage
He is strong to save
He's the King forever Jesus

My final breath shall be forever Jesus
When shadows lengthen before my eyes
My Lord and friend
Companion through the valley
When dearest ones are left behind
His hand will lead me to the Light

So for all my days I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
Though the storms may rage
He is strong to save
He's the King forever Jesus

When I meet his gaze
I will sing my praise
To the King forever Jesus
All my sorrows past I am home at last
With my King forever Jesus
With my King forever Jesus
With my King forever Jesus

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Distribution Hymn "Glorious Things of You are Spoken" LSB 648

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

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Hymn "Jerusalem the Golden" LSB 672

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessèd
Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
Their gleaming robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country
That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

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Song of Thanksgiving "We Thank You Lord" SSP 5

We thank You Lord
We sing Your praise
We shout aloud alleluia.
Let all the world
seek Your face
and celebrate Your gifts of love.

For you fulfill your promises,
and lead us forth with songs of joy
and shouts of thanksgiving
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus through His true body and blood that has been received. Strengthen us by grace, amid suffering, to remain in faith toward You and show fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

A 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.**

Song of Departure "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" SSP 89

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

O Sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

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Postlude

Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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