



All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!

If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Ann Caine
Prayer Leader: Tracy Caine
Ushers: Robert Adair, Russ Bainbridge, Steve Krause, Benji Sitton & Kenrick Veit
Children's Message: Kristin Grubb
Altar Guild: Susi Laflin
Communion Assistant: Ann Caine
Video assistant: Rick Ayling
Acolyte & Crucifer: Jane Green & Henson Davis

PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. ***Amen.***

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember...

(The names of the members who have died since the last All Saints Sunday are now read, a candle is lit in their memory, and a bell tolled by Silver Woodbury for each name.)

Howard Hummel
Will Koski
Lois Clark
Paul Garner
Maxine Gunter
Steffanie Sitton

Carolyn Behrens, daughter
Annie Koski, Daughter
Stephanie Jenkins, granddaughter
Marcia Garner, wife
Traci Bradley, niece
Benji Sitton, husband

Let us pray. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
 Looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **AMEN**

OPENING HYMN: #422 **For All the Saints** vs 1, 2, 3 & 6

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, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Let us pray. O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD;

let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me

and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,

and let not your faces be downcast.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me

and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD

and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,

for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-9

¹⁴Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

⁵ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak 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 will be comforted.
⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE

Kristin Grubb

Softly and Tenderly

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

SPLC Choir

HYMN

#423

Shall We Gather at the River

Vs 1, 3 & 4

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **Refrain**

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **Refrain.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness. Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless our bishop and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS Please note, there are gluten free wafers available if you need them.

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE MAKERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to make coffee on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will need to arrive around 8:15 on Sunday mornings. Please sign up at the coffee bar or on the worship assistant sign up genius on the website. Questions: contact Milt Elias or Randal Cain.

YOUTH BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 22 - The SPLC Kids and Youth are invited to bake items. Items need to be ready and at church by 9am sharp on that morning. Youth members will be needed to help customers and collect donations before and after church that day. **Contributions by any church members are also welcomed, whether baked goods or monetary.** Please contact Abby Davis for any questions via ph:580-603-0095 or email: ahoppe86@gmail.com

ANNUAL STEWARD SHIP DRIVE

The annual stewardship is underway and end on **November 22nd**! Members – pick up your pledge cards in the narthex and turn in to the Stewardship committee's mailbox by the south doors. Questions: Contact Myra Smith.

REGIONAL FOOD BANK SERVICE DAY

Saturday, November 7th, 1:30pm-4pm. Sign up in the narthex (must be age 8 + to participate). Contact Laura Labus with Questions: 405-255-3980 or lauralabus@gmail.com.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 15th after worship in the sanctuary. Budgets will be discussed and voted on.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 21st. 9am-noon – a chili lunch will be served. Clean up will look different this year as the Property Board is on converting many of our flower beds to low maintenance beds (i.e. rocks and a few plants) by spring. Most of the trees (including crape myrtles) will remain. As a result of this, fall clean-up will be geared toward removing plants and debris in preparation and will not be purchasing mulch. If you are interest in saving a plant to transfer to their how flowerbed, please do so before the 21st. Please check with Luke Green before proceeding to ensure that nothing is removed that we are reserving for the future. More information will be posted in the narthex.
Questions: contact Luke Green.

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

11/1 – 9:30 – Worship & Education

All Saints Sunday

11/2 – Canticle Ringers

11/3 – Twilight Tones

11/4 – Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 – Meal - Breakfast

6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

11/7 – 1:30 Regional Food Bank

11/8 – 9:30 – Worship & Education

11/9 – Canticle Ringers

11/10 – Twilight Tones

11/11 – Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 – Meal - Pizza

6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

11/15 – 9:30 – Worship & Education

Congregational Meeting

11/16 – Canticle Ringers

11/17 – Twilight Tones

11/18 – Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 – Meal – Thanksgiving Dinner

6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

11/19 – XYZ

11/21 – 9am Fall Clean Up

11/22 – 9:30 – Worship & Education

11/23 – 11/27 Thanksgiving Break

11/23 – Canticle Ringers

11/25 – No Wednesday Night Activities

11/26 – Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

11/29 – 9:30 – Worship

11/30 – Canticle Ringers