



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1st & 2nd, 2025

Announcements

Introduction

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

Gathering Song #422 For All the Saints - Saturday
For All the Saints – Sunday - attached

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 149

R Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (*Ps. 149:1*)

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.**

³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory. R**

⁵ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,**

⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,**

⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you;
²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #629 Abide with Me - Saturday

Because He Lives - Sunday - attached

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 into hell,
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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Remembrance For All Saints

Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember those saints who are dear and precious to us who have died and entered into glory.

Today, we especially remember those from our congregation who we have lost in the last year.

We thank God for blessing us with the life and love of these dear saints and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence. We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples. We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts. Paul Baij, Ray Berg, Rosalie "Sally" Ruska, Helen Mattson, Arlene Goodburn, Paul Goodburn, Gregory Mahoski, Jr., Jeanne Jo Lake, Daniel Walther, Virginia Cota, Dale Burley, Sr., and Douglas Scheuneman.

Please come forward if you would like to light a candle in memorial.

Time for silence and reflection as people come forward to light candles.

On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we remember: **We are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed, but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the**

mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

All who desire communion on this day are welcome to commune with us and partake in the promise of eternal life by Jesus Christ himself. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we use non-alcoholic wine. Please indicate if you would like a gluten free communion wafer. If you do not wish to take communion, you are still invited to ask the Vicar for a blessing before you leave. Traditionally, those who commune are baptized into the Christian faith. If you are not baptized and would like to learn more about what it means to be baptized and share in the meal at the Lord's Supper Table, please talk with Vicar Elaine Robbins.

Communion

Communion Song - Instrumental - Saturday

In Christ Alone – Sunday - attached

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Sending Song #537 On Our Way Rejoicing - Saturday
King of Kings – Sunday - attached**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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Please remember the following people in your prayers: Anne Balko, Gary Boldt, Cindy Little, Arlene Posont, Tara Henry, Larry, Caden, Jon Lindquist, Lochlan Heyrman, Michael Leposky, Edward Larson, Lori Glaister, Carol Eglsaer, Ruth Snyder, Eric Dahlgren, Larry Malloy, Harry Robbins, Darlene Hehn, and Steve Dausey.

Nursing Home: Norma Seceast

Assisted Living: Pepper VanLandschoot (Jacobetti), Pauline Elavsky – Harbour View

In Service: Craig Oas, Zac Culter, Mike Knickerbocker, Peter Peterson, Mathew Moilanen, and our veterans who have returned to their communities.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Elaine Robbins

ASSISTING MINISTER: George – Saturday

Joanie H. - Sunday

USHERS: Volunteer – Saturday

Brandalyn & David – Sunday

MUSICIAN: Candace Dennis

ALTAR GUILD: Christi Salo

FELLOWSHIP HOST: Joanie Hinsla

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 1 – Saturday Worship Service - 5:00 pm – In person

**** Beginning on November 8th Saturday worship service changes to 4:00pm ****

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30am - In person & Facebook



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You can now use Vanco to give online or using the mobile app. Make a one-time gift, or set up a recurring offering.



The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00a.m.

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 3rd at 10:30.am.

A council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th at 11:45a.m.

Please note time change for the Saturday worship service. Beginning on November 8th the Saturday worship service will be permanently changed from 5:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Middle School Boys' Basketball Game – Tuesday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m. Come support Trey Mattson and Braylin Calhoun.

Eden is now collecting non-perishable food items for the Alger Community Food Pantry. Please help feed your neighbor in need.

Serving the congregation during worship - Please consider volunteering on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings to usher, read lessons and prayers, assist with communion, or host fellowship.

Flower Sponsors Are always appreciated. Flower sponsorship is \$30 a month. Your gift may be placed in the offering with a notation for flowers and your selected month. Flowers from your home garden or from a church garden are also welcome.

Volunteer Help Needed - Our newsletter editor is looking to retire. The current newsletter is prepared in Word. Please speak with Vicar Elaine if you can help. Thank you.

Support our Youth Fund by dropping off returnable cans and bottles at the church.

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