

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Fall Celebration Dinner – Saturday, Nov 21st - program starts at 4 pm and dinner follows at 5 pm. There is a sign up sheet in our Place of Welcome.

INTRODUCTION

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose life with God continues. With the faithful of every time and place, we trust that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

On this All Saints Sunday we join the multitude of saints
across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:
Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate
those saints who have come before,
yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:
Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

We gather today as the family of Christ,
diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:
Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd,
the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.
**May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world
with no more hunger, no more thirst,
no more suffering, and no more pain,
that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future
may share in God's abundant life. Amen.**

KYRIE "Now the Feast" ELW 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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.

'Sing with All the Saints in Glory" (v 1) / "Love Divine" (v 4) ELW 426/631
sung to tune of **"Love Divine" ELW 631**

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.
Finish, Lord, thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;

let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. God of all, 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

A reading from the Revelation of John.

After 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And 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, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I 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.

For 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.
 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
 the sun will not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat,
 for 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Alleluia" NTF

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice 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, O Christ.

Today's sermon has been prepared and shared by Pastor Kate Zaiser from Nazareth Lutheran Church, Standard, AB.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Rejoice in God's Saints" ELW 418



1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;

a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own;
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

At this time we will hold space for all those who have journeyed with us, who have loved and cared for us, nurtured us in life and faith, and who have now died. As we join in our Remembrance of the Saints, we light a candle for those we honour and remember this day.

Living God, source of all life,
we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue
who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.
Bless to us, O God, the names we carry on our lips, of the saints who have gone before us.
Bless to us the memories we carry in our hearts of their lives shared with us

Let us give thanks for beloved ones who have gone before us and who are now at rest.

The names are read

Silence

"All Shall Be Well"



In the twi - light, in the eve - ning ten - der
In the still - ness, in the morn - ing, as the
In the gar - den of be - com - ing, both the



shad-ows of your love sur - round. Come, O Rest, O Dream, soothe my
for - est _____ stirs and sighs, come, O Dap - pled Light, kiss this
thorn _____ and the bloom be - long. Wild - ing Wis - dom, re - cre -



sor - row - ing, fears and fract - ured mem - or - ies.
loam - y floor, breathe me in - to day once more!
ate _____ me, come, O Whole-ness, be my song.



And all shall be well. All shall be _____ well.



All shall be well, and all man-ner of things shall be well.

Last Verse

As your riv-er flows, so tom - or-row goes, from the
 riv-er out to the sea. Womb of Liv - ing Love, deep with -
 in I know: I am held et - er - nal - ly. Et - er - nal -
 ly, et - er - nal - ly! And all shall be well.
 All shall be well. All shall be well, and all
 man - ner of things shall be well. Be well.

Silence

God beyond time, in Jesus your Son you assure us that our life does not end at the tomb, for we rise to walk in fullness of joy with you. Accompany us, O God, who journey as yet by faith; guide our footsteps.

We commend the whole of ourselves and our lives to you, as united with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world:

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. We give you thanks for those who have sacrificed to ensure the security and freedom of others. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans and their families who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and outcast. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, bless the broken-hearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Bring comfort and healing to all in need, especially Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Patrick, Lois, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Jody, Mo, Sidonia, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, Cherylee, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. Inspire creative visions for our life together through the work of Stephen Ministry. Watch over Arnold and Dorothy Follinglo and Sharon Fraser, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans and hold them in your care. 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 saints who are with you in glory. Sustain us in hope of our eternal life 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 PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

~ Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

As we leave this place, we 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.

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.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW 808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

SENDING

Led on by saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God. We will!

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