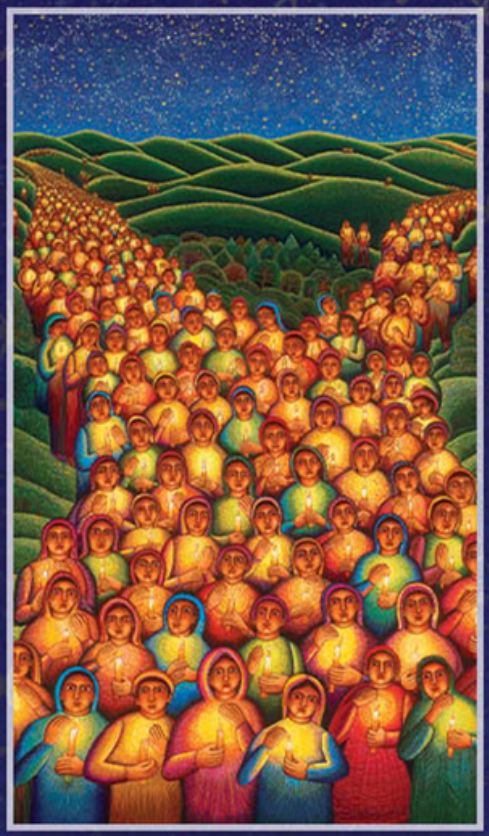
All Saints Sunday

5:30pm Saturday, October 31, 2026
8:00am & 10:30am Sunday, November 1, 2026

The 10:30am Sunday worship service is video recorded.



God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

REVELATION 7:17

ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship!

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are 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 baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Denotes to please stand as you are able.
Please silence your cellphones.

PRELUDE (5:30 & 10:30) *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. R. Hobby

(8:00) *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* Agincourt, arr. D. N. Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN #728** *Blest Are They*

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned 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 live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

***THIS IS THE FEAST**





***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 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.

9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud
voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 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, 12 singing,
"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, robed in white, and
where have they come from?" 14 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.
15 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.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And 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. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM (10:30) *Angel Chorus* Trad. Spiritual
Creation & Celebration Choirs

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON Pastor Jennifer Hall

RITE OF BAPTISM (10:30) **Pg. 227**
Everett Gabriel Hennessey
Son of Eric & Gabrielle Hennessey

***APOSTLES’ CREED (5:30 & 8:00)**
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 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

P: God of all wisdom and compassion, guide our nation though this time of election. Raise up leaders who work for justice and peace. Grant them the ability to govern with righteousness, humility, and mercy. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors (those who have died in the past year are named).† Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

† *See page 15 for the list of names*.

***PEACE**
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

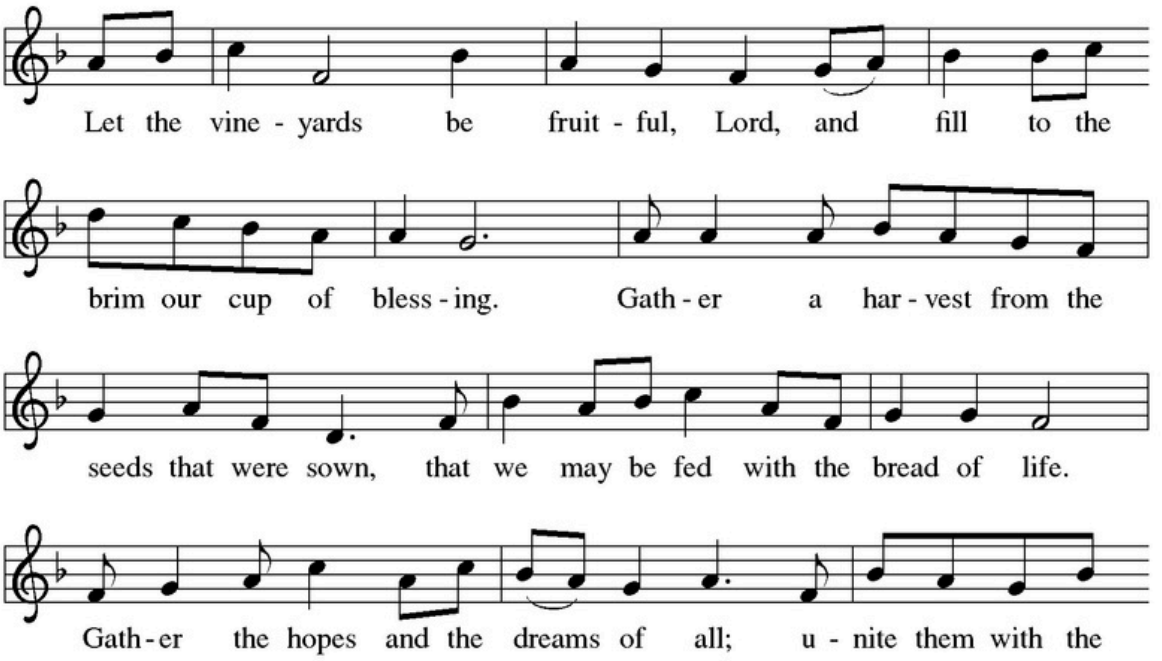
MUSICAL OFFERING (5:30) *Abide with me* arr. L. Petersen

(8:00) *Fight the Good Fight* J. Gardner
Philethia Choir

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally!
Run the straight race through God's good Grace, lift up thine eyes and seek His face; life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize!
Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
Faint, not nor fear, His arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; only believe, and thou shall see that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

(10:30) *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal* M. Hayes
Chancel Choir

***OFFERTORY**



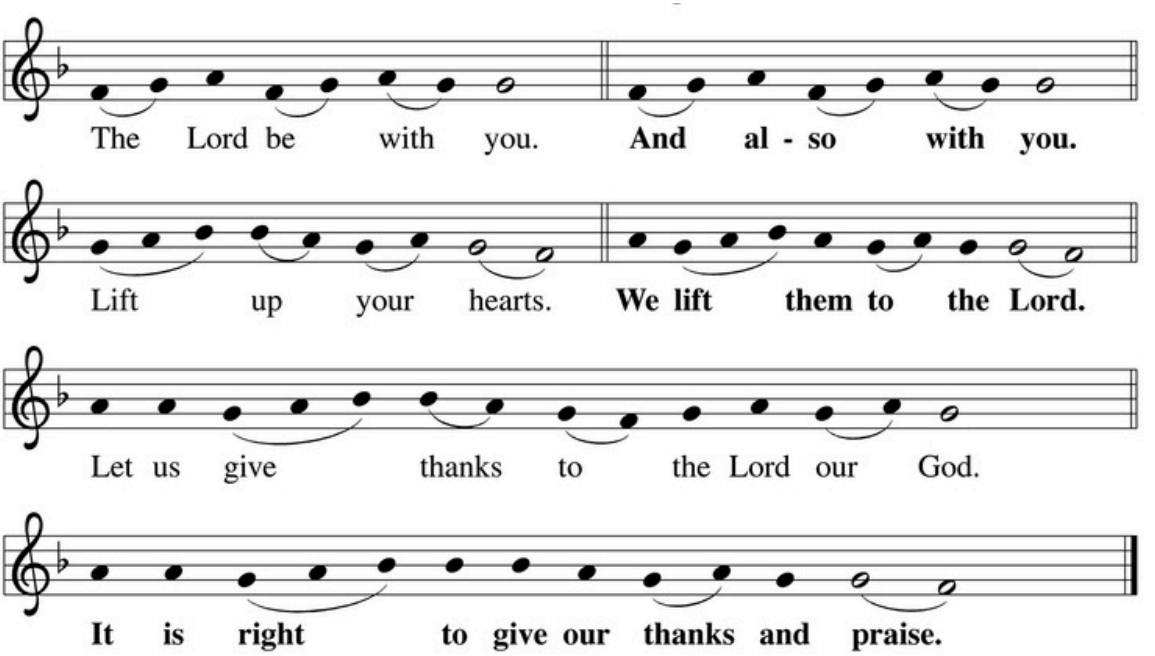


***OFFERING PRAYER**

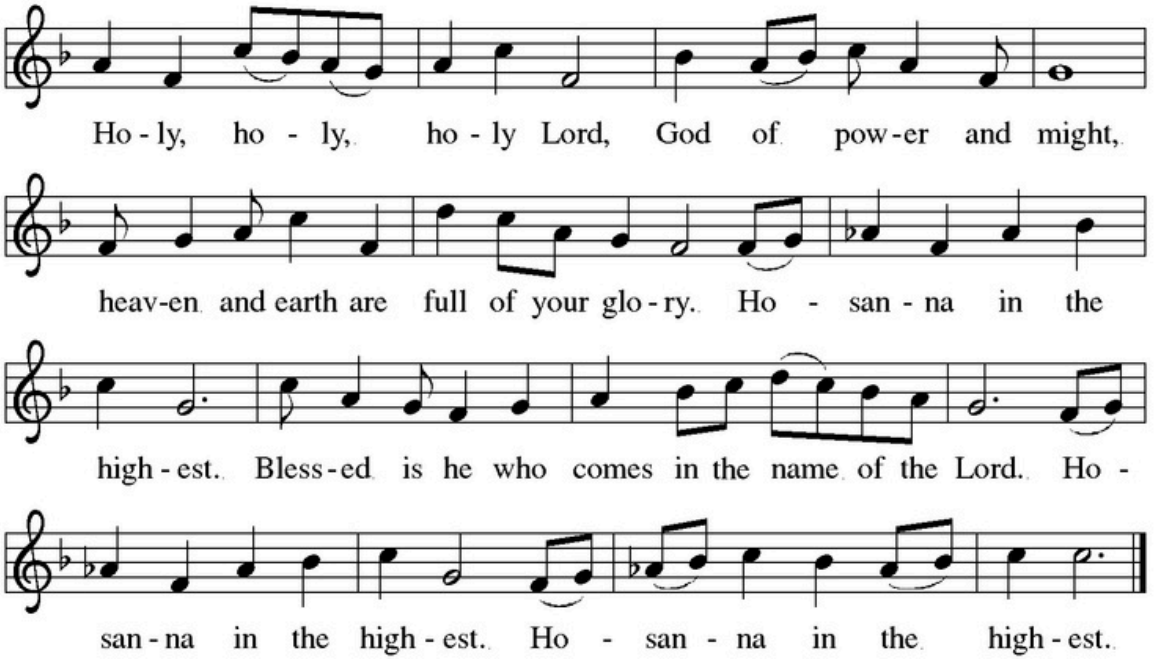
P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

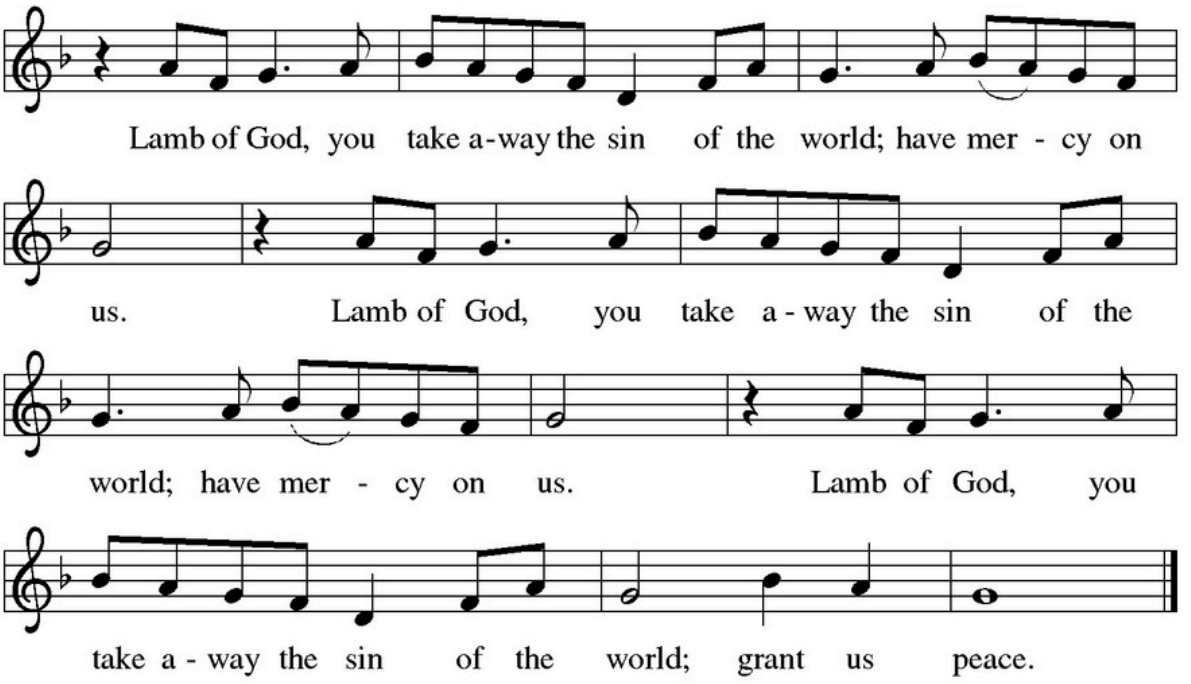


***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

LAMB OF GOD



RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER (***see page 14 for instructions***)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION (5:30) *The Trumpet Shall Sound from Messiah* G. F. Handel
Kyle Gombosi, baritone & Alan Babp, trumpet

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

COMMUNION HYMNS (8:00 & 10:30)

#428 *Give Thanks for Saints*

#421 *By All Your Saints (v. 1, 2, and last)*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #427** *For All the Saints, O Lord*

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE (5:30)	*Toccata in d minor*	J.S. Bach
(8:00)	*Agincourt Hymn*	J. Dunstable
(10:30)	*For All Your Saints, O Lord*	M. Burkhardt

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of their daughter, Alissa, sunset two years ago, by Gary and Jackie Wolf.

The Bulletins and Sunday Morning CD Ministry are all presented to the Glory of God.

SATURDAY
Organist: Rev. Janice Butz
Greeter: Maryellen Wekheiser
Lector: Patti Mahaney
Council Rep: Karlene Kipp

SUNDAY (8:00am)
Organist: Deacon Patrice Kidd
Greeter: Lester & Adrienne Grier
Lector: Elisabeth Brune
Council Rep: Maria Daniels

SUNDAY (10:30am)
Organist: Rev. Janice Butz
Greeter: Bob Schwitzer
Lector: Earl Wagner
Council Reps: Ben Miller, Barry Miller

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

The usher will dismiss your row, and you will come forward to receive the bread and Christ's promise from the pastor. The communion assistant will hand you a prefilled cup with wine and proclaim Christ's promise. There is a basket for your empty cup as you return to your seats. If you prefer grape juice, please take a prefilled cup of **white grape juice** from the tray on the small table as you come forward.

For those who desire **gluten-free elements,** please take the wafer and the cup from the tray on the small table as you come forward. If you are coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you find it difficult to come forward during the distribution for any reason, please indicate to an usher your desire to partake. The servers will come to your pew.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

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All Saints Sunday

Those most dear to us who rest in the presence of our Lord.

	Passed to Eternal Life	Age Years - Months - Days
Linda J Nevins	10/5/2025	87-1-30
Sandra A Doncses	11/30/2025	78-10-9
Dawn A Elliott	12/13/2025	87-4-22
Ralph A. Deyo	1/18/2026	81-08-11
Jennifer “Jenna” L. Jones-Paradis	1/29/2026	57-05-18
Jean E. Master	2/9/2026	94-07-15
Errol T. Betzenberger	2/23/2026	88-10-00
Margaret G. Reimer	2/24/2026	98-02-17
Joy B. Grim	2/28/2026	80-08-21
Betty M. Deardorff	4/16/26	92-05-13
Jean S. Gogel	4/16/26	94-06-19
Mae L. Bender	5/26/2026	87-07-25
Marge S. Dally	6/3/2026	101-01-12
Doris H. Pizzuto	6/12/2026	91-10-05
James “Jim” M. Meixsell	6/20/2026	75-04-05
Karen E. Miller-Thomas	8/7/2026	64-11-21
Diana Wasem	8/15/2026	68-10-11
June A. Hilbert	8/31/2026	100-02-28
Michael “Mike” B. Tripp	9/4/2026	69-10-25

All Saints Sunday

The Church Triumphant

Today the church remembers those who are now in the realm of God, at rest from their earthly labors. Their baptism is complete, and they feast eternally at Jesus' welcome table.

As we speak or hear the names of deceased loved ones today, let us give thanks for the ways in which they shared the gospel with us. None of us would be following Jesus now without a faithful saint or two who told us their favorite Bible passages and stories, shared their favorite hymns with us, and exemplified faithful witness and service. Who was most instrumental in your faith development? Thank them today or, if they have died, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their enduring legacy of faith.

Jesus prepares a place of inexpressible joy for us. Only good things await beyond the door we call death. Abundant blessings are in store for those who once were poor in spirit, mourning, or meek; for those who longed for justice and righteousness; and for the peacemakers and pure of heart. These saints are wrapped in the love of God for all eternity. They no longer experience hunger, thirst, tears, pain, suffering, or sorrow. The former things have passed away. All things have been made new!

While here we grieve the death of our beloved ones, we also take heart, knowing that one day we will join the church triumphant and unite our voices with the faithful of every time and place. Alleluia, thanks be to God!