All Saints Day
November 1, 2026
Bethany Lutheran Church

Welcome Visitors.

Please sign our visitor book. There activity bags available for small children, located by the entrance of sanctuary.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

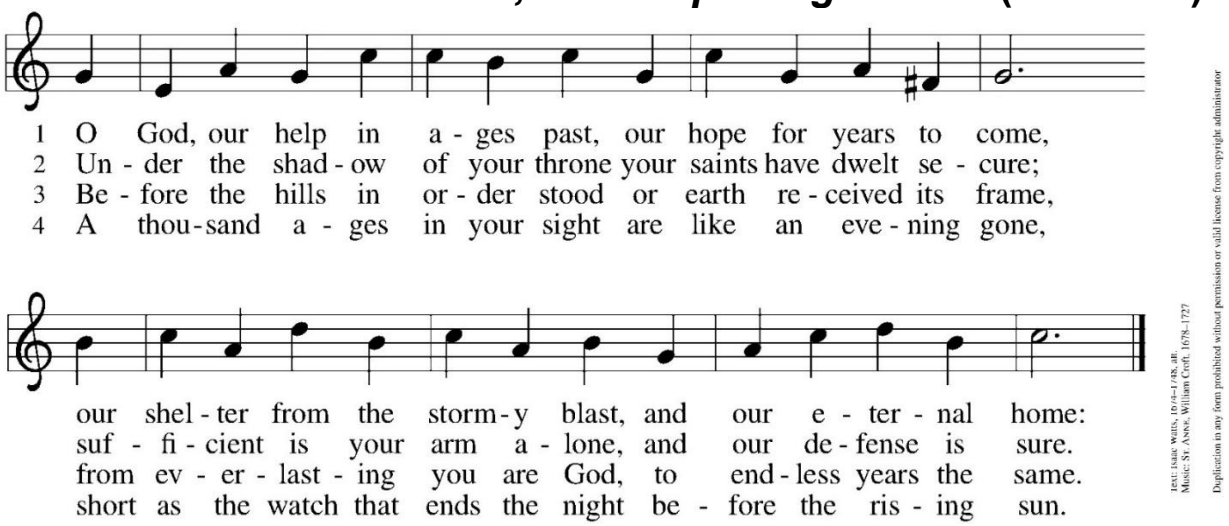
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632)



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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7: 9-17

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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-3

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.

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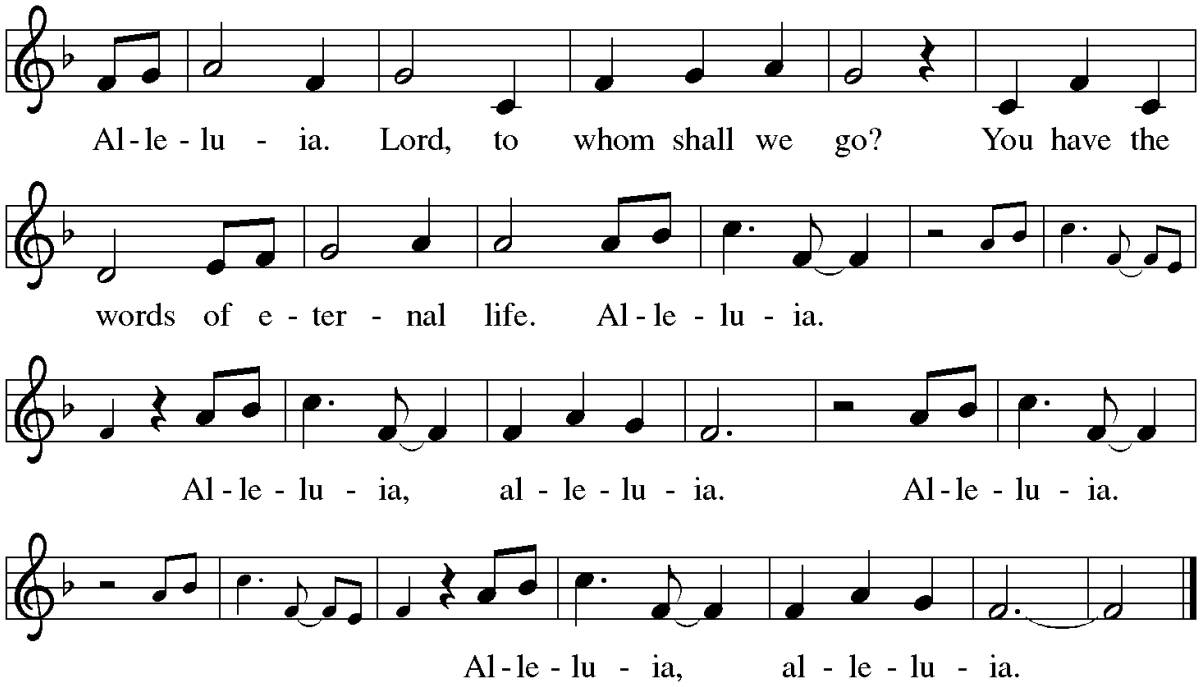
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *For All the Saints* (ELW 422)

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Peter and Mary Magdalene: **Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God: **Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, siblings and cousins, spouses and parents whose lives ended too soon: We lift up the pain of pregnancy and infant loss, often carried silently, trusting that you hold all children in your love.
Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their lives.

Duane J. Kimpton
3/4/1947 – 4/14/2026
Helen Elizabeth Walker
5/8/1937 – 4/22/2026
Toni M. Phelps
6/2/1968 – 5/18/2026
Donna Jean Ritchart
7/22/1953 – 5/18/2026
Lorriane Emma Schultz
5/18/1929 – 4/4/2026
Alan Peter Marquardt
8/5/1954 – 6/11/2026
Marian LaFortune
2/24/1939 – 8/4/2026
Peter D. Wollschlager
8/19/1938 – 9/3/2026
Marcia Anne Adams
2/28/1939 – 9/3/2026
Anna Louise Kirkwood
11/27/1928 – 10/2/2026

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts. **Comfort us in our grief, and strengthen our faith, that we may be reunited at the feast that never ends.**

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ, knowing that they belong to you as children of the kingdom, and trusting that when you call us children of God, that is what we are:

Frankie Costello	*Bap. 11/16/2025*	Asher Krause	5/3/2026
Haelynn Crandall	3/8/2026	Lainey Stoughtenger	5/17/2026
Brooks Mortensen	3/22/2026	Beckett Stoughtenger	5/17/2026

We celebrate these children of God and walk with them in faith. **O God, uphold them in faith and nurture your whole church by the power of your Holy Spirit.**

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life and for all who walk as yet by faith and not by sight…shall gather around the throne of God with all the saints. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Praise and Thanksgiving* (ELW 689)

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

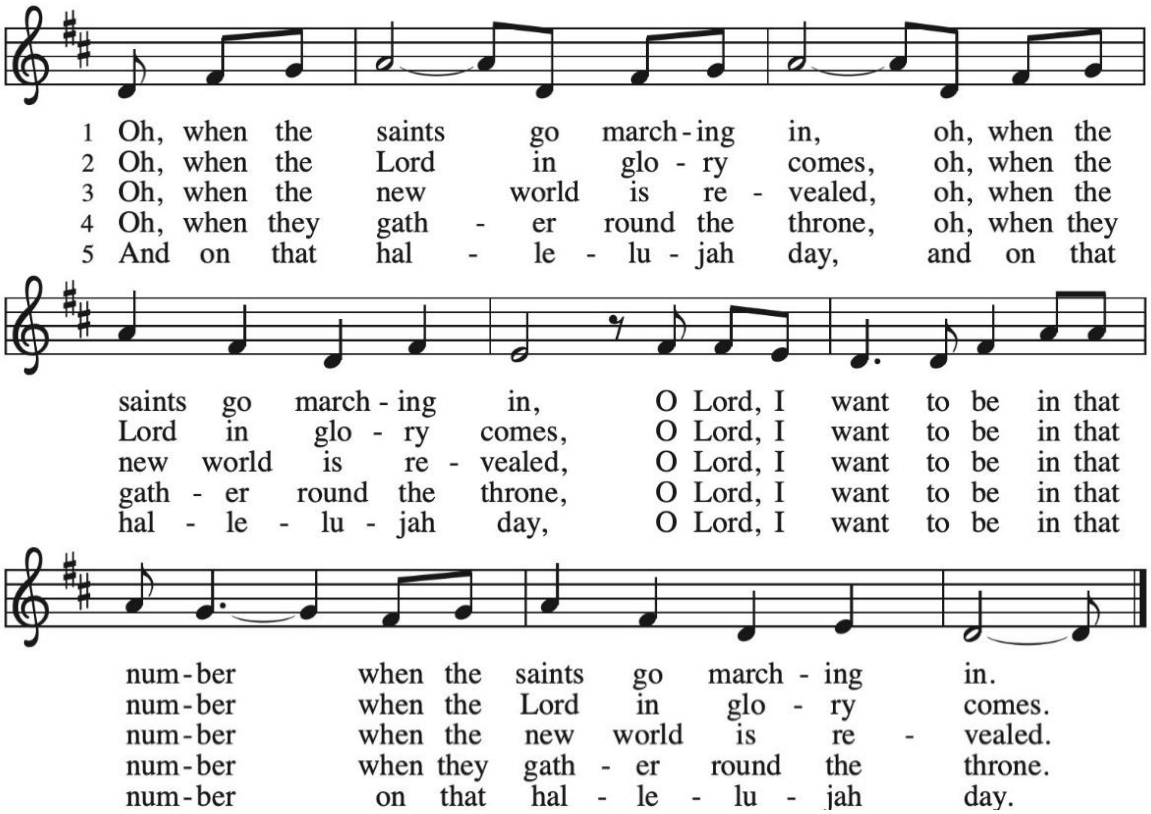
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* (ACS 950)



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

We go, renewed and fed to create life-giving relationships **through worship, outreach and service. Thanks be to God.**

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Worship on Sunday morning is recorded on Facebook from the 9AM service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November Food Pantry Theme is "'Holiday Helper" – stuffing, rice, Jello, canned items: corn, beans, potatoes, cranberries, carrots, pumpkin, etc.
- November 3rd: Rachel Circle 4pm @ Bethany conference room
- November 8th: 'Card Run' Fellowship Fun after worship service
- November 15th: W-ELCA 'Thankoffering' during our Sunday church service
- No Bible Study this Thursday (Nov 5). We will resume on Nov. 12
- A Lions Glass box is in the Bethany Narthex for disposal of old eyeglasses.
- We have Kwik Trip Scrip cards for sale they make a great holiday gift! Choose between Gas or Food cards, sold in $20 increments.
- Wednesday 9 am - Quilting
- We sent 160 Quilts, 90 Health Kits, and 14 Baby Kits to the Lutheran World Relief.
- Quilters could use full or queen flat sheets. Please and thank you.
- Tuesday AA meetings 6:30 pm @ East Lemonweir/ Thursday 6:30 pm @ Bethany.

Prayers of Concern:

Prayers for those who cannot worship with us today.

Prayers for the family and friends who have lost loved ones.

Prayers for those who serve to protect others.

Prayers for John Bailey, Kandy Horrer, Lindsey Dryer, Randy Fenwick, Jean Orlowski, Dawn VanMeter, Ken Adams, Sonja Haske, Shirley Wehman, Mike Schultz, Sandy Hempel, Amy Andres Peterson (daughter of Tom & Roxanne Andres), Holly Berry, Dean Allard, Kalie Geitner (Galen & Janenne Lingl), Katie & Doug Johnson, Becky Bailey, Fred Wehman, Steve Werth, Jordan Wehman, Tommy Paulson (Vanessa Lucas's Brother), John Preston, Garry Olson, Yvonne Olson, Jacob Sorenson, Mickie (Ron & Patti Thompson), Fran Benson, Marilyn Wetley,

and others we silently name.

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