Sunday, November 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday



“Moved by the Spirit - Moving with the Saints”

Pastor Erik Allen

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude "For all the Saints" Jan Bender

Announcements

GATHERING

Song We Are United
Dennis Wimer - Soloist

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 34)*

P: We will bless the Lord at all times;
C: the praise of God shall ever be in our mouths.

P: With the saints of every time and place, let us proclaim God's greatness;
C: let us exalt God's name together.

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in faith.
C: Through their lives, God's love and grace have been made known.

P: The Lord redeems the lives of God's servants.
C: Together with all the saints, let us worship the God of life.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!
C: And also with you!

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song Ubuntu

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: 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.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

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

please be seated

WORD

Lesson	Revelation 7:9-17	
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	

Gospel Response

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message		Pastor Erik
Sermon	"Moved by the Spirit - Moving with the Saints"	Pastor Erik
Hymn	Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In	ACS 950

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and became truly human.

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

please be seated

Offering

*On each 1st Sundy we collect a special offering for World Hunger through ELCA.
If you would like to donate, you may do so online, or baskets are available when you come up for Communion.*

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code
or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Offering Song

"We Walk by Faith" ELW 635
vs. 1, 4-5

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.

Prayers of the Church (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members: Cheryl, Anita, Sue, Sally

Family & Friends: Cheryl, Anita, Leota, Sylvia, Pat, Joan, Anna, Lucille, Margie, Joe, Wes, Emily, Karla, Leon, Dale, Carol

All Saints Recognition

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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!

Invitation to Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome.

Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

Song They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" David Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commitment Sunday

"Moved by the Spirit - *Moving together, Making a difference*"
We will be celebrating Commitment Sunday on November 15. You should have received a letter explaining our theme, along with other helpful information this past week. Please do take some time to read through it as it is very informative. Then please prayerfully consider how you can help to be part of the incredible ministry that happens here at KOG. Questions, see Susan Kraabel, Craig Ellis or Pastor Erik.

Work Day
The 10 day forecast says "GREAT day for a Work Day on November 7!" Well, that's not exactly true, but currently the forecast looks great for outdoor and indoor activities. A list of projects is forthcoming but please do plan to join us Saturday, Nov 7 from 9:00-12:00. Projects for folks of every age. Questions? See Greg Frazier.

Euchre Party
The Fraziers will be hosting another Euchre Night on Saturday Nov. 7. Please bring a snack to share and a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. Fun begins at 7:00 pm.

Memorial Service
There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 14 for Vicki Sampson. Visitation will begin at 12:30, followed by a service at 2:00 with a reception in Fellowship Hall after the service. Please keep Eric and the rest of the Sampson family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Altar Poinsettias for Christmas Eve
I know it's too early for this, but .... we need to have our order for Poinsettias into Heartland Growers by November 2! Crazy! The cost is $12.00 per plant. Send me an email if you would like one or more (let me know the number). You can be specific (as to who they will honor or remember) later. leslie.french@kogcarmel.org.

LCFS Giving Tree
Our annual effort to bring joy to the lives of Lutheran Child and Family Services families starts early this year. The tree will be up and ready for you to pick tags off it on Sunday, November 15. Just a head's up.

THEME OF THE WEEK: Hope that Holds Us
The readings this week point us toward a hope grounded in God's grace: Christ meets us in our fears, grief, and uncertainty, and promises life that even death cannot overcome. This hope does not make suffering good or erase our tears. It frees us to receive God's mercy in the Word and Sacraments, to share one another's burdens, and to serve our neighbors with compassion. God's promises hold us together as a diverse community of faith, and the Spirit keeps turning us toward the life and love revealed in Jesus.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1–12 The Blessedness of the Christian Life
We often look for blessedness in security—having good health, enough money, time for pleasure, and often all with the approval of others. Yet here Jesus speaks a surprising word to people who grieve, hunger for justice, show mercy, and endure hardship: God sees them and promises a future shaped by mercy and peace. These hardships are not good in themselves, and they do not earn God's favor. In Jesus, God's grace is already given to us. At the font and around the table, we receive signs of that promise and are strengthened to live it among our neighbors. *Lord Jesus, meet us in our need, and make us agents of mercy and peace. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 125 The Lord Surrounds the Faithful
"The scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous." This psalm gives voice to the hope that injustice will not have the final word. God's people have known times when they were oppressed and here, they are reminded that faith does not require us to pretend otherwise. The psalm's image of mountains surrounding Jerusalem proclaims God's steadfast care for the people and the land entrusted to them. In Christ's death and resurrection, God promises that evil and death will not prevail. As we wait, the Spirit sustains us and calls us to stand with those facing injustice and we can because the Spirit stays present with us! *Lord, surround us with your care and lead us in your way of peace. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7:2–17 The Vision of Heaven
John's vision opens before us a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered in the presence of God and the Lamb. They are united in praise, yet their many peoples and languages are not erased. This is no vision of sameness: God gathers and restores a richly varied community. The vision also remembers those who have suffered; they are comforted, and their tears are wiped away. We trust this promise not because of our own strength, but because Christ has brought us through death into life. May the Spirit both keep us among those who worship and serve together and remind us of the joy that brings. *God, gather your people in hope and wipe away every tear. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 51:9–16 Faith in the Midst of Fear
Through the prophet Isaiah, God speaks words of promise to a people living with fear and uncertainty: "You are my people." God's covenant with Israel reflects that this covenant is not a fragile hope but a promise to be trusted. Still, fear can narrow our vision. We worry about what others may do and forget the One who brings people through danger toward a future of joy. God's Word meets us in those fears—not by denying them, but by reminding us that we are held in mercy. In the gathered community, through Scripture, preaching, and prayer, we hear again that God has not abandoned us. *Keep us attentive to your promises, O God, and strengthen us to live in hope. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:18–26 Jesus Meets Us in Grief
Mourners are already grieving when Jesus arrives at the home of a young girl who has died. Jesus says she is sleeping, and the crowd laughs; to them, death is final. Yet this day, Jesus takes her by the hand, and she rises. This story proclaims his authority over death, while leaving room for the grief we feel when someone dies. Jesus does not scold mourners for weeping or ask us to call death harmless. He meets people in sorrow and promises that death will not have the last word. We cling to that promise as a gift, trusting the resurrection even when grief remains. It may not always be easy, but through it all Jesus remains with us. *Jesus, take us by the hand, comfort all who mourn, and raise us to new life. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:9–14 Spiritual Understanding
Paul prays that the Colossians may be filled with wisdom and understanding shaped by God. Such wisdom tells the truth about our lives: we fall short of loving God and our neighbor, and we cannot make ourselves righteous. The Gospel announces what we cannot achieve: in Christ, God forgives us and brings us into the kingdom of light. The Spirit keeps faith alive in us, strengthens us through hardship, and turns us toward lives of gratitude and service. We await the fullness of God's promise in the resurrection and the renewal of creation. *O God, give us wisdom through your Spirit, and teach us to live in the light of your mercy. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 18:1–19 The Lord Is My Stay
The psalmist names a life surrounded by danger and trouble, then gives thanks for God as a rock, and refuge. We, too, know forces that can wear us down: violence and injustice around us, fear within us, and the ways our own sin harms our neighbors. We do not face these alone. God hears the cries of those in distress and comes near to rescue us. The psalmist's confidence does not rest on any strength or on an easy life; it rests on God's steadfast love. In gratitude, we are freed to seek refuge together and to help our neighbors find safety. *I love you, O God, my strength. Be our refuge and keep us in your care. Amen.*