Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Service of Remembrance

Welcome *Pastor Adam will give announcements and welcome*

****Call to Worship** (*Worship Leader read Leader and with People)*

****Good morning, I am Chris Ritter, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand as you are comfortable and able to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

L. We are here to serve God through our worship; blessing and glory and wisdom be to our God.

P. We will bless God at all times; God's praise shall continually be in our mouths.

L. We are here to be purified and equipped for our tasks; thanksgiving and honor be to our God forever.

P. O magnify our God with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

L. We are here to be guided toward all who need us; power and might be to our God forever and ever.

P. O taste and see that God is good; happy are those who take refuge in God!

****Will you join us in our opening song "Shall We Gather at the River", hymn #723, and the words will be on the screen.**

Children's Time

Community Notes

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts
(Pastor Adam will first do the prayers, Worship leader will read Offering Invitation & prayer)

**Invitation: We praise God, not just with our lips, but with our substance. Our offerings are sacrifices of devotion, gladly given in response to the riches of God's blessing poured out on us in such abundance. We celebrate God's love through our service to all God's children. So much that is good will be accomplished as we give.

**Will you pray with me? In joyful thanksgiving, we bring our gifts to feed the hungers of others and quench their thirst. We present ourselves with our money, for you have appointed us to wipe away tears and offer hope in Christ. As we have been blessed, so may we be a blessing to others. In gratitude and rejoicing, we dare to risk our all to honor and serve you. Amen.

**Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 NLT

As this is a reading from the Gospel, please stand in body or spirit.

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message Psalm 34:1-10,22 NRSV Pastor Adam Woods

All Saints' Day Remembrance

Song: "For All the Saints" Hymn # 711 Verses 1,2 & 4

A Time of Remembrance Part 1

Pastor: Today we join the Church worldwide in remembering the lives and legacies of all the saints–fellow members of the Body of Christ who have died and departed from this life but are eternally present with God.

And now in this time during worship, we remember the lives and legacies of the saints in our own church, families, and community who have died this past year but are eternally present with God. As each name is read we will hear a bell chime, observe a moment of silence, and after you hear "Absent from us" we will all respond with "Present with God."

- Reading of the Names -

Reader: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember these and all the teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.
All: We give thanks!
We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.
We give thanks!
We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.
We give thanks!
We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.
We give thanks!
We remember our church families – this one and others we have

loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.
We give thanks!
We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.
We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

Communion

Pastor: As we come to the Lord's Table today, let us offer this Confession of Sin and receive the Words of Forgiveness

All: Beloved God,
who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears,
have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, dear One –
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Pastor: Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones

of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you as we lift up our hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us,
He took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread,
gave it to the disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we have named before you in worship and feel deep gratitude for in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
ALL: Amen.

(The congregation will come forward to receive communion)

Communion Music *Katy on Piano*

Closing Song "Marching to Zion" Hymn #733

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction Fresh Winds of the Spirit, pages 152 and 153