All Saints' Day



November 1, 2026

God's Word for Today:

Childbearing is excruciating. Yet each day countless women willingly become pregnant. They know that pain can be endured if it is temporary, with happier times coming immediately after. Likewise, the time between Christ's first and second coming is full of hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that it is temporary.

Happier times are coming!

That truth is crystal clear on All Saints' Day. On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us. We have in mind all those who had faith in Jesus, both the heroes of faith in Scripture and all faithful Christian family members. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. It's the beginning of the end, and we endure by remembering all the saints, focusing on the future glory that awaits us.

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WELCOME!

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [L] are spoken by today's worship leader, and the parts marked **[C]** are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Elder Steve Buboltz for leading today's service! Pastor Engel and Michelle are attending the baptism of their granddaughter in Milwaukee.

Today's Schedule: There will not be Adult Bible Class or Confirmation Class today.

Trunk or Treat Update: Thank you again to everyone who helped with last Saturday's Trunk or Treat event! We had nearly 260 people come through our doors, with over a third being families connected to our preschool.

Bible Information Class: Pastor Engel is beginning a Bible Information Class (BIC) on **Thursday nights at 6:00 pm**. If you are interested in membership, you are welcome to come to the conference room at church (end of the hall on the left). Workbooks will be provided. If Thursday evening does not work for you, let Pastor Engel know to schedule another time.

Silent Auction & Pie Social: All are welcome to Shepherd of the Hills on **Saturday, November 21st from 2-4pm** for our annual Silent Auction & Pie Social! Join us for pie, Bible Bingo, a kids' craft table, and a silent auction to raise funds for the local food bank, Second Harvest Northland. If you are willing to donate a pie or an auction item, please see the sign-up sheets near the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kely Dunsmoor with any questions.

Food Drive: We are hosting a food drive during the month of November. If you would like to participate, please place your nonperishable food items in the cardboard boxes near the front doors. These items will be donated to our neighbors in need at Second Harvest Northland. Thank you for your support!

Women's Book Group: During the Advent season, we will be reading "The Gift of Jesus: Meditations for Christmas - Devotional Reflections to Prepare Your Heart During the Advent Season" by Charles F. Stanley. We will not formally meet to discuss this book.

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

Personal Prayer

We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints. Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering. Give us power to live as your faithful people. Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you. Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne. Amen.

HYMN: Sing with All the Saints in Glory ***CW 881***



Stand

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✞ and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✞ and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

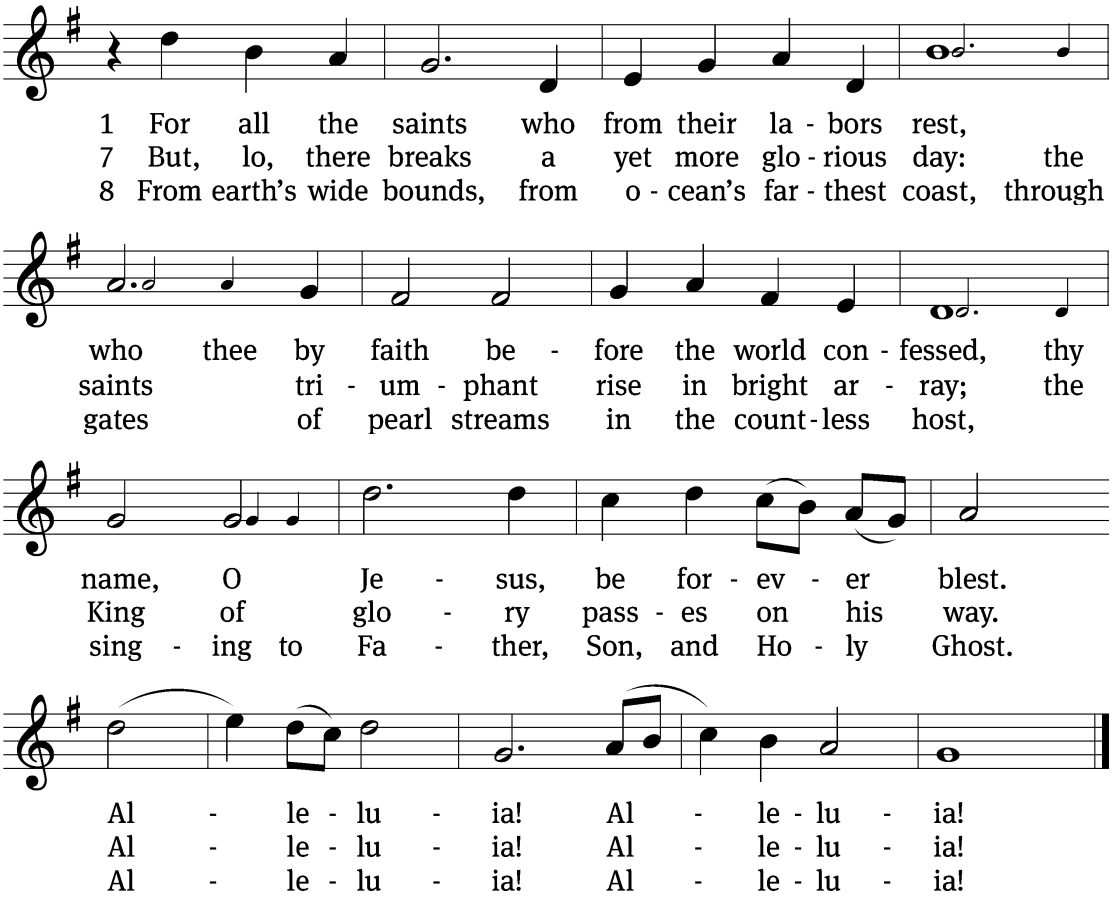
L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
C: Christ, have mercy.

L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
C: Amen.

HYMN: For All the Saints *CW 880 sts. 1, 7–8*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:9–17*

9After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every
nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with
white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. 10They called out with a loud voice and said:
Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

11All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their
faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12saying:
Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our
God forever and ever. Amen.

[13]One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

[14]And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
[15]Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
[16]They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.
The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
[17]for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY ***Psalm 149A***

Read responsively

L: Sing to the Lord a new song.
C: Sing his praise in the congregation of his favored ones.

L: Let Israel rejoice in its Maker.
C: Let the people of Zion celebrate for their King.

L: Let them praise his name with dancing.
C: With hand drum and lyre let them make music to him.

L: For the Lord is pleased with his people.
C: He adorns the humble with salvation.

L: Let those he favors rejoice in honor.
C: Let them shout for joy on their beds.

PSALM PRAYER

L: Lord, protect your people whenever they gather to worship you. Restrain the hand of those who would inflict harm on them. Thwart the plans of Satan and his demons so that your people, whether awake or resting in their beds, may sing your praise unhindered; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

SECOND READING ***1 John 3:1–3***

[1]See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. [2]Dear friends, we are

children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. 3Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ***Matthew 5:1–12***

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things.

3Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.
5Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.
6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.
7Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.
8Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.
9Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.
10Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

ROLL CALL FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

L: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember before you this day our loved ones whose memories still live within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life of peace, joy and comfort, which knows no end.

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L: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

C: The God of our fathers is our fortress. *(Psalm 46:1)*

L: We remember this day also all our beloved, faithful, departed family and friends who are not named here, but whom we now name in our hearts.

Silence for personal prayers

L: We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

C: And so we will be with the Lord forever.

HYMN OF THE DAY: There Is a Higher Throne *CW 885*



SERMON: We Are God's Children
1 John 3:1-3

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully & freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to donate. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code or visit dulutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

L: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

L: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

L: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

L: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be seated

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✞ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✞ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

***Holy Communion Beliefs and Practice**: We desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since Scripture encourages us to "recognize the body and blood of the Lord," "examine ourselves," and join together as "one body," we ask our visitors to allow us the opportunity to share our beliefs before joining us in this act of fellowship. By this practice we are in no way judging your personal faith in Jesus. We look forward to sharing our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table. We are happy to have you worship with us!*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Behold a Host, Arrayed in White ***CW 883***
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Stand

THANKSGIVING

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

L: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✞ give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN: Jerusalem the Golden ***CW 890***

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