

Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday and New Members Sunday
Liturgy from Sundays and Seasons 2026 – ELW Setting # 4

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS + STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE – LINDA KOLAR-WOOD

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

GATHERING

Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

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



Silence is kept for reflection.

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 HYMN: ELW # 422 "For All the Saints" **Verses 1, 2, 6, & 7.**

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE SAINTS
Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

KYRIE FOR THE SAINTS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord. **Alleluia**.

For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have been workers with us for God's kingdom here on earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend these, our siblings in Christ to you, almighty God, our maker and our redeemer:

(A Chime is rung after the reading of each name)



For blessed *Bob Young*. *(Chime)* **Thanks be to God.**

For blessed *Joyce Tevz*. *(Chime)* **Thanks be to God.**

For blessed *Betty Wing*. *(Chime***) Thanks be to God.**

For blessed *Dan Bice*. *(Chime***) Thanks be to God.**

For blessed *Blair Wolff*. *(Chime)* **Thanks be to God.**

For blessed *Joani Bettin*. *(Chime)* **Thanks be to God.**

Let us name aloud or in our hearts those blessed saints who have touched our lives over the years. *When people finish the naming, the liturgy continues.*

For all these *blessed saints*. *(Chime)* **Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray. O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our dear and beloved siblings in Christ—who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life—so too bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Lamentation and Promise

Hear us, O God: **Hear us, O God**.

Console us with your presence: **Console us with your presence**.

Give us your life: **Give us your life**.

(*A time of silence is kept*.)

Hear these gospel words, and receive their power: God the Father formed us as creatures who live and love and die. God the Son lived a human life and joined us in death. God the Spirit holds us in the eternal body of Christ.

Even as we grieve, we do not grieve as those without hope.
We trust that all your saints dwell with you forever.



And so we are bold to acclaim: Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia. Thanks be to God.

Please be seated as the children come forward.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 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."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (Read Responsively)

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

[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 de- livers 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.

SECOND READING: 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.

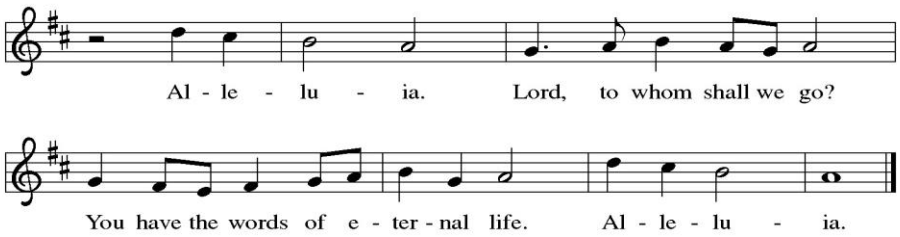
1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW Setting # 4 – S 151a



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

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.**

Please be seated.

SERMON **Pastor Steven Kuhl**



Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 728 "Blest Are They"

WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS
The names of those becoming new members are announced. Elizabeth Peterson, Chyrl Bowers, Jake Kaiser, Sabrina Rivera, Pam Stogsdill, Sandy Witt, and, Zach Schupp.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, and to serve all people, following the example of Jesus.

Friends in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

[Each new member responds individually:] I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. **Amen.**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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 especially those we name aloud or in our hearts. *(A brief silence*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors including Bob Young, Joyce Tevz, Betty Wing, Dan Bice, Blair Wolff, and Joani Bettin. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always**.**
And also with you.



The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERING – Collection of our offerings.

SPECIAL MUSIC (during the Offering): "All Are Welcome" Chancel Choir

Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.



OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray, together.

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. Amen.

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

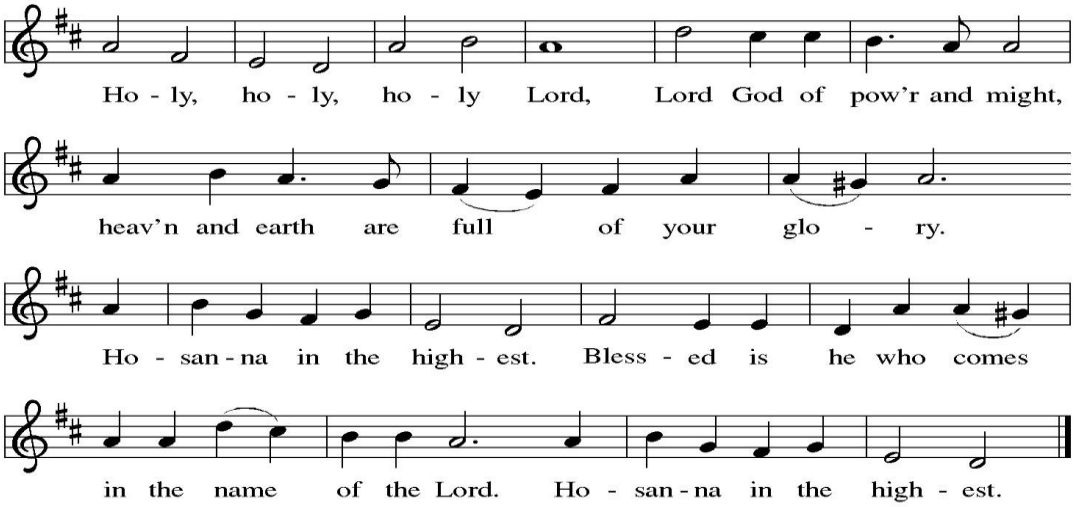
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW Setting # 4 – S 153



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



THE LORD'S PRAYER
Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.



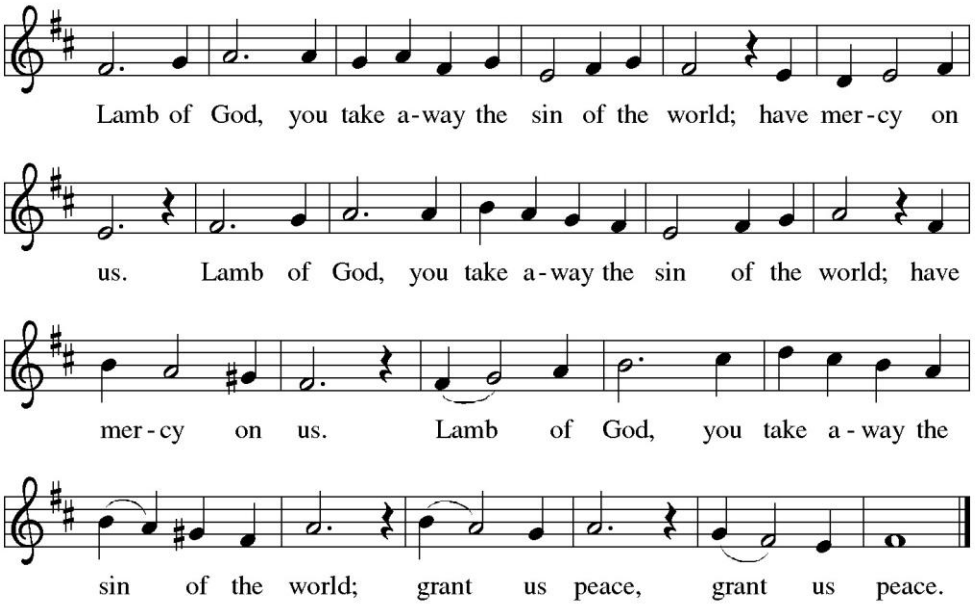
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated and wait to come forward for Holy Communion after the singing of The Lamb of God song.

LAMB OF GOD – ELW Setting # 4 – S 154



HYMN DURING COMMUNION: ELW # 423 "Shall We Gather at the River"

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister may say a table blessing; the assembly responds **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray, together.

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. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING



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

SENDING SONG: ELW # 669 "Rise up, O Saints of God"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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