ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

SERVICE OF COMMUNION
November 1, 2026

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OPENING
PRELUDE

*** BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit
[C] Amen

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[C] Amen

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[P] Most merciful God.
[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*** SHARING THE PEACE:**

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] And also with you.

*** OPENING HYMN – Shall We Gather At The River**

***GREETING OF PEACE**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] And also with you.

***KYRIE**

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

[P] Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth**.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: Praise Him**

[Congregation] Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
From the rising of the sun, until the going down of the same,
He's worthy! Jesus is worthy! He's worthy to be praised!
Glory! Glory! In all things give Him glory!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
For God is our rock, hope of salvation; a strong deliverer, in Him I will always trust!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised. Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] 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.

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."

MUSICAL SELECTION : The Choir

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.

[R] The Word of the Lord
[C] Thanks Be to God

***ALLELUIA VERSE: HALLELUJAH**
[C] Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. *(Repeat)*

***THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: St. Matthew 5:1-12**
[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

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."

[P] The Gospel of the Lord
[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll *St. John 11: 32 – 35*

*** SERMON HYMN: I Fly Away**

*** THE APOSTLES CREED**
[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.
[Congregation] 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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

OFFERING
[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshipping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary. Those worshipping off-site should mail their offering or visit the congregation's website (abiding-savior-lutheran.org) to give online.

ANTHEM: The Choir

*** OFFERTORY:**
[C] God Has Smiled On Me –
God has smiled on me. He has set me free. God has smiled on me. He's been good to me. *(Repeat)*
*** OFFERING PRAYER**
[A] Let us pray.
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.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give God thanks and praise

[P] It is indeed ....

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

EUCHARISTIC 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. Amen

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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

COMMUNION

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

It Is Well

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord. He is worthy to be praised and adored. So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord. ***(Repeat)***

SENDING

PRAYER

[A] 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.

[C] Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

[C] Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN: O When The Saints Go Marching In**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY IS ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** - All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. We are called 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.
  For Lutherans, All Saints resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint, *simul justus et peccator*. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God's grace, apart from our works, that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.
- Bible Study is on Wednesday: NOON at the CHURCH and via ZOOM / at 7pm via Zoom. The Gospel of Luke.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday 10- Noon; make an appointment (919) 760-5482 or stop - in.
- The fall, 2026 semi-annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026, following the worship service. At that time, the 2027 spending plan will be presented. The spending plan which will be shared prior to the meeting. Please add the date to your calendar.

MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus

DISMISSAL

[P] Go in peace. Encourage one another.

[C] Thanks be to God.