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Worship

All Saints Day

November 1st, 2026

THE GATHERING

Welcome and **Announcements**

Call to worship

There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

We come to give thanks to them.
We light a candle in their memory, believing that the light of Christ lives in them still.

The Light of Christ is eternal; it will never be extinguished. We live by that light as our guide, and we die by that light in faith that Jesus is forever with us.

We light a candle in Honor of Bethny members who have passed since this time two years ago:
David Bartelson, Diane Friedermann, Floris Hickman, Barbara Marshall, Kay Otto, and Judy Kins.

At this time worshippers are invited to come forward to light a candle in honor of loved ones or any others whose witness of faith has been an inspiration.

Lighting of the Candles- "*Restless*"- Kristan
Thanks be to God for who these persons were to us and to the world.
Thanks be to God.

As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying, "Here I am. Send me."
We come asking for guidance and courage.

We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. Nonetheless, God accepts us and fills us with the Spirit empowering us to act and bear witness to the love of God.
We come to worship Holy God who is all love, grace, and power.

<u>Confession and Forgiveness</u>
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 one another:
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 – "For All the Saints" - ELW #422 (vs 1, 5 & 6)

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

<u>Kyrie</u>

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 this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen

Prayer of the Day

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

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

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, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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.

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.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
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."

Here ends the reading. Thanks be to God

(ALL) Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
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

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
Here ends the reading. Thanks be to God
(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Acclamation
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All. Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – "Blessed Are They"- ELW #728 (vs 1 & 3)

1 Blest are they, the poor in Spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled
Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God

3 Blest are they, who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God
Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the kingdom of God
David Haas 1957

Apostles' Creed

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 Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

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. Point us towards 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 listened 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 Eric, Eddie, Rich, Maxine (Jean Jones Sister) Vera, Maggie, and Gigi. God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts, we remember all who have died, and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Offering

“Give Thanks” TFF #292

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
let the poor say, “I am rich,”
because of what the Lord has done for us.
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let the poor say, “I am rich,”
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

<u>The Doxology</u> (sung as the offering is brought to the altar)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The 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.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts
Heav'n 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, are you, O God, creator of heaven in earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

In the night, and 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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.
Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the most high now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Distribution of the Sacrament

All are welcome to receive communion. Small children are also welcome to come to the altar and if parents do not desire for their children to commune, Pastor is happy to share a word of blessing with them. After receiving the wafer you may select a small cup of wine or grape juice.

Post-Communion Prayer

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 the Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always**. Amen**

Sending Hymn – "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"- ELW #536 (vs1,2 & 3)

1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain
Till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again,)
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

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

Bethany's Mission Statement –
Accepting
Serving
Loving . . .
We Share God's Embrace

Pastor	Julie O'Brien
Choir Director	Marin Wilts
Accompanist	Kristan Youn
Lector	Tom Aaby
Communion	Jeff Dasen & Bryson Rouba
Ushers	Tom & Moe Aaby
Fellowship	Sharon Welzen
Production	Karen Maglich
Counters	Moe Aaby & Linda Clark