All Saints Day **November 1, 2026**

Trinity Lutheran Church **Pleasant Valley, Iowa**

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.



Gathering and Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness
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 423 – Shall We Gather at the River

Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day *See Insert*

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17 *See Insert*
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.

At the end of the reading:
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
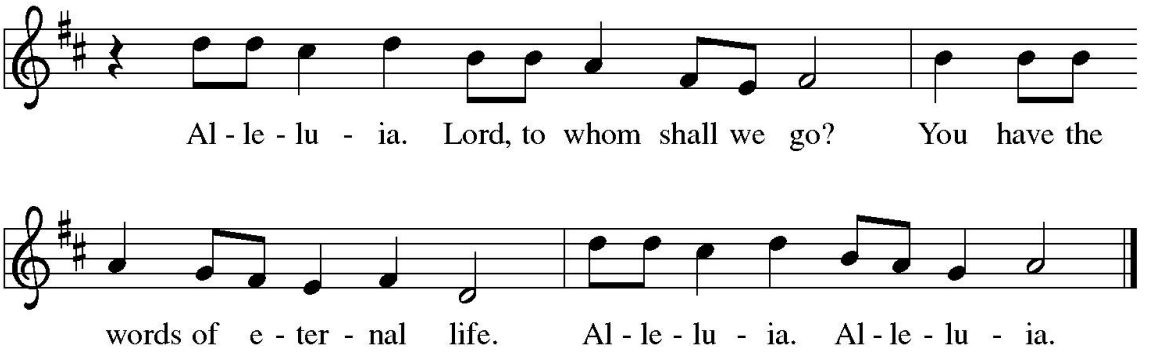
PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Read responsively* *See Insert*

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 *See Insert*

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 *See Insert*

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.

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the reading:
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON: Pastor Stephen Nilsen

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 422 – For All the Saints - v. 1, 2, 6, 7

Commemoration for All Saints Sunday *See Insert*

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will end with: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Announcements and Offering

Offering Prayer

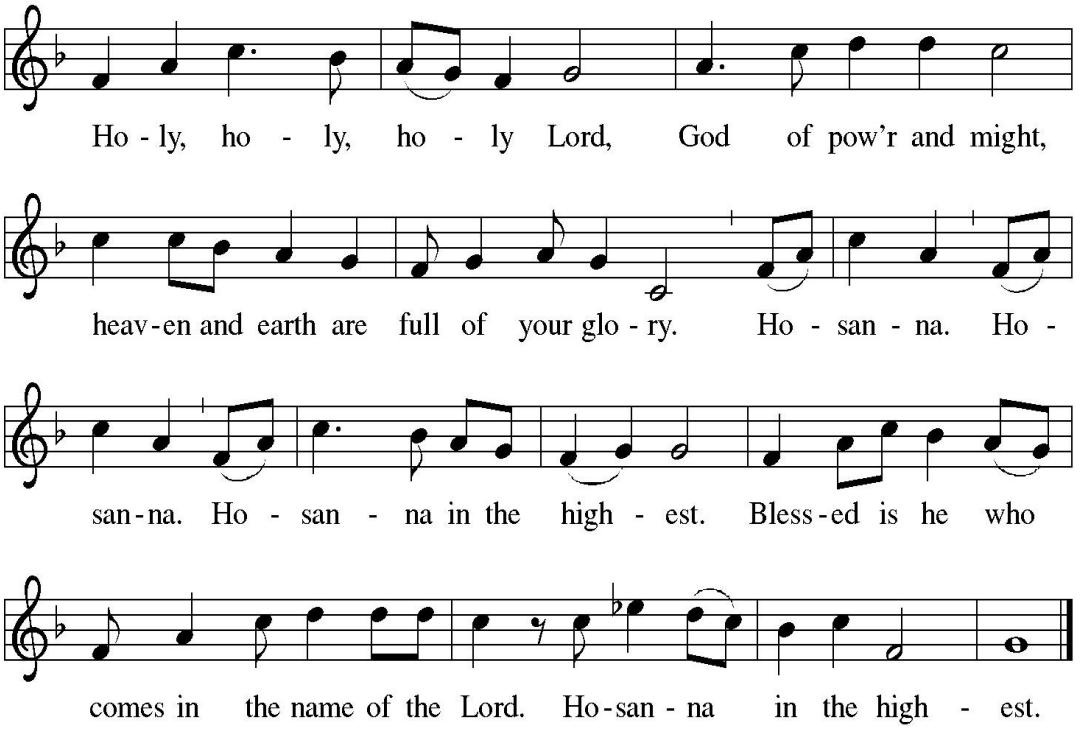
Let us pray. **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Meal

Dialogue

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. By the witness of the 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 the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



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.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

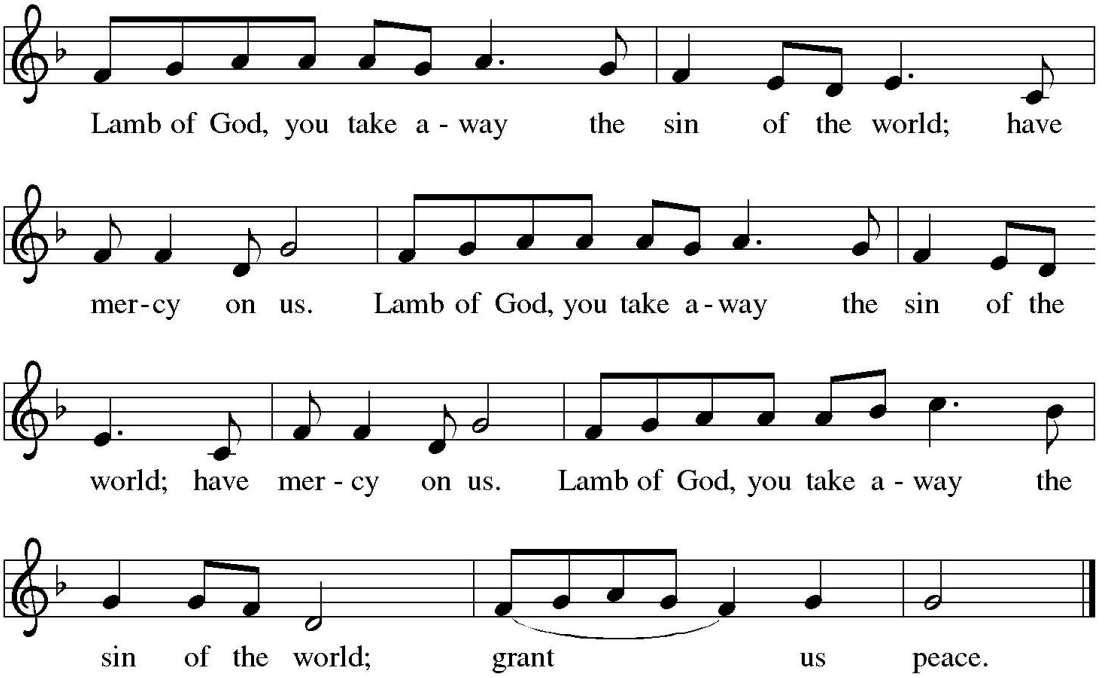
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.

All are welcome to the table of the Lord.

COMMUNION SONG: ELW p. 146 – Lamb of God



COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 695 – As Saints of Old
COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 689 – Praise and Thanksgiving
COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 628 – Jerusalem, My Happy Home

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. **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.**

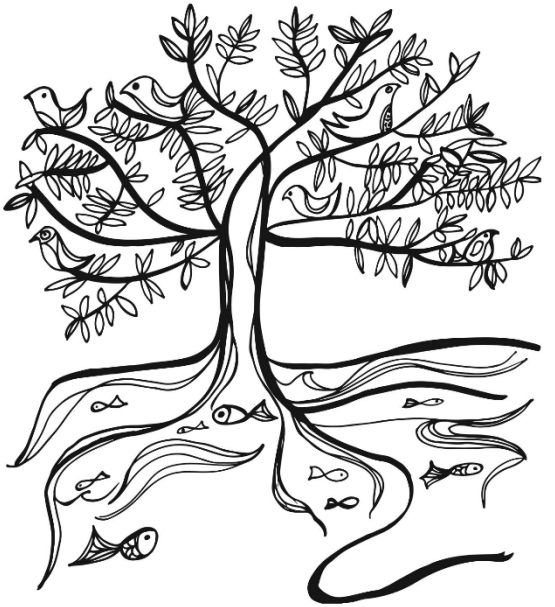
Blessing

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

SENDING HYMN: ELW 873 – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**



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Serving in Worship This Week

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephen Nilsen
Organist	Recording App
Lector	Henry Marquard
Communion Assistant	Marcia Brunsvold
Altar Guild	Mary Shelton
Ushers	Diane Cook
	Jo Ann Hogenson
Worship Video/Livestream	Randy Goslin
Fellowship	Barb & Darrell Paul

Serving in Worship Next Week November 8

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephen Nilsen
Organist	Maddy Beck
Lector	Susan Varilek
Communion Assistant	Lois Schurr
Altar Guild	Diana Mayes
Ushers	Deb Anderson
	Chris Kaul
Worship Video/Livestream	Randy Goslin
Fellowship	HOT Team – Pie Sunday

Whether you're an experienced volunteer who has served every week for years, or a new member looking to get more involved, someone can always help you to figure out exactly how you could help our worship or fellowship. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We truly appreciate all our volunteers who make the life of this congregation possible.

Online Giving Option Available

Our new website is live! You can give via our website (or app or text) by visiting www.trinitylcpv.com/give or scanning the QR code on the right.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS	Property	November 1	10:00 AM
	Worship & Music	November 4	11:30 PM
	All Committee Meeting Night	November 5	5:00 PM
	Council	November 9	6:00 PM

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES Join our lectionary Bible Study Wednesdays at 10 AM.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Nurses from Trinity will be available after worship in the church office to do a simple blood pressure check and discuss healthy living.

ELECTION POLLING SITE *Tuesday, November 3 | 7 AM – 8 PM* | We hope you go out and exercise your right to vote on Tuesday. As usual, the Trinity Fellowship Hall will serve as a polling site for the

BOOKMOBILE *Tuesday, November 3 | 4:40-5:10 PM* | Stop by the Trinity parking lot on Tuesday to check out all sorts of books and media from Scott County Library.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS WELCOME Trinity Food Pantry is open *Monday 9 -11 AM and Thursday 4-6 PM.* See Dane Crist for more info or sign up in the Narthex.

ADULT EDUCATION *Sunday, November 8 after worship* | Join in for a discussion on the recent statement and ELCA social message on the Death Penalty after worship.

STRATEGIC PLANNING INFO MEETING *Sunday, November 15 after worship* | All Trinity members are strongly encouraged to attend an informational meeting about some upcoming projects including the backyard worship space and carpeting.

CONFIRMATION CLASS *Sunday, November 1 at 11:30 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, Davenport* | Students in grades 6-9 are invited to join as we go on a baptismal journey through learning about faith, diving deeper into conversations, games, and more. Classes will be each month on the first Sundays at 11:30 AM and third Wednesdays at 4:30 PM.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY *Rain Date: Saturday, November 14, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.* Whether you have a knack (or back) for raking leaves or cleaning outside of our building, or helping cleaning windows, floors, or other clutter inside the building, Fall Clean-Up Day has something for all to do. Treats will be provided; many hands make light work.

GENE JEBSEN MEMORIAL SERVICE *Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 AM* | Our brother in Christ, Gene Jebsen passed away on May 31, and the family invites us to share in the memorial service for him on November 7. Please bring a side dish or dessert if able.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS AND CANDLE LIGHTERS *Sundays in Advent*
If you can help with one extra prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and available in the weekly email.

All Saints Day Commemoration

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all your servants and witnesses of times past; for all the saints and martyrs in every time and every land; or so great a cloud of witnesses, we give thanks. Especially this day, we remember those of our church family who have died this past year since our last observance of this solemn celebration of All Saints' Day.

The following names have been submitted before today's worship service, and we will ring the bell in honor of their joining the Church Triumphant.

Mitch Sussex	Gene Jebsen	Ed Kaufmann	
Byron Kime	Helen Stubbe	Pat Baumbach	
Carol Reding	Margaret Lyons	Rose Griffin	Jamie Peterman

For these faithful, fellow workers in the Kingdom, we pray that the Gospel these brothers & sisters in Christ held sacred and precious in their home and in their church, will be respected by those of us who come after them, that those things may continue to mean much to us now that they have died. May the memory of their good deeds and kind words go on living in our hearts and minds, in our courage and our conscience. Lord, we pray for their families, as we give
thanks for them.

We also remember all those who have nurtured and taught us the Faith, and who have been living witnesses of love and grace in days and years past – as we name them in our hearts at this time.

At this time, we invite all who wish to remember a loved one, friend, mentor, or another whom they cherish who has passed away.

Music will play

They have returned to you, their Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
We give you thanks for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. Lord, we give thanks for each of them and their unique ways. Hear our sighs too deep for words. You, Lord, are the Victor over sin, death and the grave. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence, until we are reunited with those who have gone before us into your heavenly Kingdom and Church Triumphant through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Southeastern Iowa Synod 2026 Annual Report is now available!

In 2026, our synod is centered on the theme, "Peace Be With You". The first words of the resurrected Jesus to the fearful disciples. Our annual report is filled with peace stories featuring ministries, partners, grants, and grounded in gratefulness for the generosity of our congregations and ministries through mission support. Thank you.

The stories give a glimpse of our synod, congregations, ministries, and partners sharing God's peace in the world. These stories highlight how we faithfully steward our time, talents, gifts, and treasure together.

- **Peace Throughout the World**
- **Peace in our Communities**
- **Peace Between People**
- **"Peacing" for Comfort**

Using the report in your church context:

- **Annual Report:** Use this report at Church Council, congregational committees, staff meetings, adult education, and your annual meeting.
- **Annual budget Planning:** Consider how your ministry supports local, synod, and churchwide ministries. Consider increasing your congregation's mission support by 1% next year.
- **Stewardship & Giving:** Share stories to show how donations make an impact locally and globally with your congregation.
- **Replicate Ministries:** Use these stories to imagine how these types of programs emerged and what may work in your community too.
- **Collaborate:** Explore partnerships and collective efforts that magnify your mission.

Join in celebrating the faithfulness of our congregations, leaders, and ministry partners by reading the report to see how your generosity sustains this remarkable mission we share.

Access the full report:

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John 20:21-22

21 Jesus said to them
again, "Peace be with
you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send
you." 22 When he had
said this, he breathed
on them and said to
them, "Receive the
Holy Spirit.