All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude Song – "It is Well" Susan Roegge

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession

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

Silence

P: Most merciful God,
C: We confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.
C: Amen.

Gathering Song – "By All Your Saints (ELW 421)" *(*organ*)*

1 By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For you arose victorious that they might wear the crown
and share the light of glory reflected from your throne.

We remember those who have died in the last year, sinners who have been made saints by the grace of God.

2 Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song
for these passed on before us, we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.

We celebrate with those who have been baptized in last year, sinners who have been made saints, washed in God's mercy and clothed in Christ.

3 Give praise to God Almighty, and worship God the Son,
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone.

**Greeting*

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.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: God of forgiveness, you showed your servant David the error of his ways, and forgave him for his sins. Forgive us, each of us a sinner, and help us to see how we might live as your saints, justified by Christ. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

**Hymn of Praise:* "Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)" *(piano)*

1 **Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,**
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 **On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,**
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 **Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;**
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 **Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;**
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading; 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-7; Psalm 51:1-9
Reader: John Williams

2 Samuel 11:1-5
11 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.
2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, **3** and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." **4** Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then

she went back home. **5** The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. **27** After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

12 The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. **2** The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, **3** but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.
4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."
5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! **6** He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."
7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

Psalm 51:1-9
Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
5 Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;

you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

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

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-41*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

33"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. **34**When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.
35"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.
36Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. **37**Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.
38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' **39**So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.
40"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
41"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – "Change My Heart, Oh God *(piano)*

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

*Sermon: "*Of Saints and Sinners"

Song of the Day – "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (ELW 669) *(organ)*

1 **Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;**
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

2 **Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;**
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

3 **Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;**
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

4 **Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;**
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

5 **Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;**
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

**The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

"Song of the Saints", Phil Whickham Marylin Dichsen

–We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances–

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**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 our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: 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*

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.

Communion Songs

"The Lord's My Shepherd" (ELW 778) 654 *(organ)*

1 **The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie**
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

2 **My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make**
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

3 **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;**
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

4 **My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes;**
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5 **Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,**
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Sovereign Grace)" (Marilyn Dichsen)

1. Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

2. Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Chorus: Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

3. Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

4. Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

Chorus

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

**Sending Song* – "For All the Saints" (ELW 422) *(organ)*

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!

2 **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;**
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,**
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,**
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
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!

7 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The altar plants are donated today by the Dichsen Family in Memory of Pastor Adam's Dad, Don

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 1, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, November 4, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, November 8, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, November 11, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets
Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You**! *We are Gifted to Serve*!

Faith's Little Flock and Faith's Older Flock
We now have two groups of children meeting during worship on the Sundays we are inside. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock is for children gr. 1-6.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper
Join us in the Justice Room for exploring the new sermon series based on the Lectionary**.**

Read the Bible in a Year
Please join us in reading the New Testament, starting October 1. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays from October 7 through December 31, from 10:00-11:00am in the Library, to discuss the reading for each week. By December 31, we will have read the entire New Testament. If you would like more information and the reading schedule, please contact Pam Devlin at 217-473-7375 or pdevlin56@gmail.com. God's Blessings to all.

New Faith Telephone Directory
A new Faith Directory is available at the Coffee Sales counter. Please take one (1) per family. We will also soon be printing a new pictorial directory – please submit a picture to the church office (by email is preferred: faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) for us to include in the new directory. Thank You!

Women's Mini Retreat
First Presbyterian Church (870 W. College) invites all women to a Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, November 7, 8:45am-Noon. The theme of the retreat is "The Next Chapter: What Will You Do with Your Story?" The speaker will be Pastor Linda Strader from St. John, Springfield, and the musician will be Marilyn Dichsen. Lunch will be catered by Dinner Made Simple. A good-will offering will benefit Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen. Please call asap to make your reservation as they are limited to only 60 participants (217-245-4189).