November 1, 2026 **All Saints' Sunday**



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Note that all text written in bold is for congregation participation. Most of our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship red hymnal found in the pews.
S=service music in the front part of the hymnal.

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!

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.

WELCOME Rev. Elizabeth Frey

PRELUDE *Lacrimosa Dies Illa (that tearful day)*
from W. A. Mozart's Requiem Mass
Instrumentalist: Andrew Ehrhardt

Please stand as you are able.

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 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.**

OPENING HYMN *For All the Saints* (Verses 1-5) ELW #422
Verses 1 & 5 ALL, Verse 2 MEN, Verse 3 CHOIR, Verse 4 WOMEN

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.**

KYRIE ELW *S*138

HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast* ELW *S*140

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.**

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON
CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22



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 ref- | uge 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
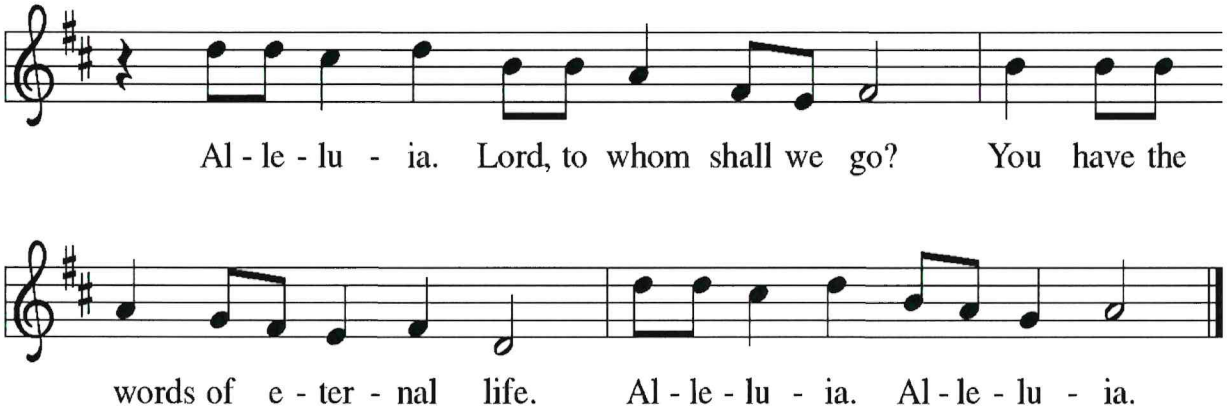
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

[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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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 Rev. Elizabeth Frey

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *In Our Day of Thanksgiving* ELW #429

THE APOSTLE'S 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.

Please be seated.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Our monthly special noisy offering for the month of November is the Funny Farm Animal Rescue in Mays Landing.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Pie Jesu (Pious Jesus)*
from Gabriel Fauré's Requiem
Soprano: Ruth Bowden

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Create in Me a Clean Heart O God* WOV #732

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When the pastor or worship assistant says, "God, in your mercy," please respond with, **"Hear our prayer."**

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

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

MEMBERS OF GRACE

Robert J. Bartholomew
Bruce H. Hoelter
Robert Klingensmith
Diana McArdle
Lois E. Reardon
Dawn Wright

FRIENDS & LOVED ONES OF GRACE

Eric J. Alburger
Marjorie Gay Allen
Paul Anselm
Allison Boehm
Evelyn Codd
Lucy Concordia
Patrick Crowe
Samantha DiRico
Robert Holden
Stephen Jones
Joan Kadlecik
Todd D. Kemp
Palma C. Matthews
Richard Monihan
Sabrina Pullella
Ken Ross
Anthony Silvestri
Evelyn R. Silvestri
Rhonda M. Tvozzolo
Brian Vigue
Ian Wordsworth

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW *S*144

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW *S*144

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to receive communion in front of the altar steps. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing and cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

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 *For All the Saints* ELW #422
Verses 6 & 7

Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.

POSTLUDE

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

We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!

We thank all those serving in worship today:
Worship Assistant: Corinne Rhodes

The flowers, bulletins, and music sponsors this week are:
Stephen and Mary Ann Gring, for all the saints who from their labors rest.

Seaman's Institute-Christmas at Sea
The Grace Stitchers are working hard to make essential items for the men & women working at sea during Christmas. This Christmas at Sea Donation Drive will take place until November 12, and your donations are very much needed and appreciated! The last Sunday to turn these items in is Sunday, November 8. You may pick up a list of items needed in the narthex. Please place your items in the labeled basket in the narthex.

CAPE SHORE CHORALE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT GRACE

Back by popular demand, Charlie Zahm, Celtic Entertainer!

www.charliezahm.com

Saturday, November 14 from 6:00-9:00 PM

Before and after the concert, there will be beverages, appetizers, and desserts that are included in the $50 ticket price.

for more information and to reserve,
contact Claire Theis @ (609) 214-5323
or clairetheis@hotmail.com

As we begin the month of November, please remember to put 11 dimes in your WELCA red stocking!

2027 Giving Envelopes are on the table in the narthex alphabetically by last name. Please be sure to take yours. If you do not have giving envelopes and would like to have them, please call or email the church office so we can assign you a number and give you a pack.

Thank you to all who donated candy and volunteered to help with Trunk-Or-Treat! It was a huge success!

Please be advised that repairs to the Dawes Avenue parking lot will take place this week and parking will be limited for a few days. Please plan accordingly.

Please join us for fellowship following 10:15 worship in the social hall, sponsored by WELCA!

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK
November 1, 2026-November 8, 2026

All Saints' Sunday 11/1/26
8:00AM Spoken Worship
10:15AM Traditional Worship
Fellowship Following Worship

MONDAY 11/2/26
Dawes Avenue parking lot repairs begin
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 11/3/26
6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 11/4/26
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
6:00PM AA Book Study
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 11/5/26
9:30AM Bible Study
12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
5:30PM AA 12-Step
7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 11/6/26
10:30AM Grace Stitchers
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 11/7/26
7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers

24th Sunday of Pentecost 11/8/26
8:00AM Spoken Worship
10:15AM Traditional Worship

SHORE DINER

Present this bulletin on a Sunday and Shore Diner will donate 20% to Grace Lutheran Church. Present this on any other day, and we will donate 10%.

Shore Diner
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Office Hours This Week:
Mon-Tues 10:00-3:00
Thurs-Fri 10:00-3:00