



ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Classes have resumed, and students, families, faculty, and staff have settled into the routine of a new school year. In our worship during these early-autumn months, we focus on Jesus as teacher, explaining life in the Kingdom of God. *This is Part 8 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor

C Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 677 *"For All the Saints"* (v. 3: men; v. 4: women)

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:8-9*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C in your righteousness deliver me.

P For you are my rock and my fortress;

C and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is the Feast"*

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9; for text and tune, see page 155.

Refrain: (sing) **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all

times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



VERSE OF THE MONTH 2 Corinthians 9:10

C He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

ANTHEM "Blest Are They" by David Haas (Pick-up Choir, 10:30 am)

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9–17

In Saint John's Revelation, he sees a picture of servants of God from every nation, tribe, people, and language.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me,

saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–3

In His great love for us, our heavenly Father calls us His own dear children; however, we have not yet completely realized the fullness of this identity.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we

will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE John 6:68; for text and tune, see page 156.

C (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 23:1–12

Jesus speaks against the prideful hypocrisy of the religious leaders of the time. Rather than following their example, it is the humble who will be exalted.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-third chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, ³so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, ⁶and they love the place of honor at feasts

and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁰Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. ¹¹The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹²Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN 671 “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

SERMON *Glimpses of God’s Kingdom: “The Humble Exalted”*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

Music during the offering (8:00 am):

VOLUNTARY “Here I Am, Lord” arr. Randy Navarre (SPLS Middle School Band)

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Below are members of St. Paul’s who died since All Saints’ Day, November 1, 2025. “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints” (Psalm 116:15).

Wendell Olson
David Harms
Omar Bredehoeft
Diane Heimsoth
Scott Gibson
Kathy Brandt
Bill Hering

Gilbert Roepe
Mary Ann Bartel
Ronald Innes
Sharon Bobzin
Donnie Fiene
Johnnie Meyer
Donald Dedeke

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.





We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The service continues with the Preface on page 160 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 670 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (You may remain seated for v. 4)

HYMN 672 “Jerusalem the Golden” (You may remain seated for v. 4)

HYMN 673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship
of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

*The service concludes with the Post-Communion Canticle (“Thank the Lord”),
Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 164–166.*

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN 676 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: We can easily become proud of our good works and compare our faithfulness with others, forgetting we all depend on God’s grace. Death reminds us that our earthly and spiritual accomplishments cannot save us, but Jesus has conquered death and won forgiveness and eternal life for us. In our weakness, sin, and brokenness, Jesus is all that matters—and in Him, we are exalted.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*; Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*
Katie Drefs, *Organist*; John Jacobsen, *Accompanist (10:30 am)*
Hannah Bingham, Anthony Brandt, Emma Cooper,
Eric Gramenz, Madie Kuecker, Clairra Martens, Rachel Martens,
Jameson Oetting, Mark Oetting, Elijah Rankin, *Brass Ensemble*
Elijah Rankin, *Soloist (10:30 am)*
Scout Larsen, *Crucifer (8:00 am)*; Tucker Strobel, *Crucifer (10:30 am)*
Isabella Hagan, Makenna Lange, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*
Kaylee Petty, Annika Pottschmidt, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*
Deb Robinson, *Greeter (8:00 am)*; Alyssa Petty, *Greeter (10:30 am)*
John Beerman, Jeff Bingham, Chris Gerdts, Andy Jones, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor “on call” number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Rick Heimsoth, Sandy Hinck, Christopher Hess, Daniel Schwiegert, Chet Fiene, Gloria Driver, Brenda Frerking, Rebecca Camp, Wilmer Ziegelbein, Arleen Fiene, Annette Kirchhoff, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Herndon, Hudson Kloos, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos

Ongoing: Kevin Crawford, Nicole Maxwell, Ann Wolters, Susan Reeves, Diane Stumpenhous, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt,

Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdtz, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Nation and World: the people of Afghanistan; those affected by earthquakes, wild-fires, storms, and flooding

Partners in Mission: Christ Lutheran Church; Platte Woods, MO and Rev. Brandon Froiland and Rev. Thomas Cowell; Lutheran Church Charities

Birthdays: (11/1) Brian Frerking, Brigid Groom, Rita Petersen; (11/2) Gideon Drefs, Caitlin Frerking, Cooper Steinkuhler; (11/3) Mark Grass, Kiefer Lange, Ardelta Schmidt, Aniston Spells, Richard Strobel; (11/4) Jennifer Kirchhoff, Brady Shier; (11/5) John Aversman, Patrice McGinnis; (11/6) Rachel Hentges, Dianne Rinehart, Susie Schlesselman, Halli Williams; (11/7) Julie Bonar, Larry Grass, Rachel Martens, Tracey Werths

Anniversaries: (11/3) Tim & Rhonda Denk; (11/5) Trevor & Brittany Morrison; (11/7) John & Denise Aversman, Kevin & Brenda Hemme

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

“Live as you are called.” This was the theme of our Missouri District Teacher’s Conference that took place two weeks ago. It is based upon the bible verse from 1 Corinthians 7:17 which says, “Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.” Conferences can be exhilarating, exhausting, and empowering all at the same time! We unpacked so much during the three days that we were there, but here are a few of my take-aways. 1) God has called each of us specifically for service to Him (and those around us), in ways that He has equipped, and continues to equip, us for. 2) The good, the bad, and the ugly - yes, in each of these situations God has called us to trust in Him and to live in the joy of each and every blessing He gives us daily. 3) We are valuable because of who God called us to be through the waters of Holy Baptism. We are His, created by Him, loved by Him, and sent to serve joyfully by Him. “Happy Moments, *Praise God*. Difficult Moments, *Seek God*. Quiet Moments, *Worship God*. Painful Moments, *Trust God*. Every Moment, *Thank God*.” May you feel your Savior drawing you close today and whispering His promises into your ear in ways that only an Almighty God can. You are called. You are loved. You are His.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP

Amos 5:18–24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13
Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 663, 516, 509, 631, 641, 515

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