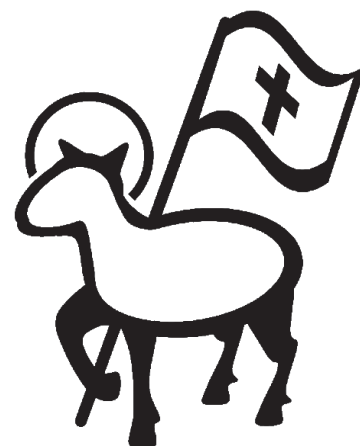


All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday (Year C)

All Saints is the day when we remember those who came before us in faith, who ran the race and persevered until the end. Our hope is grounded in the resurrection of Christ as we think of our loved ones who have passed from this earthly life to a life that continues even more fully in the presence of God. We have much to be joyful about as we meditate upon God's great love and faithfulness to his people.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

The Throne of the Lamb

Standing before the throne of the Lamb of God was a great multitude of people from every tribe and nation on earth. They sang loudly their praises, "Salvation belongs to our God!" These were washed in the blood of the Lamb and are protected from all calamity and suffering forevermore.

Psalms 149

The Lord Takes Pleasure in His People

The psalmist encouraged the people to sing and dance in praise of the Lord, who takes pleasure in the lives of his people. He adorns them for victory and grants them power to bring judgment to the unrighteous.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

God Calls Us His Children

That God would call us "his children" is a demonstration of his great love for us. When he appears, the promise is that we will all be like him and see him as he truly is; this is something we long for and rest our hope in.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are They

Jesus taught his disciples from the mountaintop, reordering the notion of what is blessed and what is cursed. We are blessed when we are poor in spirit or are in mourning, for in our sorrow we shall receive the comfort of God. We are blessed when we show mercy and have a pure heart, for in our kindness God is kind and merciful toward us. We are blessed when we are persecuted in Christ's name, for there we stand with the prophets who came before us.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is white.
- * The Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise are appropriate for All Saints.
- * Use the Nicene Creed.
- * Luther taught that those who are baptized believers are saints and sinners at the same time. This was a departure from the church of his day that canonized saints (people who lived exemplary lives and performed many good works). Luther's emphasis was on justification by grace through faith alone, which means there is nothing we can do to make ourselves saints. Instead, Christ makes us saints by virtue of his gift of righteousness in baptism. This is quite different than the criteria the church was using to name someone a "saint."

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
The Church's One Foundation	369	---	644	654	88	88
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	535	---	940	414	13	13
O God, Our Help in Ages Past	320	---	733	632	225	225
By All Your Saints in Warfare	177	---	517	420	---	---
Jerusalem, the Golden	347	---	672	---	---	web
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	175	---	670	424	174	174
For All the Saints	174	---	677	422	175	175
Behold a Host, Arrayed in White	314	---	676	425	173	173
Shall We Gather at the River?	---	690	---	423	275	275
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	331	---	673	628	---	web

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

I Am
(CCLI# 7011538)
Holy Ground
(CCLI#21198)
Stand in the Congregation
(CCLI#119330)
Holy (Jesus You Are)
(CCLI#6016306)
Shout to the Lord
(CCLI#1406918)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.