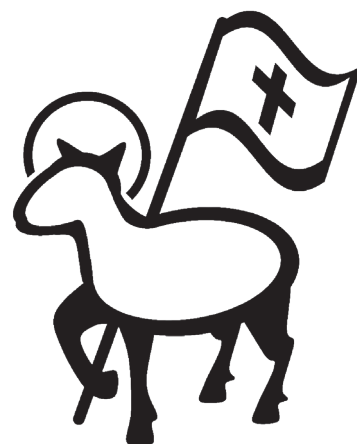


All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday (Year A)

In the waters of baptism we were called by God and identified as “saints” even while we were still “sinners.” Our saintliness comes through no work of our own, but on the holiness bestowed on us by Jesus. Out of our chosenness we experience trials and joy, but all are used by God to bring us closer to him. The theme of justice and judgment pervade today’s readings as God works to bring salvation to his people.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

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

The Lamb is Our Shepherd

The vision that came to John was filled with images of the holy ones of God. Dressed in white, the saints and angels surrounded the throne of God, who provided a place for them where there is no more hunger, thirst, excruciating heat or sorrowful tears.

Psalms 149

Be Joyful in Your King

The psalmist called the congregation to praise the name of the Lord, who would bring honor to them in the face of those who were holding them captive. God would act on behalf of his people and use them to bring about God’s righteous justice.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

We Are Children of God

Through God’s love, those who believe and hope in the Lord are named “children” of God. When God reappears, his children will be like him and see him fully as he is already. This promise is something bestowed upon us and comes from outside ourselves. When we see the Lord, we will know him and be like him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed Are They

Jesus preached his Sermon on the Mount, and in so doing, he described the paradoxical nature of God’s kingdom: holiness revealed under the form of the cross. Jesus said we are blessed when we are down, grieving, hungry for righteousness, enacting mercy on others, making peace, living in purity and innocence, and being persecuted in the name of Christ. In each of these moments there is more of God and less of us — and we must rely solely on God to get us through.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: White

During the Season of Pentecost:

• Use either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise.

For today’s All Saints worship service, print in the bulletin the names of those who have died in the faith in the past 12 months. Alongside each name, print a Bible verse that is comforting and uplifting. As each name is read, read the Bible verse and ring the church bell one time in memory of the beloved person and in glory to Christ’s name. A candle may be lit by the family as well. Have an acolyte standing by with the candle-lighter to assist the families.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
For All the Saints	174	---	677	422	175	175
Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness	302	---	563	---	---	web
Blest Are They	---	764	---	728	---	---
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
God Whose Almighty Word	400	---	---	673	---	---
Great is Thy Faithfulness	---	771	809	733	211	211
Hope of the World	493	---	690	---	---	---
Behold a Host, Arrayed in White	314	---	676	425	173	173
Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing	562	---	964	841	---	---
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14

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

The Prayers of the Saints
(CCLI# 2456939)
Sing to the King
(CCLI# 4010902)
Forever
(CCLI# 7001228)
One Thing Remains
(CCLI# 5508444)
No Longer Slaves
(CCLI# 7030123)

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