CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
November 1, 2026 – All Saints Sunday
The Rev. Stephanie Newman

Welcome
Announcements
Prelude ***John Joanette***

GATHERING

(Please Stand)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose love never runs dry, whose grace never runs out, and whose promises never fail.

C: Amen

P: In the waters of baptism, God claimed us as beloved children. Not because we earned it. Not because we deserved it. But because God's love has always been a gift.

C: We are loved. We are claimed. We belong to God.

P: When we wander, God calls us home. When we stumble, God lifts us up. When we forget who we are, God reminds us whose we are.

C: We belong to God, and nothing can separate us from God's love.

P: In baptism, we are joined to Christ in death and resurrection. The old gives way to the new, and every day becomes another opportunity to live in God's grace.

C: Every day is a new beginning. Every day, God's mercy meets us again.

P: These waters remind us that we are not alone. We are joined together as the body of Christ, called to love our neighbors, seek justice, practice mercy, and make room at the table.

C: We are one in Christ. There is room for everyone.

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism, for the promise of new life, and for the God who continues to make all things new.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: May the God who claimed you in the waters of baptism continue to renew you in grace, strengthen you in love, and remind you each day that you are beloved, forgiven, and forever God's own.

P: In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of Christ knows no stanger

C: We share that peace with on another.

Gathering Hymn ***For All the Saints*** **ELW 422** (1,2,3,4)

The 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: 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.

C: Amen

Cross-Gen Song ***Shine, Jesus, Shine*** **ELW 671** (Refrain, twice)

Cross-Gen Message

WORD

First 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.

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The Psalm will be read responsively

A: I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

C: I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

A: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

C: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

A: Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
C: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from | all my troubles.

A: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
C: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

A: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Gospel Verse ***Celtic Alleluia*** **ELW 174**
(Lights off after Gospel Verse)

The Gospel
P: The Holy Gospel according to: **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"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."

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

The Sermon **Pastor Stephanie Newman**
(Lights on after Sermon)

The Hymn of the Day ***"Behold What Manner Of Love"*** **On Screen**
** Pass Info Slips to Side Aisle and Prayer Cards to the Center Aisle*

The Apostles Creed
A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 into hell.
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.

<u>The Prayers</u>

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer

A: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer

A: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer

A: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer

A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer

A: You may now offer a prayer petition either out loud or in your heart. (pause) Merciful God,
C: Your mercy is great

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors (*those who have died in the past year may be named*). Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
C: Your mercy is great

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

Offering

Special Music **John Joanette**
(Projection – keep Offering tile up during special music)

Offertory ***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*** **ELW 184**

Offering Prayer
P: 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.
C: Amen.

Communion

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints, you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus ***You Are Holy*** **ELW 525**

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.

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

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

(Please be seated)

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God	***Lamb of God***	**ELW 195**
Communion Hymn	***The Church's One Foundation***	**ELW 654** (1-4)
	Shall We Gather at The River	**ELW 423** (1-4)
	Let Us Break Bread Together	**ELW 471** (1-3)
	Come Let Us Eat	**ELW 491** (1-4)

Thanksgiving For The Saints

P: Let us pray. O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast that you have prepared for your people.

We remember today with thanksgiving:

Reading of Names

P: We now leave space for the names we hold in our heart and wish to say out loud

(Congregation Will Please Stand)

P: O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. Hear now the names of our loved ones whom we lift up to you in thanksgiving, as we name them with our voices or in our hearts.

(Congregational members offer names of loved ones)

P: As we remember these loved ones, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we too may share in the promise of your eternal peace, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Final Bell Tolls)

Prayer after Communion
P: 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.
C: Amen.

(The Congregation will please stand as comfortable)

Pastor's Blessing

Blessing
P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ***Oh, When The Saints Go Marching In*** **ACS 950** (1-4)

Dismissal
P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
C: Thanks be to God.