

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 2, 2025
All Saints Day

All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

Today, by reading their names and by ringing a bell and lighting a candle for each, we remember those of our congregation who have died and who have been baptized during the past year. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them. This will proceed spontaneously and at will; there will be no ushers directing you. Following the lighting of the candles, we proclaim the message of hope and life eternal through Jesus Christ. May all the saints, past and present, endure forever in God's grace!

Prelude

For All Your Saints, O Lord

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Welcome & Announcements

***LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like His.

HONORING & REMEMBERING

Dearly Beloved of St. Olaf Lutheran Church who have been baptized and who have died since last All Saints' Sunday.

***LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE**

During the lighting of candles, we will sing. Feel free to come forward to the altar railing during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend. We encourage children to participate. Remember the power of the resurrection!

(Please be seated.)

HYMN

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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: Let us pray.

C: 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.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-8

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 149: 3-9

³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴ **For the Lord takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,**

⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,**

⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-19

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

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***Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)**

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***Gospel: Luke 6:20-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P: The gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

***Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

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***Apostles Creed**

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*** Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

***Peace** (*Feel free to share a handshake or hug*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering: *Please consider giving an offering for the mission and ministry of St. Olaf. We can continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ with your support and generosity. God bless you. Also, please pass the attendance sheets down your row and fill out your info.*

***Offering prayer**

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

*** Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Communion Hymns

Blessed Are They

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I Received the Living God

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***Prayer After Communion**

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

***Blessing**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✠
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

***Hymn**

For All the Saints

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Pastor Jim McColley

Assisting: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

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Reader: Lynda Mumm

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