St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 1, 2026
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 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!

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
P: We gather with saints from every nation, tribe, and tongue.
C: Together we lift our voices in praise to the Lamb.
P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
C: for they will be filled with the goodness of God.
P: Come, people of God, and join the everlasting song.
C: Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!

***Hymn** *For All The Saints* **ELW 422 v1-3**

***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	*For All The Saints*	**ELW 422 v4-7**
	On Eagles Wings	**ELW 787**

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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C: Thanks be to God

***Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “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 our Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon **Katie Bills**

Sermon **Pastor Jim McColley**

***Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River* **ELW 423**

***Apostles Creed** **pg 105**

*** Prayers of Intercession**
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***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**
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. **Amen.**

*** Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy** **pg 144**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

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

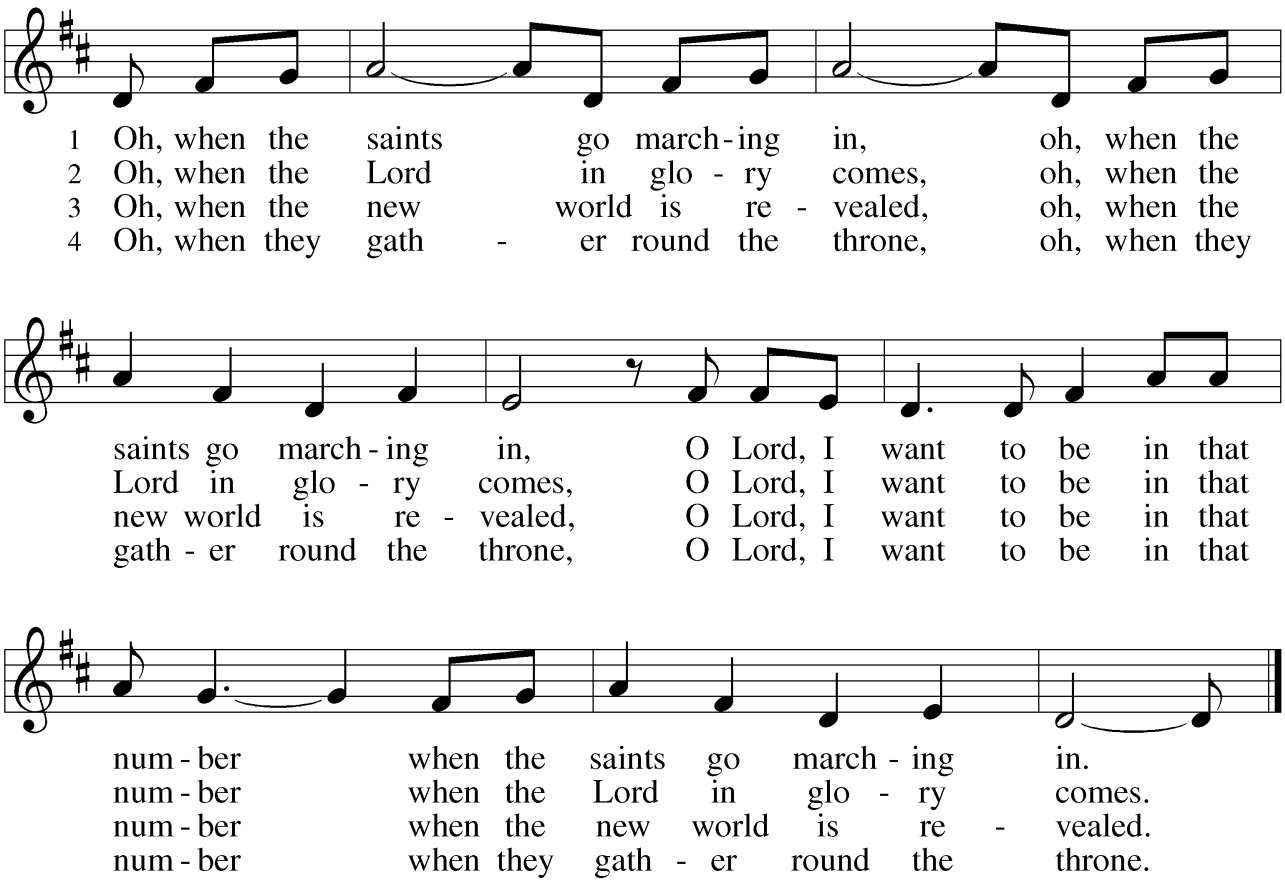
Communion Hymns *I am the Bread of Life* **ELW 485**

***Prayer After Communion**
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.
Amen.

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

***Hymn**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

Required weekly offerings to cover expenses: $11,975
10/25
Offering: $9452
Attendance: 230
Ignite Attendance: 140

September Offering: $35,455
Required monthly offerings to cover expenses: $51,890

Assisting in Worship
Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez
Assisting: Pastor Jim McColley
Organist: Jason Swedlund
Reader: Lynda Mumm
Ushers: Randy Puls, Vera Hartman, Doug Kinseth, Eileen Carroll
Communion: Vera Hartman and Stacy Hendrickson
Communion setup: Viv Nore and Linda Cartee
Tech: Mark Oester