

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025



Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)

10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134

“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bold type indicates Congregational responses.

** Congregation please stand as you are comfortable*

Introduction

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

Welcome to Lord of Love! We are the body of Christ, and we are not whole without you.

Visitors: We’re so glad you’re here, and we’d love the opportunity to connect with you! Text WELCOME to 402-493-2946 so we can follow up with you.

Nursery: The nursery (just off the Narthex) is open during worship. Please know that children are always welcome in the Sanctuary for worship. Quiet toy bags are available from the ushers.

Offering: An offering plate is at the back of the Sanctuary, and gifts may be placed there. Children may put their offering in the noise jar during the offering song.

Communion: Everyone is welcome at communion. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking a communion server. In the communion trays, the wine is red and grape juice is white.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, you can text PRAY to 402-493-2946.

Fellowship: Donuts and coffee are available in the Narthex after worship. Please join us!

Prelude “All Creatures of Our God and King”arr. Keveren

Announcements

Bell Choir “Crown Him Lord of All”Lloyd Larson

Ringling of the Bell

***Gathering Song:** “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” ELW 424

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,**

**renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

****Hymn of Praise***

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth. Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame; ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name. Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done; yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.'

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****Prayer of the Day***

L: Let us pray.

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.

Choir Anthem: "Fly Away" Jonathan Reid

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

L: In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel: Luke 6:17-31**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

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

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

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

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

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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.

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

“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.

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

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. 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. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

Children’s Sermon Rev. Becky Sells

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Hymn of the Day: “Give Thanks for Saints” ELW 428

Holy Baptism for Athena Darlene Swanson and Jakob Michael Swanson

Presentation (from ELW, pg. 227)

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Jakob Michael, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized in Christ?

Jakob: I do.

Who presents this child for the sacrament of baptism?

Sponsors respond: We present Athena Darlene for baptism.

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Parents respond: We do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents, Do you promise to help *her* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents respond: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *her* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Athena and Jakob* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

Assembly responds: **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He 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.
He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at The Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Jakob Michael, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Athena Darlene, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Wrap them in prayer shawls.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Laying on of hands upon Jakob)

Sustain Jakob Michael with the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Jakob Michael, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

(Laying on of hands upon Athena)

Sustain *Athena Darlene* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Athena Darlene, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Candles are lit by liturgist.

L: Jesus said, let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized. *(Applause and walking down the aisle.)*

We welcome you into the body of Christ

and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative

and redeeming word to all the world

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share signs of peace with one another.

***Prayers of Intercession**

L: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. We especially pray for those on our prayer list and the names of those we lift up to you in our heart now... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of time and space, we give you thanks for those who were baptized this year. We especially give thanks for Raymond Dietz, Henley Brewer, Colter Shupp, Zoey Rowen, Athena Swanson, & Jakob Swanson. We also give thanks and remember your beloved children who have joined the church triumphant in the last year. We especially remember Amy Lund, Penny Stevens, Nathaniel Fox, Marilyn Thomsen, Karen Finck, Ryan Huebner, Sharon Christiansen, Loring North, Ron Thom, James Cantrell Sr., Bill Todd, & Alan Lightbody and all else we remember before you now.... Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

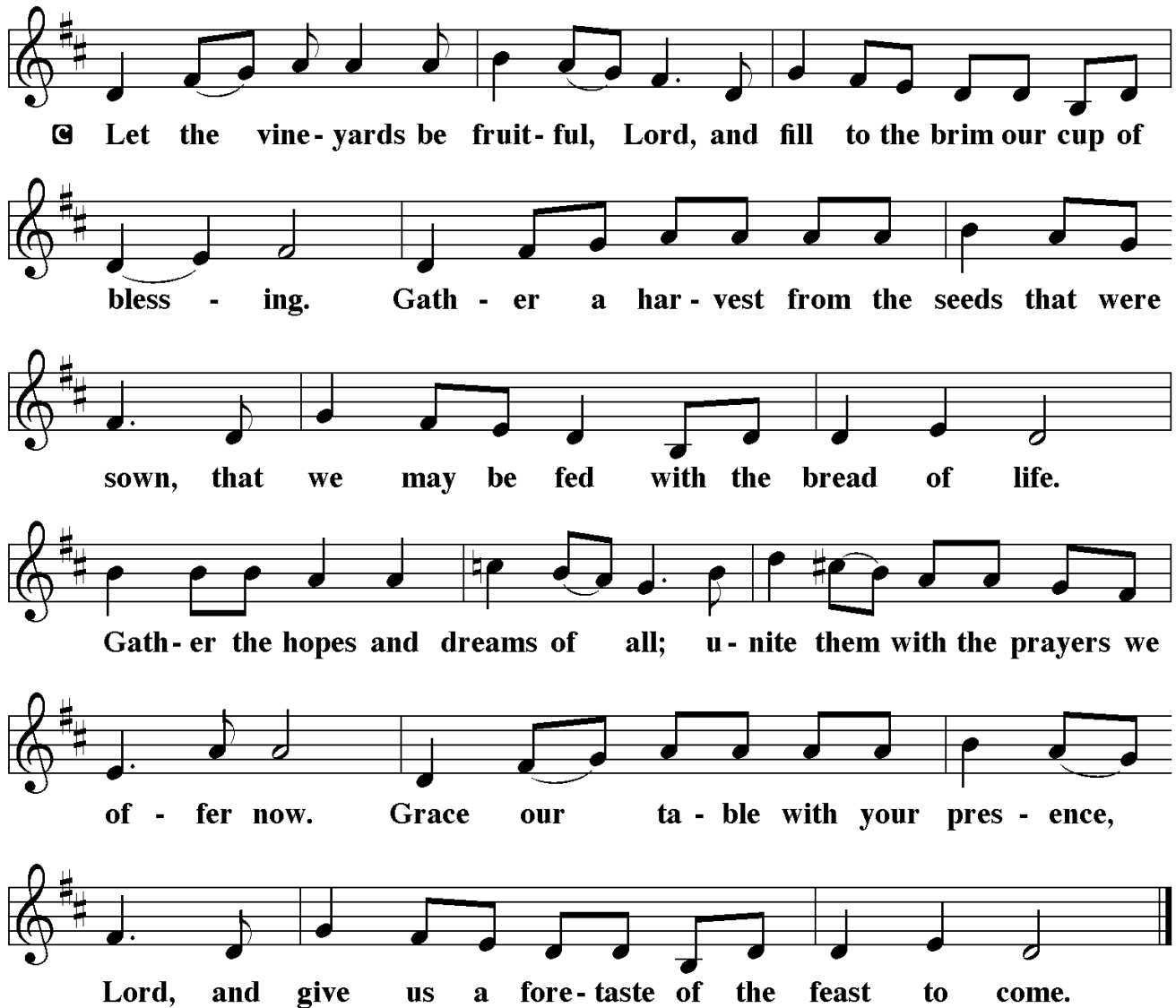
Please be seated.

Dedication of New Gifts

Offering

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or given electronically at www.lord-of-love.org. Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar during this song.

Communion servers, please come forward during the offertory song.



Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u- nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

****The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

****Words of Institution***

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

****The Lord's Prayer***

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Communion Invitation

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

Lamb of God

☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music “The Love of Jesus Medley”.....Bradbury/Hayes

Communion

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

***Benediction**

P: 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.

***Sending Song:** “For All Your Saints, O Lord”..... ELW 427

****Dismissal***

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude “For All the Saints” Vaughan Williams/Childs

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Newly Baptized

Raymond Francis Dietz	12/15/2024
Henley Finn Brewer	03/23/2025
Colter Steven Shupp	07/27/2025
Zoey Margaret Rowen	10/05/2025
Athena Darlene Swanson	11/02/2025
Jakob Michael Swanson	11/02/2025

Those Who Have Died

Amy Lund	11/01/2024
Penny Stevens	11/24/2024
Nathaniel Fox	03/03/2025
Marilyn Thomsen	04/22/2025
Karen Finck	06/18/2025
Ryan Huebner	06/18/2025
Sharon Christiansen	07/31/2025
Loring North	08/29/2025
Ron Thom	09/03/2025
James Cantrell Sr.	09/30/2025
Bill Todd	10/04/2025
Alan Lightbody	10/22/2025