

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Rejoice in that day
and leap for joy
because of this:
Your reward is great
in heaven!

Luke 6:23a



Cause > Effect:
Sainthood > Stamina

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025



Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Service

God grants the status of "saint" (which means "holy one") to every believer. But what practical value is there in that status? If you achieve the status "billionaire" or "celebrity" or "senator" your life is going to be vastly different than most other people, most likely better. But being a saint does not make life easier; we still struggle with trials, temptations, and sin. In some ways our life is more difficult in a world hostile toward Christ. This might lead us to ask, "Is it really that big a deal that God calls us saints?"

This week we get a peek at the saints who have died and now live in the glory of Christ's light. We realize what a precious gift this status of saint actually is. Soon enough we shall join all the saints in that glorious heavenly city. And that gives us amazing stamina to face the challenges of this world with the strength Christ gives to all his saints.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 9 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

Those Serving in Worship

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The Service

Welcome

Hymn

867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near (sts.1-3)

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn

867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near (sts.4)

4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
Refrain
So, sing with joy, af - flic - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the
vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;
yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Revelation 21:1–6

St. John is allowed to see the home of the saints, the new Jerusalem.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ²And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.”

⁵The one who was seated on the throne said to me, “Look, I am making everything new!” He also said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me:

It is done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To anyone who is thirsty,

I will give freely from the spring of the water of life. (EHV®)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remembering the Saints

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11:25-26 NIV

Martin Jackson ~ December 14, 2024

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:1-2 NIV

Linda Lucht ~ December 20, 2024

Be faithful, even to the point of death.

And I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:10 NIV

Carol Jackson ~ January 26, 2025

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

Job 19:25-26 NIV

Elaine Martin ~ May 21, 2025

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned;

He has crossed over from death to life.

John 5:24 NIV

Faith Haferman ~ August 5, 2025

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

Sara Batzer ~ August 17, 2025

For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:7-8 NIV

Richard Herrmann ~ August 23, 2025

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:42-43 NIV

Harvey Pierce ~ October 21, 2025

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32-40

For many Christians, their faith was the cause of pain and even death. They faced these troubles with amazing courage and stamina because they knew God has planned something better for his saints.

³²And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused foreign armies to flee. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection. ³⁶Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated. ³⁸The world was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us. (EHV®)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:20–23

Jesus teaches that the blessedness of being God's saint is currently hidden from sight. Yet, one day, that blessedness shall be revealed.

²⁰He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:

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

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you whenever people hate you,
and whenever they exclude and insult you
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven!
The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets. (EHV®)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

88g Jerusalem the Golden

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Special Prayers This Week

- † For Greg Machtan, who is having surgery on Monday
- † For Fred Camacho, who being placed on hospice care
- † For Sarah Burgess, who we called to serve as a teacher
- †
- †
- †

Prayer of the Church

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Special prayers and intercession

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

Connect Card and Offering

Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card. After a few moments, the ushers will come forward to collect the offering. You may place your Connect Card and any offering you brought in the plate as it is passed. Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



Musical Offering

Almost Home

Questions for Examination

- † *Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?*
- † *Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?*
- † *Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?*
- † *If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, the pastor would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.*

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183

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 him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times in in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following his example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

880 For All the Saints
675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

881 Sing with All the Saints in Glory



Take Home Questions

Revelation 21:1-6

1. For what reasons is this picture so important for us to remember?
2. What allusions to other parts of Scripture do you notice in these verses?

Hebrews 11:32-40

3. Which of these individuals or accounts do you know and recognize? Are there any that you don't know? Look it up or ask someone for the story!
4. "Why would I want to be a believer?! Look at what has happened to them in the past!" How would you respond?

Luke 6:20-23

5. Define the word 'blessed' based on these verses? In what ways does that differ from how our secular society would define that word?
6. For what reasons are we joyful in our lives? In what ways does that allow us to overcome difficult or unpleasant experiences in life?

Bonus

7. Reread the names of those from our church family who have died over the past year. If you knew them personally, recall some memories with them.
8. Say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their victory through Christ and of intercession for their families who are still experiencing loss.

News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study Hour: The Nicaea Creed of 381

Join us in the cafeteria at 10:30 AM

Church Library/Bookstore Display

Are you looking for something to support your walk with Jesus? Do you want to learn more about the Reformation/Martin Luther? Are you looking for a new devotional book? Do you need Thanksgiving/Christmas cards? The church bookstore and library can help! It is located inside the resource center on the right-hand wall.

We have a display with a few items from both the library and the bookstore at the entrance to the sanctuary this Sunday and next, Nov. 2 & 9. Check it out to learn more!

Drop Off Sale Donations on Friday!

Nov. 7

The annual Craft & Bake Sale is next weekend, Nov. 8 & 9. If you are donating any homemade items, please bring them to the church on Friday, or contact Kierssa Rullman (262-720-9626) to arrange another drop-off time. Proceeds from the sale will be used for special projects around the school.

Compline Service on Wednesday

Our monthly Compline service will be held this Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 pm. This evening service is quieter and more reflective than our regular Sunday service. We hope you will join us.

Note: You Have Only Two Weeks to Sign Up for Advent by Candlelight



We are doing Advent by Candlelight differently this year. We have invited area WELS churches (like Trinity in Marshfield invited us last year). Therefore, instead of individual tables with hostesses, we will have the program in church and fellowship in the gym with a decorating theme for the whole room. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sue Kulhanek at 715-213-9093.

Unwrapping
the
names
of
Jesus
KING OF KINGS, PRINCE OF PEACE, IMMANUEL

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

*Ladies, you and your female family and friends
are invited to join us for Advent by Candlelight*

Sunday, December 7th 2:00 p.m.

Starting in the Welcome Center

*Enjoy a program, dessert, and fellowship as we
unwrap the names of Jesus and reflect on the
priceless gift they reveal*

*Reservations can be made on the sign up sheet
on the ministry table by November 17*

*For further inquiries,
contact Sue Kulhanek 715-213-9093*

Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	10:30 AM	Sunday School (3K – 5th grade)
Monday	1:30 PM	Spiritual Health Group in the chapel at Wisc Rapids Health Services
	6:00 PM	Choir Practice in the balcony
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Men’s Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Unified Board Meetings
Wednesday	8:45 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:00 PM	Catechism Class in room 110
	6:30 PM	Compline Service
	7:00 PM	Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
Thursday	7:00 AM	Men’s Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	2:50 PM	Principal’s Bible Study in the Welcome Center
	6:30 PM	Foundations of the Christian Faith in the Resource Center
Saturday	9:00 AM	Fall Craft & Bake Sale in the cafeteria
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship
	10:00 AM	Fall Craft & Bake Sale
	10:30 AM	Bible Study in the church
	10:30 AM	Sunday School

Attendance Report

Last Week’s Attendance: 233

Next Sunday

Theme: Cause > Effect: Grace > Joy

Readings: Micah 7:18-20; Romans 5:6-11;
Luke 19:1-10

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 pm
- Nov. 27 Community Thanksgiving Meal
- Nov. 29 Decorating for Christmas

St. Paul's PTO
FALL
Craft & Bake Sale

November 8th 9:00am-12:00pm
November 9th 10:15am-12:00pm

St. Paul's Cafeteria

Apple Pie | Cookies | Breads |
Homemade Canned Goods |
Crafts | & Much more!

Treat yourself while supporting our students!
All proceeds benefit St. Paul's School

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