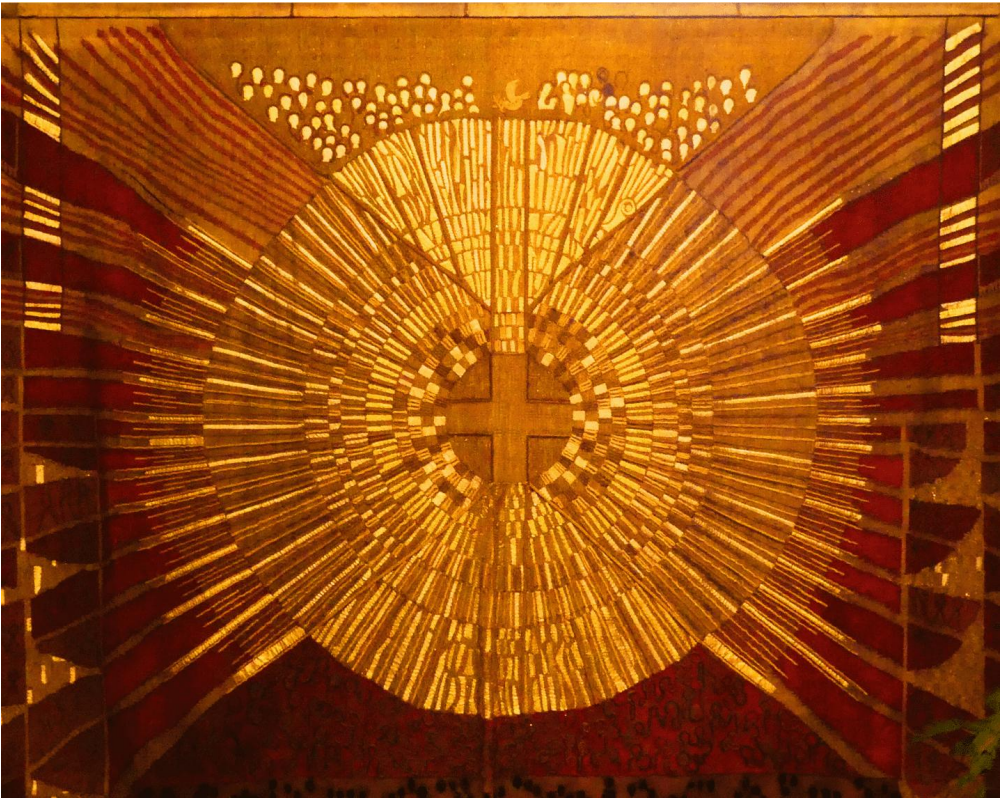


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Sunday, November 1, 2026 – All Saints Sunday
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.
Worship Leader: Lars Morrison Musician: Melanie Rodgers
Choir Director: Chrystal Sircely

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God of Sarah and Hagar,
People: **We praise you for protecting and guiding us.**
Pastor: God of Moses and Miriam,
People: **We thank you for liberating your children from oppression.**
Pastor: God of Peter and Paul,
People: **We bless you even in the midst of conflict.**
Pastor: God of Hildegard and Julian,
People: **We glory in your tangible presence among us.**
Pastor: God of Luther and Calvin,
People: **We rejoice in your Spirit's presence in all times and places.**
Pastor: Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,
People: **Holy God, we welcome you to this place today!**
All: **Amen!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would

have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don’t share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! Though our ancestors did not follow God’s ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, the Word made flesh, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

People: **Thanks be to God for God’s mercy, grace, and love! Amen!**

****RESPONSE C54** *To God Be the Glory* MY TRIBUTE

***To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me; With His pow’r He has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things He has done.***

****THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

****ILLUMINATION 206 v.1** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood.”*

HT LESSON Revelation 7: 9 – 17 *Pew Bible P.999*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 34 HYMN 520 *Taste and See* TASTE AND SEE

NT LESSON 1 John 3: 1 – 3 *Pew Bible P.990*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

****GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 5: 1 – 12 *Pew Bible P.785-786*

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 49 V.1 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

***The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.***

MESSAGE *The Songs of the Saints* PASTOR JOHN

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Te Deum Laudamus (4th CY A.D.)*

**We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein.
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee;
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee;**

The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father, of an infinite majesty;
Thine adorable, true and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge;
We therefore pray Thee,
Help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage;
Govern them and lift them up forever .
Day by day we magnify Thee,
and we worship Thy name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee;
O Lord in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**DOXOLOGY 647 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. (x2)
And now, let the weak say, “We are strong”;
let the poor say. “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” (x2)
Give thanks. Give thanks.***

**THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

-- The bell will toll three times --

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Celebrant: It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you,
the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses,
Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets,
Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs,
and ordinary unknown saints .

Congregation: **You are the God of our mothers and fathers
and our children to all generations.**

Celebrant: You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us even when we deny our godly heritage.

Congregation: **Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Congregation: *Holy, Holy, Holy* SETTING THREE
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will to the point of laying down his life for the good news he preached and passed on to us. On the night of his arrest, he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

Congregation: **And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.**

Celebrant: In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

Congregation: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another.

Congregation: **As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to see your glory. As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be strengthened to follow your Way.**

Celebrant: Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us and remember them now before you:

The names of members of Covenant, Loved Ones, and Friends who have joined the Church Triumphant since All Saints' Sunday 2025 are spoken aloud, accompanied by a one-time ringing of the bell with each name spoken.

David Blewett – April 5, 2026

Virginia Lokovich – April 10, 2026

Pam Patterson – June 8, 2026

Celebrant: Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to the world here and now. Work with who we are, where we are, to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints:

Congregation: **Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

-- The bell will toll three times to finish the Great Prayer --

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Celebrant: Let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION *Come Forward*

**THE RESPONSE AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* BLESS THE LORD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: ***And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!***
Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: ***And forget not all God's benefits.***
Celebrant: Let us pray together.
All: **God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with
Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—
those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night
and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of
righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of
life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing:
Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

**HYMN 326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

Church Notices:

Wait! Don't Go Yet!

Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall.
Thanks to *Mother Hubbard's Heavenly Treats* for hosting today!

Mission

Oct 25 & Nov 1 Stuffing Mix & Gravy
Nov 8 & 15 Thanksgiving-inspired Sides & Baking Items

Calendar

Nov 8 Stewardship Sunday
Nov 13 America 250 Film Series “A Great Awakening” 7:00 PM
Nov 15 Pledge Dedication & Noisy Offering Sunday
Nov 22 “Christ the King” Sunday with Holy Communion
Nov 29 Advent I: Hope
Dec 6 Advent II: Peace
Dec 13 Advent III: Joy

Operation Christmas Child

For those wishing to do so, shoeboxes are available in the Sanctuary to be filled for international children. Boxes are due back by Sunday, November 15.

Baked Potato Bar Lunch

Sat. Nov. 7 12:00 – 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall
An event for the entire Trinity – Covenant Campus.



Prayer List

Audrey Carlson, in therapy at the Lund Center (Concordia) for a broken pelvis suffered in a fall at her apartment;

Janie & Lowell Wetzell, long-time church members, both with health issues;

Scott, Linda Peter's neighbor, declared cancer free after from lymphoma after MRI reveals all clear – praise God!

Zoanne Weckerly, Melanie Rodger's Mother, for healing & transitions;

Elaine Nucci, recovering from shoulder surgery;

John Pritchard, in a rehab center in Lutz, Florida;

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, with continuing housing concerns and

Scotty McAliley, Ann's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continuing bi-weekly chemotherapy for the remainder of her life.

Revelation 7: 16 – 17

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Word List

REVELATION SCORCHING SHEPHERD SPRINGS THRONE THIRST STRIKE
HUNGER CENTER WATER THEIR GUIDE EVERY WIPE WILL THEY THEM
TEAR NRSV MORE LIFE LAMB HEAT FROM EYES AWAY SUN NOT GOD
FOR ANY AND BE

(Revelation 7:16-17 NRSV) They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; (17) for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."