Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church

E.L.C.A.



All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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Sunday, November 1st, 2026

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Ministers: ***You, All Members of -G.A.***
Pastor: **Jaime Decker**

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Prelude Music:
Welcome/Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Remembrance of All Saints

L: Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors and newly baptized, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ. *(At this time a candle will be lit in honor and remembrance of each person who died or was baptized in the past year)*

L: For blessed: (name of saint) **C: We give thanks.**

L: Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith, our newly baptized brothers and sisters in Christ, and members of our family. We, too, seek to do your will: **C: guide us.**
L: We, too, desire to be your servants: **C: strengthen us.**
L: We, too, long to know you clearly: **C: teach us.**
L: And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy. **C: Amen.**
L: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
C: And you will find rest for your souls.
L: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **C: And you will find rest for your souls.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory* *ELW #890*

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

L: On behalf of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church, it is my joy and privilege to present you with a Bible. When you read it, remember how deeply you are loved by God and all of us. You do not only read these words on your own. You also come to God's Word in the context of a community.

All: We hope that as you read the Bible, you will bring not only your faith but also your questions and your doubts to Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church to find a loving, supporting, listening, and teaching community. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

L: As you read the Word in the family of God, you also read it as part of your earthly family.

Parents/Guardians: We promise to read these words with you, to listen to your questions, to share our ideas, and be honest about our doubts. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge. ***(Distribute Bibles to each student)*

L: Proverbs 3:1,2,5,6 (NRSV) King Solomon advised his son, "My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

L: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

ALL: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

L: Let us pray together for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on these young people as they encounter the Word of God.

ALL: Good and Gracious God, make yourself known to these students as they read your Word. Bless their lives. Bless their families. Bless our congregation because of their presence. Watch over them always. And by the power of your Holy Spirit, guide them along the paths that will lead to full life in you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Greeting**

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**

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.

Word

First Reading **Revelation 7:9-17**

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in

white, with palm branches in their hands. [10] They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" [11] And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." [13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14] I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. [16] 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."

R: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm (Please Read Responsively) Psalm 34:1-10, 22

[1] I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
[2] **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
[3] Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
[4] **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**
[5] Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6] **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
[7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
[9] Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
[10] **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
[22] O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

R: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

R: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Gospel according to_____ **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.**

Message

Hymn of the Day *Shall We Gather At The River* ELW #423

***The Creed**
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

Prayers of the People
Response: **Hear our prayer.**

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Offering Song *Give Thanks* **Gray #170**

*** Offering Prayer**
C: 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.

Meal

Holy Communion *Words of Institution Pg. 207

***Lord's Prayer** Pg. 208
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**

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

*Communion Distribution (All Are Welcome to Receive Communion Here at GA Church)

***Post Communion Blessing**

*** Post Communion Prayer**

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. **C: Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

L: May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short. Grace to risk something big for something good. And grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. The blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you this day and always. **C: Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *Oh, When The Saints Go Marching In* ACS #950

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: To Share the Good News of God's Word and serve the community and the world. Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

Mission Statement of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church (Adopted in 2022)

To share the Good News of God's Word and to serve the community and the world.

Matthew 22:39 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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We celebrate weekly Holy Communion. We welcome all who believe in the Risen Christ and who find in the sacrament our Lord's real presence for the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life. If you receive communion in your home congregation, you are invited to receive it here at G.A. Red wine and white grape juice will be offered to you in Christ's name. You may choose your preference. If you are unable to receive wheat bread, or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.

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