

All Saints Sunday ~ November 2, 2025
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
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All Saints Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

This day, we will recall the names of the members and friends of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church who have died since All Saints' Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

WELCOME

***We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and minds
for worship.***

(please turn off your cell phone)

*We are honored to have Bishop Kristen Papson
presiding with us this morning.*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSIONS and ASSURANCE

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

**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 silence

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus paid the price for our sins through his actions on the cross. We are called **saints** not because as believers, we become perfect, but because our relationship with God changes as a result of God's grace. **Luther** said: "The **saints** are sinners, too, but they are forgiven and absolved."

ALL SAINTS PROCLAMATION

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a mountain. There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, "Blessed are..." There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

O God, call us together that we may remember your blessed people of every time and age.

Let us celebrate the memories of your blessed saints whose faith journeys gave witness to your presence throughout the ages. Christ, come among us.

Alleluia!

LIGHTING CANDLES of REMEMBRANCE

As we sing "For All the Saints." We will be lighting the candles of remembrance. Feel free to come forward during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend. Rejoice and believe the good news ... through Christ we all are made citizens in God's new creation.

GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 422 *For All the Saints*

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, **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

WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 149

Read Responsively

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their
ruler.**

³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice 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 judgement decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones.**

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ 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, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ 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; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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.

²⁰ 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, ²¹ 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. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:
"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the
kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will
be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you
will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when
they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on
account of the Son of Man. ²³ 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. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you
have received your con-solation. ²⁵ "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.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is
how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ³¹ Do
to others as you would have them do to you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Bishop Kristen Papson

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ ELW 728 *Blest Are They*

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

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. We pray especially for: Ed W., Dick, Pat, Candy & Arch, Barb, Leslie & Michele & Sue, Gail, Joy, Shirley, Karen, Dan & Peggy, Bob, Kathi, Judy, Maury & Linda, Damian & Marcia, Ron, Don & Donna, and requests from the Little Library. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. 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 thanks for the faithful departed. 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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ Choir: *If You Love Me* -J.Raney

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 884

Praise God from Whom All Belssings Flow

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. And so, as we gather at this table,

we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. Together we offer our praise and join in the hymn of all creation:

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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Amen.

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 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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

LAMB of GOD

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

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

COMMUNION HYMNS ~

ELW 423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Instrumental Meditation

Please stand

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this holy meal and for coming to us as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~

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O, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek the Truth. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

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Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Ed Whitbred, Dick Stoker, Pat Kerr, Gail Boyce, Candy & Arch Watkins, Barb Saska, Leslie Gallagher-Kelly & Michele Rion & Sue, Karen Shick, Ed Tropper & Jeanne, Monica MacKellar, Ron Froess, Shirley Englert, Dan & Peggy Kaerberlein, Bob McDaniel, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Kathy Sinnott, Don & Donna Holder, Judy Johnston, and requests from the Little Library.

**Sunday, November 2: Choir ~ 9a & 10:45a
No Bible Study**

**Sunday, November 9: Choir ~ 9a & 10:45a
Bible Study ~ 10:45a**

Monday, November 3: All ladies are welcome to join the "Prayer Shawl Gathering" (1st & 3rd Mondays), 10a-12n. Prayer, good conversation, knitting/crocheting. Teaching "how to" gladly offered.

Tuesday, November 4: Election Day – VOTE!

Thursday, November 13: Ladies Night at The Bullfrog (above Andy's Pub..Peach/Liberty) @ 5:30p. Sign-up sheet by Mon. Nov. 10. Indicate if you need a ride or will drive. Rides leave AH 5:00.

Sunday, November 16: New Hope Presbyterian, (5440 Washington Av.) has graciously invited members of Abiding Hope to join them for a "Friendsgiving Dinner" @ 12:15p. Please RSVP by Nov 9. Sign-up sheet in Narthex.

Wednesday, November 19: Prayer Warriors 1:00-3:00p. Please stop in the sanctuary for quiet intercessory prayer and stay for as long you can or pray wherever you are.

Wednesday, November 19: Men gather for the evening @ **Valerio's, 740 Powell Ave @ 6:30p.** ALL are welcome. RSVP sign-up by **Mon. 11/17.**

Thursday, November 20: Volunteers needed (3:50-6:45p) for **Sloppy Joe Dinner** for the Homeless hosted by Abiding Hope members. **Holy Trinity Lutheran, 643 W 17th St..**Please try to **sign the volunteer sheet by Nov 16.** (Funds available through a Thrivent Action Team request.)

Little Library Update: Now that autumn has arrived, welcomed donations include:**cans/pouches of soups/meals/stews, tuna, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, small cereal, nuts, breakfast bars.** **Please check expiration date s. Donations in glass containers, or liquids cannot be accepted.** THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS! -*Connie Kerr-Vogt.*

KAFP Food Drive: November...creamed corn, dried beans, oatmeal. **Project Dignity Item:** Shaving Products. Baskets for items in the Heritage Room.

Flower arrangements for Sunday worship: Weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements: **\$20.00ea.** Please place the completed form and payment in the offering, or to the office by the Monday prior your chosen Sunday.

Worship Leaders ~November 2, 2025

Videographer	Andy Saska
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Communion Tray	June Morey
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Presenter	Cindy Filson
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Usher	Rick Penn
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