All Saints Sunday ~ November 1, 2026
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music

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

Let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Thank you to Paul Sontheimer, Howard Lyon and Pastor Karen for providing special music today!

PRELUDE ~ *I Will Pray* -J.M. Stevens

GATHERING

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

Liturgy for Stewardship Sunday

Please stand

All that we are is a gift from God.
The earth is the lord's and all that is in it.

All that we have is a gift from God. There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creations
For God has founded it on the seas.

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's gifts.
God established it on the rivers.

Brothers and Sisters, we were born sinner, and sinner we will always be, if it were not for the grace of Jesus the Christ. We are told in 1 Corinthians 4:2 that a steward must be found trustworthy.

Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. Yet, we spend our time serving self.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. Yet, we tend to hide our gifts.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. Yet, we resist sharing because of fear for the future.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. Yet, we take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

In our sin, God reaches out to forgive and restore us. Receive this Good News, having confessed out sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's **Amen.**

All Saints Proclamation

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!**

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

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, 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.**

Please be seated

WORD

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

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 ranches in their hands. **cont'd**

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."

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

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 de- | livers them.

[8] **Taste and see that the | LORD is good; happy are they who take ref- | uge 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.**

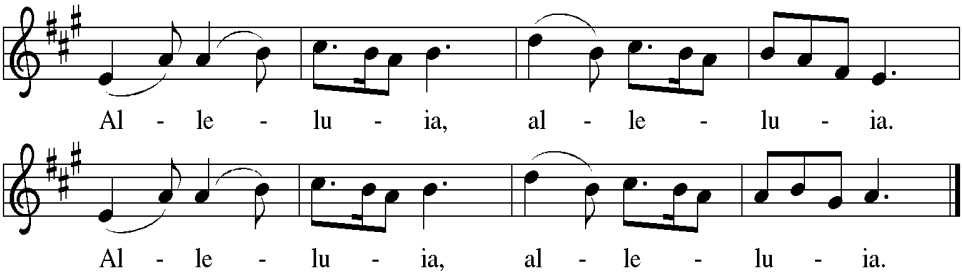
[22] **O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.**

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

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to St., Chapter 5

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."

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ *Pastor Karen Parsh*

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ ELW 424

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

PRAYERs of INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. We pray especially for: the Saska Family, Sharron, Karen S., Vicki, Marygrace, Mary Alice, Megan, Larry K, Donna G., Brian & Penny, Shirley, Candy & Arch, Sam, Priscila, Don, Joan, Pat K., Connie, Christine P., Cheryl, Ed & Jeanne, Cindy & Rich, Harry & Susan, Dick & Diana, Kathi, Maury & Linda, Don & Donna, Damian & Marcia, Little Library visitors, and for all in our hearts.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **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 ~ *Prelude No.II* -G. Gershwin

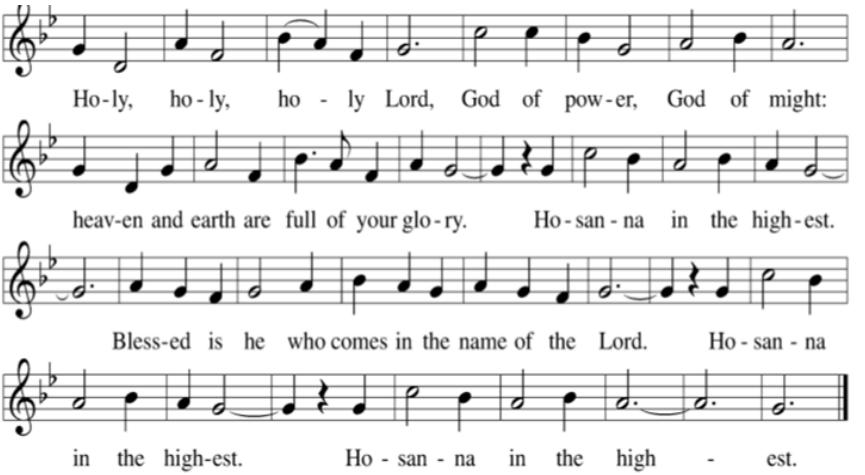
OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 884
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

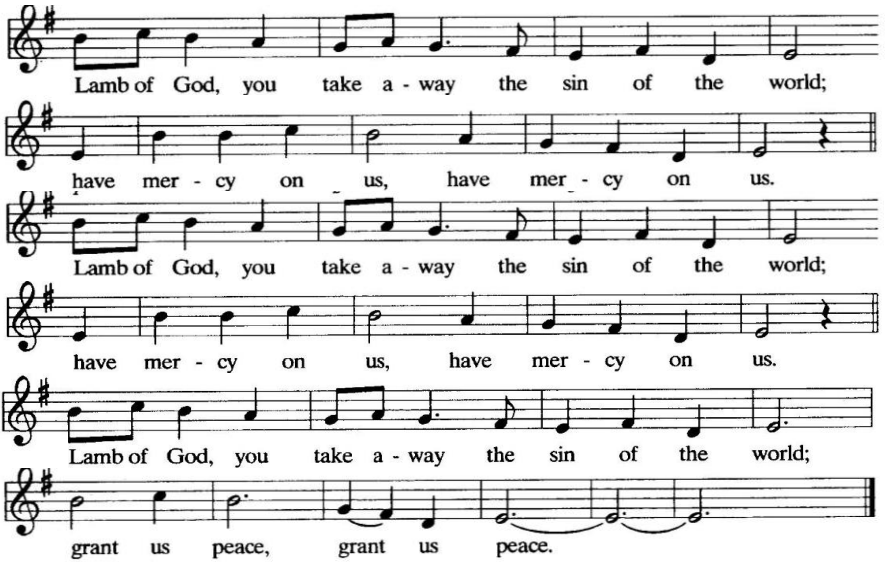
Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven....Amen.

Please be seated.

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

LAMB of GOD



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

COMMUNION HYMNS ~
Clair de Lune -C. Debussy/arr. B.C. Dockery
ELW 423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

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

POSTLUDE ~ *Sinfonia* **J.S. Bach**

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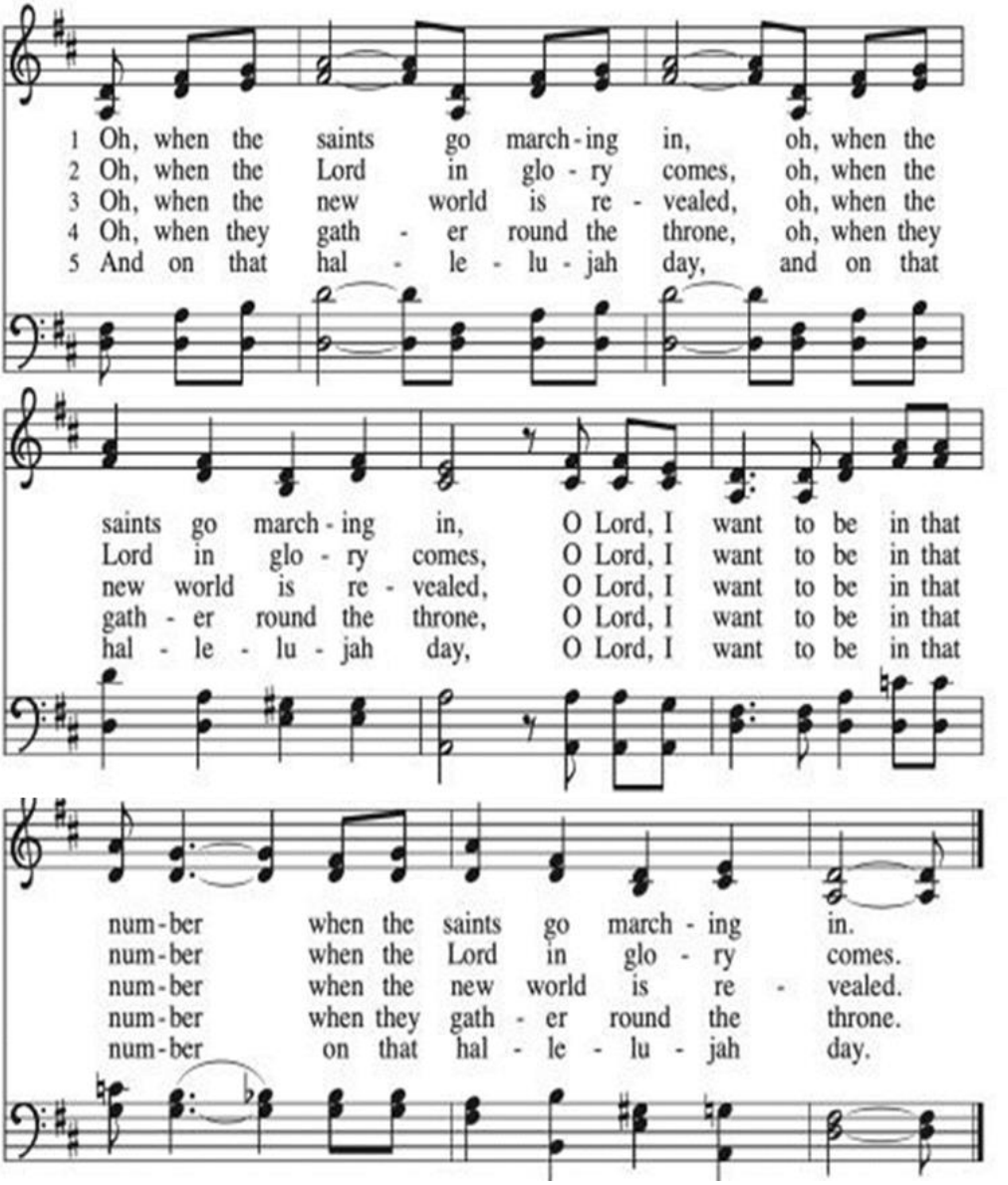
PARISH NOTES ~ November 1, 2026

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This Sunday, the sanctuary flowers,
are given to the Glory of God,
In memory of David Will, Sr & Marion Siira
from Beverly Will

***Please keep in your prayers these members and friends*:** The Saska Family on the loss of Andy's Sister-in-law. Sharron Sontheimer, Karen Shick, Vicki Farnsworth, Mary Alice Ross, Megan Ross, Marygrace Cirillo, Larry Kozlowski, Donna Graham, Shirley Englert,Brian & Penny Gresh, Candy & Arch Watkins, Sam Elder, Priscila Mirone, Don Morey, Joan Doehrel, Pat Kerr, Connie Kerr-Vogt, Christine Petrone, Cheryl Hicks, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, Dick & Diana Stoker, Cindy & Rich Filson, Harry & Susan Speakman, Kathy Sinnott, Maury & Linda Allen, Don & Donna Holder, Damian & Marcia Santabene, and Little Library visitors.

Sunday, November 1: All Saint's Remembrance & Temple Talk. Worship 9:30a, Choir: 10:45a Bible Study 11a
Monday, November 2: Prayer Shawls 12n.
Tuesday, November 3: Election Day...**VOTE!**
AHLC is a polling site and this year there'll be a **bake sale** for **donations.** See sign-up sheet in narthex.
Sunday, November 8: Worship 9:30a
Choir 9 & 10:45a, Bible Study 11:00a.
LAST Day to Return PLEDGE CARDS!

Sunday, November 8: Final day to **RSVP** for **New Hope's** Friendship Thanksgiving Dinner. Sign-up sheet in narthex

Wednesday, November 11: 1-3p. Prayer Warriors. Visit the church sanctuary for silent prayer/meditation or pray from wherever you are.

Wednesday, November 11: Men's Night, **6:30p** @ **The Cab**. Sign sheet in narthex or just stop in.

Thursday, November 12: Ladies Night, 5:30p @ **Royal Chopstix**. **RSVP** sheet in narthex by **11/09.**

Sunday, November 15: New Hope's "Friendship Harvest Dinner" @ 12:15p.

Sunday, November 15: Bob Hicks is **"Going to Jail! Please help pay** his **"bail"** that will support the Kairos Prison Ministry he has embraced for many years. **Donation box** is in the **sanctuary entrance**. You may also sign-up for hourly prayer (wherever you are) for prisoners. Day/time sheet in narthex.

Thursday, November 19: Volunteers needed **(3:50-6:45p)** for **Sloppy Joe Dinner** for the Homeless hosted by Abiding Hope members. **Holy Trinity Lutheran, 643 W 17th. Cookies Needed!**

Sanctuary Flowers: To **donate** for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up sheet/forms on table in narthex.

Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9:30a - 3:30p. Wednesday, 9:30p - 12:30p. **Pastoral emergencies**: please contact Pastor Karen @ 814-881-3266 or email: Pastorparsh@gmail.com**.**

Worship Leaders ~ November 1, 2026

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Presenter	June Morey
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Communion Tray	Lois Kuhns
Usher	Rich Filson
Usher	Andy Saska
Counters	Andy & Jo