

All Saints' Sunday

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Calvin Konop, Presiding
Jessica Christenson, CYF Director
Karina Roth, Musical Director
10:00 AM | November 1, 2026

Belonging to Christ, Sharing Christ on the North Shore & Beyond!

On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE — Karina Roth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: STEWARDSHIP — Ben Rasmussen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

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.**

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

GATHERING SONG: *Shall We Gather at the River* ELW 423

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON *(verses 1 & 2)* ELW page 184

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* ELW page 185

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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Jess Christenson

On the way up the aisles, the children will be collecting "Noisy Change" for the "Holy Cow" fund, which will support ELCA World Hunger.

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."

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 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.

SECOND READING: 1st 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia* ELW page 188

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

SERMON Pastor Calvin Konop

HYMN OF THE DAY *For All the Saints* ELW 422

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 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.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. 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 these we name before you now *for Karina, Patty, Bonnie, Gene, Luke, Sarah, & Katrina.* We pray now for those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts. *(A time of silence)*. We lift to You all those dealing with issues of mental health or addiction. 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:

Joyce Hagen	Edward Bolstad
Bruce Johnson	Barbara Erickson
Joan Bieber	Frank Rabold
Carol Berglund	Susan Gulstrand
Jo Ann Johnson	Lynn Schulte
Barb Youngquist	Clayton Koss

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.**

OFFERING *Abide With Me* Bethlehem Choir

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared. All are welcome!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church believes in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality. All persons, whether visiting or a member, are welcomed to Communion. (Offered in these sacraments are wine or apple juice; and regular or gluten-free wafers.)

COMMUNION MUSIC & CANDLE LIGHTING

Lamb of God ELW page 191

A Day Full of Grace ELW 627

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Oh When the Saints Go Marching In*
ACS 950

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Karina Roth



We pray for healing for these members & friends: Karina Roth, Patty Nelson, Bonnie Hromidko, Shae Lindholm, Gene Erickson, Mary Sanders, Ed Hedstrom, Milly Gestel, Linda Zenk, Stacey Johnson, Nancy Koss, Lois Johnson, Butch & Rhonda Schulte, Luke Gulstrand, Sarah Coe, Char Anderson, Phyllis Olson, Paulina Backstrom, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Katrina Crouse, Karen Shannon, Tom Christiansen.

This week we lift up these members: Lacey Smith, Jessica Markusen, Bill Beckstrand, Nathan & Joni Kristenson, and Jonathan, Nancy, Paavo & Tuuli Rova. May God walk with these friends in their journey of peace.

Pastor Calvin & Ashley will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary in Paris! They will be gone Nov. 2-15. Pastor Anne Swallow Gillis will be our guest preacher on Nov. 8th & 15th. Pastor Rolf Mork will be our guest preacher on Wednesday Nov. 11th. If you have pastoral needs while Pastor is gone, please contact the office 218-387-2227, or Denise's cell #218-370-1058.

Our sincere sympathies to Laura Dahl Popkes, Paul Dahl and family for the loss of their mother. We received this note from Laura this week: "We wanted to let you know that our mom, Margaret Dahl, finally got her wish and passed through the pearly gates this week. We are all grateful for the peace she experienced as she met her Savior face to face. Thank you Bethlehem for the prayers over these past months."

Memorial Service for Clayton Koss will be held next spring. We will keep you posted on details as they become available.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Nov. 1	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	**Worship Service & Sunday School**
	3:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra practice
	5:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice
Tues Nov. 3	Vote!	Election Day
	8:30 AM	Staff meeting
Wed Nov 4	8:00 AM	Church in Society Zoom
	10:30 AM	Christy B. in Library
	12:30 PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Community Meal
	6:00 PM	**Worship Service**
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Thur Nov 5	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
Fri Nov 6	- - - - -	Clarity Hearing
Sun Nov 8	8:40 AM	AWB Practice
	10:00 AM	**Worship Service & Sunday School**
	3:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra practice
	5:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice

Upcoming Events:

November 13: Rye Bread Making Day. Talk to Sue Hennessy if you can help.

November 14: Lutefisk Dinner, 4:00 & 6:00 pm seatings (Hospitality teams: Patti Beyer, Robin Johnson, Cindy Muus & Kathy Johnson)

November 22: December newsletter articles due.

November 29: Advent Begins!

1st Week of December: Christmas Tree set up and decorating. Date to be determined by Kent Anderson. We'd like to get families to help with this. Check in with Pastor or Jess.

December 5: Hanging of the Greens (Time to be determined. Talk to Janet Simonen or Hilja Iverson)

December 11 & 12: Borealis Concerts, 7:00 pm (Hospitality Teams: Dec. 11th Gwen Lenz & Kris Hedstrom, and Dec. 12th: Joy Oberg)

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Borealis Orchestra & Chorale: Practice times are 3:30pm for the Orchestra; and 5:00pm for the Chorale. Performances will be Dec. 11 & 12, 7:00pm.

Wednesday Text Study: Join us at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays for a study of the scripture lessons for the next Sunday. Zoom available

Men's Bible Study: Every Thursday morning, beginning at 8:00 to 9:15 am. Contact Mike Chmelik for information, 218-387-1790

Help with Sunday Services: sign up to help with worship using this QR Code.

Quilters are seeking more helpers! Every Thursday morning at 9 to 11:30am. Come as you are able.

Grocery Cards are available from BLCW to community members who need help with food insecurity. Contact the office.

Traveler Cards are available from BLC to members of the community that need to travel out-of-town for medical appointments. Contact the office.

Free Bibles Bethlehem has a supply of bibles for all ages including Lutheran Study Bible and young children's bibles. Please talk to Jess or Pastor if you would like one.