

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025



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

GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

Cranberry 422



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Gathering At the Font and Litany of Saints

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
 who forgives all our sin,
 whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we gather around the waters of baptism
 on this All Saints Sunday knowing that we are not alone.

We gather here with all your saints.

Our communion includes those who experience you in ways familiar to us and those who experience you in ways that seem foreign.

We are part of your people everywhere.

Our number includes those who once worshiped you in this place and have gone on before us and those yet to be born. **We stand among your saints who cannot be counted here in our pews today.**

We recall those who have been baptized into our Bethel family since we last celebrated All Saints Day:

Weston Alexander Peterson
Abygaele Shneyca Raphael

Emersyn Luella Schwartz

Thank you for the waters of Holy Baptism and the cross that marks us as your own.

Remembering our baptism into the communion of saints, we stand in solidarity with all who have come to your storied waters at the font of grace, claiming their faith in the Triune God with the words of the baptismal 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.

We confess that we don't always live as if we believe in the communion of the saints. We become self-absorbed and lose sight of the larger picture. We value ourselves as individuals, apart from community. We delude ourselves into believing we have no need for the wisdom of those who have gone before us. Forgive us for the narrow view of our place in your creation, for our lack of regard for our ancestors and our successors, and for the limits we try to impose on your extravagant love.

Open our mind and hearts this day to recognize your love as it is poured out and not just upon us, but upon all your saints, in every time and place.

Risen Christ, today we remember with fondness all your saints who have been called to their eternal home, especially those from our church community who have died during this past year:

Carol Jean Poppy

Ralph Addison

Marvel Utech

Patricia Kay Larson

Katherine Kay Kennedy-Towle

Raymond Patrick Wery

Bernedine Baer

Tarin Elizabeth Carlson

David Fredrick Elbe

Brad Ponkratz

Lois Wech

Tim Brusewitz

Diana Bahr

Carol Grace Nelsen

Thank you for the waters of Holy Baptism and the cross that marks us as your own.

Gracious God, we gather at the water that flows from your throne of grace, and enter into this time of worship, we rejoice that you are the God of all saints, the One who forgives sins and brings us from death to life. **Amen.**

Hymn

Death Be Never Last

ACS 1030

1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
 2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
 3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing

bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
 loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
 thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low

morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
 grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
 af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain

Turn-ing eyes now to their shin-ing mem-'ry, to their faith-ful past,

saints be now the truth di-vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever

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The Prayer of the Day

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

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. Amen.**

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

WORD

Psalm 149 (read responsively by verse)

¹ Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,**

⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the LORD!

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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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

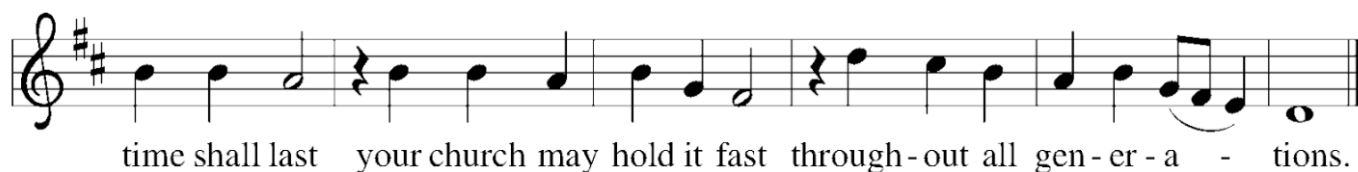
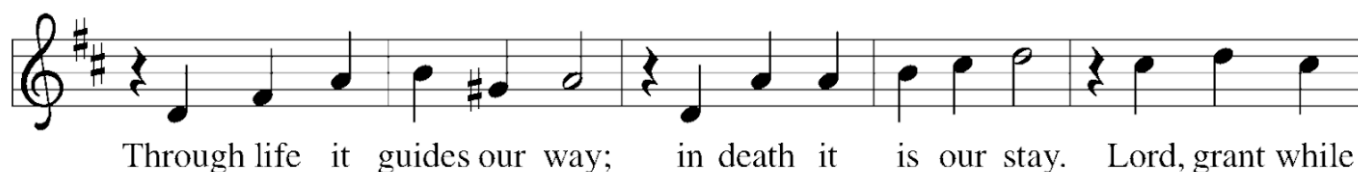
Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

Word for All Ages

Gospel Acclamation

God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Cranberry 509



Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **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 consolation.

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.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

For All Your Saints, O Lord

Cranberry 427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

Prayers of the People

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. 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.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Silent and spoken prayers are invited

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.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. Amen.

The 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.

Mighty God, Gracious Lord, Generous Creator

You abundantly give us everything we have and everything we need: Shoes and clothing, work and home, family and friends,

food and drink, all the necessities for this body and this life.

You protect us from danger and preserve us from evil.

And all this is done out of pure goodness and mercy
without any merit or worthiness on my own part.

For this we owe God thanks and praise. **This is most certainly true!**

Into our world of sin you sent your only Son begotten in eternity, yet true human being born of Mary and yet Lord of all. Jesus purchased and freed us from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil not with perishable things like gold and silver but by his own holy and precious blood.

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.

Christ is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.
**Christ has done all this in order that I may belong to him,
live under him in his kingdom, and serve him
in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.
This is most certainly true!**

Since we cannot by our own understanding or strength come to believe in Jesus Christ
our Lord or come to him,
Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit to call us through the Gospel.
Enlighten us through her gifts, make us holy,
and keep us in true faith along with the whole Church.

**Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and place until the last day
when the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life!**

All glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church now and forever.
Amen. This is most certainly true!

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**

Communion Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

Cranberry 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray,

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

you have nourished us with the bread of heaven

that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,

send us out to gather your good gifts for all who

hunger and thirst,

and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The Holy Trinity bless you ☩
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Give Thanks for Saints

Cranberry 428



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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Dismissal

The worship has ended!

Let the service begin!

Thanks be to God!

Funding for Mission & Budget

Monthly Receipts through 10/27/25	\$13,053.30
Monthly Budget Expenses:	\$20,033.00
YTD Receipts through 9/30/25:	\$174,202.00

Bethel Weekly

Fill the Wagon: There is a new shopping list in the bulletin for November. Let's fill the wagon again next week!

Special Fellowship: on November 9th after worship as a special thank you to Tori Russett for her time as choir director. If you are unable to attend, there is a basket for cards in the lounge.

Thank You Card Collection: to thank Diane Meinel for her years as music director. Please drop off any thank you cards in the basket in the lounge so that we can send them to her.

Poinsettia Order Forms: are now available in the lounge and the office. Please return them as soon as possible. **All orders have to be received by November 23rd.**

EPH: Ecumenical Partnership for Housing will hold its second annual **Grace & Gratitude Gathering** on Thursday, November 20th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Stadium View Traditions Event Hall. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and enjoy a casual evening out while making a difference for families facing homelessness in Brown County. There is more information on the bulletin board in the Hallway.

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