



THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2025 AT 9:30 AM

Prelude "Zion's Walls"

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{The beginning of the prelude is a call to silence and personal preparation for the worship of God.}

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font at the back of the church.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** **Remain standing and face the cross as the procession enters**

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.**

Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast”

ELW, page 140

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Prayer of the Day “Today’s Readings” Insert

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: Amen

Word

The congregation is seated.

First Reading Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

“Today’s Readings” Insert

Psalm 149

“Today’s Readings” Insert

Second Reading Ephesians 1:11–23

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

“Today’s Readings” Insert

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Procession

Hymn ELW#418 “Rejoice In God’s Saints” vs. 1 & 2

Lauidate Dominum

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ Saint Luke 6:20–31 +

“Today’s Readings” Insert

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

Hymn ELW#418 “Rejoice In God’s Saints” vs. 3 & 4

Lauidate Dominum

The congregation is seated.

Sermon “Don’t Stop Saying Their Names”

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day ELW#669 “Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

Festal Song

The Apostles 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 Intercession

The congregation may kneel.

After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord.

Have mercy, O God.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you. After the greeting the congregation may be seated.

The Holy Communion

Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Offertory Solo “Shall We Gather at the River”

Aaron Copland, Arrangement

{Words and Music at ELW#423}

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn ELW#182 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue and Preface

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The Words of Institution

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign ... **prayer concludes with these words ...** 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, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember...the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit ... with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers ... until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Agnus Dei

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***

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Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle where Pastor will hand you the bread. Then you may either drink from the chalice, commune by the ancient practice of intinction, dipping the wafer in the chalice before consuming, or take one of the individual glasses on the tray tables on either side. Please place the cup in the glass bowl before returning to your seats by the side aisle.

Communion Hymns

ELW#616 "Jesus, Remember Me"
ELW#429 "In Our Day of Thanksgiving"

Remember Me
St. Catherine's Court

Sending

Please stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional Hymn ELW#422 "For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Remember the poor.

– **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Rhapsody in C# Minor"

Herbert Howells

Assisting in Our Worship
Dr. David C. Nelson, Interim Pastor
Terry Duchow, Assisting Minister
Don Mead, Cantor
Maia Surace, Soloist

Remembering those who passed away within the last year! All Saints Day!

"Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful."
Psalm 149:1-9

Ruth Rettke
Joan Palumbo
Jeanette Geweke
Marcia Young
Edee Bencsics
Laura Strohmayer
Erika Huy
Nora Heesemann
Jerry Benkendorf
Rosa Kobal
Henry Lee Spruell
Jerome R. Dandridge
James G. and Lois S. Duggan





ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Welcome to Saint Luke

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us. If you are a guest and would like more information about Saint Luke, please fill out one of the green welcome cards in the pew racks and return to an usher.

As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place “Where all are welcomed, period.”

For your convenience, there are individual sound enhancement devices. Please ask an usher. The wheelchair accessible entrance is located on Greenview Avenue, and the wheelchair accessible lavatory is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. Rocking chairs, floor cushions and children’s booster seats may be found in that area. Church Activity Bags with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Introduction to the Day

Sundays after Pentecost

“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

In The Footsteps of the Saints

This morning, we enter the portion of the church year in which we contemplate “end-times.” The natural cycle of seasons and the final portion of the Church Year direct our reflections toward transformations and transitions, the endings and beginnings in our own lives.

On this, the first Sunday in November we observe the Feast of All Saints. We give thanks for the men and women who have gone before us in Christ and look to their lives of faith as models for our own. We remember those near and dear to us, who, by patient example and encouragement, shaped and nurtured our own faith. In the prayers we remember them by name and give thanks that their names are written in the book of heaven.

November Calendar

In November of 1990, former President George H.W. Bush designated the month of November as the National Native American Heritage Month. Throughout the month, the history, culture, contributions, and traditions of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians are recognized and celebrated. Illinois' theme for 2025 Native American Heritage Month is "*Through the Lens of Kinship: Exploring Indigenous Standpoints on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*."



All Saints Day

Join Saint Luke Church on **Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 9:30 am** for the All Saints' Day worship service.



Ministry Board Meeting

The next Ministry Board Meeting is on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm** in Memorial Hall.

Voters Assembly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the congregation is on **Sunday, November 16, 2025**, following the coffee hour.

Prayers for Those in Need

Those serving in the armed forces: Nicholas Bakulinski, Jeremy Strohmayer, Ashley Bakulinski, Lucas Kratz, Nicky Relias, Megan Heesemann and Nathan Heesemann.

Those who are ill: Patricia Grunde, Joyce Grosse, Curtis Holland, Mark Van Scharrel, Nancy Huber, Gianna Abate, Allison Long, Sharon Pena, Ann Pasquale, Karen Borchert, Mark Dobczki, Dennis Grabowski, Joan Murray, Mike Weidemann, George Connor and John Langfeld.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Luke Academy

Saint Luke members are welcome to join the Academy for a celebration of Halloween at 11 am on Friday, October 31. We start with a costume parade, play some holiday games, and enjoy lunch. Enter the Memorial Hall doors, across from the playground.

Thanks to the Congregation for your support of the Academy at Halloween on Southport. An amazing group of volunteers labeled our slime giveaway, the Cemetery loaned us its pick-up truck to move our supplies, and Pastor worked the crowd, inviting people to Saint Luke. The Spirit is moving through Saint Luke!

Our Academy Kids discovered the Chapel of the Christ Child and pulled cards naming those baptized at Saint Luke as long as 80 years ago. The Kids are praying for these saints of the congregation. The Kids are also planting bulbs around the Saint Luke campus. Look for the flowers in the Spring.

Saint Luke Academy Kids are singing at Church on Sunday, November 9 at our 9:30 am service. Please come to support the children in our school as they grow in the formation of their faith.

Saint Luke Academy has open seats for your child aged 2-8, your grandchild aged 2-8. or your neighbors aged 2-8. Check out saintlukeacademychi.org and look for the Admissions tab. or contact Principal Comella at ccomella@stlukechicago.org or 773.472.3837. Start your child on a journey of joyful learning and faith formation.

Caring and Sharing

During November, our Monthly Gifts Program will collect **can goods**, including green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, peas, and cranberry sauce. These items will be distributed through LLP Missions. Please place your donations in the collection at the foot of the Christ Figure.



November Hot Soup Mission

Our next Hot Soup Mission is scheduled to take place at Saint Luke on **Wednesday, November 19th, at 5:30 pm** to pack and deliver food to our unhoused neighbors living under the viaducts at LSD and Lawrence & Wilson, as well as those living at Marine Drive and Irving Park. We would be delighted if you could join us as we embody God's mission of serving others.

8th Annual Hymn Sing and Pie Reception

This year's annual hymn sing and pie reception will take place on **Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 4:00 pm**. The host congregation this year is **Lakeview Lutheran Parish**, at 845 W. Addison (Enter on Rita). Each congregation is asked to bring 2-3 pies, and to provide two readers one pastoral/one lay if preferred.

If you would like to donate a pie, please let the church office know at 773.472.3383 or cparnell@stlukechicago.org.

Online Bible Classes

Online Bible Class will meet **Thursday, November 6th at 12:00 pm** via Zoom. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Holy Gospel. Texts: Job 19:23-27a, Psalm 17:1-9, 2Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38.

The link for "Bible Class" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org. Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser <https://bit.ly/479gZrk>. See you Thursday!



Sunday Bible Study

We are enjoying the study of "*The Bible With and Without Jesus*" in which esteemed Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts.

Saint Luke Church Appreciates Your Gift!

Donate to Saint Luke

There are several ways to make regular donations to Saint Luke:

Donate Button from the website: go to stlukechicago.org and click on "Support" and then "Donate".

The **form for donation** is right there and will prompt you. You can direct your money to the category you choose, such as congregation, missions, building and special events. You can also sign up for repeating donations as part of this service.

Text Message: You can now contribute with text! Simply send a **Text Message** to 833.988.0613 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder's name and debit or credit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Text giving is one of the fastest and easiest ways to give.

Simply Giving: Sign up with **Simply Giving** (through Vanco) -- an easy and secure way to donate automatically. A simple form for your use includes several options from which to choose credit/debit card, checking or savings account. It's as easy as getting a form from the church office and putting it in the collection basket. You can also call 773.472.3383 to request a form. Please call the church office if you have any questions or would like to know more about Vanco services (773.472.3383). Use the **QR code**.

