

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Day
Worship & Music Recognition Sunday
November 1, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in a minor</i> <i>Prelude and Fugue in g minor</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
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Greeting and Announcements		Opening Sentences
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Worship & Music Recognition		Julia Schwomeyer
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*Doxology - all to sing		No. 592
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow;</i> <i>Praise God, all creatures here below;</i> <i>Praise God above, ye heavenly host;</i> <i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: What kind of love has God given us?

People: A love that proclaims we are God's very own.

Leader: What kind of promise has God given us?

People; God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Leader: What kind of future has God given us?

People: God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.

Leader: Blessing and glory,

People: wisdom and thanksgiving,

Leader: honor and power and might

People: be to our God, forever and always!

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** ["Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"](#)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: It is hard to believe that a day will come when there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more tears or death. As we remember our loved ones, we cannot help but doubt. God is big enough to handle that doubt, so let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

God of eternal life, we gather in gratitude for all the saints of the ages and our lives. We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence. We hear you call us blessed when we mourn, but we do not find the comfort you promise. Be with us in our remembrance and strengthen us until the day we join them, singing your praises in the great multitude.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: See what love our Creator has given us: we are children of God. Our heavenly Parent loves us, forgives us, and is with us through every trial. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Response of Praise -all to sing	"Gloria Patri"	No. 579
	<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;</i> <i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,</i> <i>World without end. Amen. Amen.</i>	

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music	<i>Réverie</i>	Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
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SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Psalm 34:1-10, 22 \(NRSV\)](#)

Hymn (seated) “Jesus Loves Me” No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message
(Children grades K-6 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [Revelation 7:9-17 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon “*These Are They*” The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
 The Lord redeems

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors)

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** [“O Word of God Incarnate”](#)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Diane Bish (setting)
(born 1941)

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

***Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

Lectionary readings for November 8, 2026

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13