CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Patrick Cox

Worship for Saturday, October 31, 2026
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Chris

"A great multitude … from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

+ Please silence your cell phone.
+ Please fill out the red 'Record of Fellowship' book in your pew.

✢ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING 3 ✢

HANDBELL PRELUDE: "Jerusalem the Golden" *(Judy Zehnder)*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
OPENING SONG

✢ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✢

INVOCATION and EXHORTATION LSB 184
CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

INTROIT *(see insert)*
KYRIE LSB 186
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 187
SALUTATION LSB 189
COLLECT OF THE DAY *(see insert)*

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1-3
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Holy Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED LSB 191

SONG OF THE DAY

SERMON: "Dearly Departed" *from Revelation 7:13-17*

OFFERTORY LSB 192
OFFERING

RESPONSIVE SONG

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord,
People: Lord, have mercy.

✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE LSB 194
SANCTUS LSB 195
LORD'S PRAYER LSB 196
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD LSB 197
PAX DOMINI and AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199
THANKSGIVING LSB 200
SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS LSB 201
BENEDICTION LSB 202

CLOSING SONG

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HOLY COMMUNION

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. He invites to His table baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all their sin, and forgive one another as He forgives us.

In 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, St. Paul teaches us that Holy Communion is also a public profession that unity of doctrine exists amongst those who commune at the same altar. Therefore, we ask any who are not yet instructed in the doctrine of our church or who hold membership/commune at a non-LCMS church body to abstain from receiving the Sacrament here today. If it is your desire to receive communion with us at this altar, please speak with Pastor Cox. It would be his joy to instruct you toward confirmation. *For further study see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:17-34.*

All who are not receiving the Sacrament today are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

- ✠ **The individual cups are offered first, followed by the chalice.**
- ✠ **The cups in the center of the trays include one drop of wine.**
- ✠ **Please let the pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.**

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