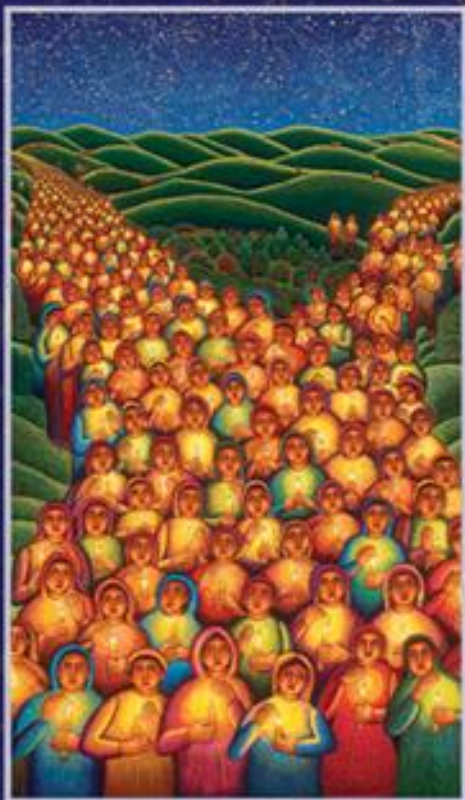




*God will wipe
away every
tear from
their eyes*

REVELATION 7:17

*Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Day*



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PRELUDE

Prelude

Johann Sebastian Bach

from Prelude, Fugue, and Allegro in E-flat Major, BWV 998

Rosita

Francisco Tárrega

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Red hymnal - ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Worship Blue hymnal - ACS - All Creation Sings

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN	For All the Saints	ELW 422
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Stanzas — 1, 2: All
 3: High voices
 4: Choir
 5: Low voices
 6, 7: All

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth. Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame; ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name. Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done; yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.'

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yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP WITH JOY!

All kids ages 3 through grade 5 are welcome to a special worship time with a small snack and song, a time of hearing the Word, conversation and activities! Parents can remain in the sanctuary while the kids gather in designated spaces. Children will return during the offering so they can participate in Communion

READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung 2 times

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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 in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

For all the saints . . .

Today, we give thanks to God for all those who live the faith and those who have died in Christ. We thank God for all the ways that they have shared God’s love with us and passed along the faith to us. Those worshiping at home are invited to a light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died.

This morning, you are invited to light a candle (please remember to light the candles back to front) to remember a saint in your life and give thanks for the light of Christ that was revealed through them. Dip the match down into the glass to light the candle. If you need help, a hospitality team member will assist you. As we worship, we remember that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, and that through baptism, we are forever a part of God’s family and one another’s lives.

HYMNS AND MUSIC FOR THE CANDLE LIGHTING

O Lord, Hear My Prayer	(sung 5 times)	ELW 751
Recuerdos de la Alhambra (Memories of the Alhambra)		Francisco Tárrega
“Preludio” from <i>Pasaje Abierto</i> (Prelude from <i>Open Passage</i>)		Edín Solís
Jerusalem, My Happy Home		ELW 628

*A bell will be intoned to mark the beginning and end of a minute of silence
to remember our siblings in Christ at Bethlehem who have died since
All Saints' Day 2025, as well as all those remembered today by
family and friends of the Bethlehem community.*

Joyce Carr, cousin of Bob and Phyllis Stock
Volker Hausin, especially his daughter, Doris
Nick G., friend of the Merges family
Reijo Heinonen, uncle and godfather of Marja Roney to our prayers
Noel Kaiser, friend of Mike Joyce
Tristan Antell, brother of Bill Antell
Penny Merges, mother of Dave Merges
Paul Ness
Josiah LeFever, friend of the Koncilja family
Ritva Heinonen, Godmother to Marja Roney
David, a family friend of the Moragne family
Reuben Hays Bell
Damon Knights, brother of Bob Knights
Wayne Westcott
Charlie G., cousin of Chris Meetze
Christine Chappell, sister-in-law of Sherry Cook
Mark Smith, friends of Roger Kolker
Marcy Adams
Bob Walsh (friend and former colleague of Jim Berner)
Linda Juers
Laura LaPage
Paul Normandin, father-in-law of Kyle Berner
Shirley Newman, close friend of Ron Meier

Donna Lynn Horan, cousin of Marianne Hirsch
Larry Bobe, cousin of Kathy Schneemann
Aileen, co-worker of Lisa Meetze
The Rev. Richard "Dick" Hembrock
Marianne, friend of the Meetze family
Marilyn Rines, former member of Bethlehem
Jack Carr, friend of MJ & Brian Burke
Joan Barthelmans Miller, cousin of GerryAnn Westcott
Bill Vanderhoof, father of Sue Chauncey
Darlene, sister of close friends Vince and Lois (friend of Bob Stolze)
Adam Greenly, friend of Kim Kulik
Ray, friend of Dave Wideman
Marie, Bob and Becki P's daughter's mother-in-law
Carson Hahne, son of Ruth Hedin's cousin
James Garvey, cousin of Janet Sharp
Gene Kath, friend of Hans Walter-Peterson
Kent Eklund, father of Hans and Amy Walter-Peterson's brother-in-law
Doris Larson Landy, cousin of Patty Chaffee and Linda Keefer
Fred Kulik, father-in-Law of Kim Kulik
Robert Liberatore, friend of Kim Kulik
Peggy Liberatore, friend of Kim Kulik
Elaine Profit, friend of Judy Lohr
Jamie Davis, a friend of the Hedin's son, Andrew
Deo Dobbins, former member of BLC
LeRoy Bitner, father of Sue Cardinal
Jess Sudol, friend of Kim Kulik
Carol Burke, dear friend of Joanne Swanson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

#1 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. Teach all of us to see and celebrate our strengths, quirks and limits that are a part of how we are all called to serve our neighbors and your kingdom. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#2 Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. Continue to be with those who are recovering from natural disasters caused by water, wind or fire. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

#3 Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities. Surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for hospice workers who walk with those who are dying and we remember our siblings in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. In all our endeavors, remind us that we who are many, are one body in Christ. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We know that you love all people, you see our needs, and you know our cares and concerns, our hopes and joys.

We pray for those who serve in the military, especially for:

- Michael C, as he enlists in the Army

We pray for those who grieve, especially the family and friends of:

- Elaine P, former member of BLC, who died on 10/1
- Deo D, former member of BLC, who died on 10/16
- Jamie D, friend of the Hedin's son Andrew, who died on 10/20

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Karen A, as she moves to Advent House
- Mike M, neighbor of Kathy F, who just completed triple bypass surgery

Hear these concerns we raise in our hearts or on our voice.

Silence for individual prayer.

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.

SHARING GOD'S MEAL

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace in a way that cares for friend and neighbor. If you worship virtually, share the peace through the comments section or text.

OFFERING

Thank you for your offerings that support the ongoing ministry that we share.

Information about supporting Bethlehem's ministry with your offerings is available in the Welcome insert in your pew rack or by visiting blcfairport.org/support-our-ministry or scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page.



OFFERING OF MUSIC

Blessed Are You

based on Matthew 5: 3-11

and Luke 6: 20-23

Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . 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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One in body, one in spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Our communion bread is gluten-free, unless noted by the pastor. Grape juice is available; indicate your need to the communion assistant.

THE COMMUNION



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

ELW 426

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
 un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
 me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
 A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

LEAVING TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN	Rejoice in God's Saints	ELW 418
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For All You Saints, O Lord

(FESTAL SONG: Rise Up, O Saints of God! – ELW 669)

Michael Burkhardt

tune: William H. Walter

*The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Nancy Feth's 90th birthday on
October 24 by Sue and Tom Dunn.*

BLC Pastors

The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman and The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, co-Pastors

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Chrisanne Gates, Chancel Choir Director

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Additional musical leadership provided by:

Percussion: Chrisanne Gates, Margie Gaul, Dave Wideman

Special thanks to our guest guitarist, Django Klumpp, for assisting us with today's music in worship.

Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! Want to learn more about what roles are needed in worship or sign-up for a pre-scheduled role? Talk with one of the pastors following worship or send an email to volunteersupport@blcfairport.org and we'll follow up!

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

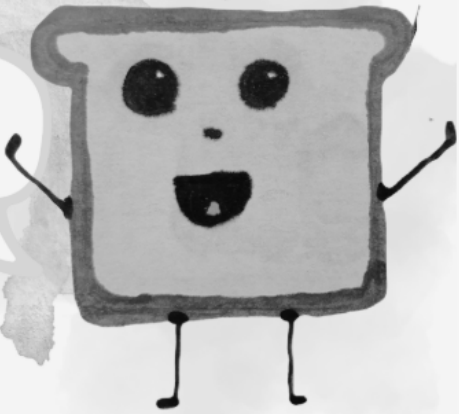
What's happening at BLC this week? Visit the Calendar of Events at www.blcfairport.org. Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at office@blcfairport.org or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

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Sunday Table - November 1st



I'm so glad we celebrate
All Saints Sunday.



Me too. It warms my heart
to remember and share
memories of my loved ones.

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“Glory to You, God” *All Creation Sings* – Holy Communion, Setting 12

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien; Music: J. Bert Carlson © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” – WOV 612 Music: Caribbean traditional

Arranger: Mark Sedio Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

“Take My Life, That I May Be” – ELW 685, stt. 1, 2 Text: Frances R. Havergal, alt.

Music: William H. Havergal © 2006 Augsburg Fortress, Publishers

“Come to the Table” – ELW 481 Text: Claire Cloninger; Music: Martin J. Nystrom

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“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford

Music: Anonymous, Central America; English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

“Prelude” – *from* Prelude, Fugue, and Allegro in E-flat Major, BWV 998

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

“Rosita” – (Polka) Music: Francisco Tárrega

“Recuerdos de la Alhambra” – (Memories of the Alhambra)

Music: Francisco Tárrega; Editor: Howard Wallach

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“Preludio” from *Pasaje Abierto* Music: Edín Solís © 2005 Edín Solís (edinsolismusic.com)

“Blessed Are You” Text: Matthew 5: 3-11; Luke 6: 20-23

Music: Mark Hayes © 2003 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

“For All You Saints, O Lord” Tune: William H. Walter – FESTAL SONG

Music: Michael Burkhardt © 2008 Birnamwood Publications, ascap (adm. MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc.)

Saintly Sinners, Sinful Saints

All Saints Sunday and the appointed readings are pregnant with themes of stark contrast: death and life, condemnation and redemption, sorrow and joy, suffering and relief, present life and future life. Such is life, too, as baptized children of God. The very nature of our lives is stark contrast.

By virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are made saints while we are still sinners. Every day in this juxtaposed life we navigate through rough waters such as sin, evil, pain, heartache, addiction, abuse, hunger, disease, and war. But our bearing is always set, not by the North Star but by the Daystar, who has been the heading for the faithful of every generation. With the scriptures as our compass and the confessions our map, we sail as a part of the great flotilla of saints on the waters of baptism, with the wind of the Spirit at our backs, always pointed in the direction of our guiding Daystar.

Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints still among us, and for the saints of God still to come. We give thanks for the examples of faithful living that the saints have given us as they navigated the stormy waters of life, and also for the faithful acts of service we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do in our own seas. We give thanks, too, for the fullness of eternal life in which the saints of God who have gone before us now partake and which we have yet to fully enjoy.