

Sunday, November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday

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HOLY COMMUNION
Setting Two

Regular font: Worship Leader; ***Bold font: Congregation***

GATHERING

Prelude:

WELCOME

Please stand

GATHERING HYMN "For All the Saints " (vs. 1-3) **ELW 422**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
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.

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING **1 John 3:1-3**
[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.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22
[1] I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
[2] **I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
[3] Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;

let us exalt God's | name together.
[4] **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
[5] Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
[6] **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.
[7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
[9] Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
[10] **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
[22] O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **pg. 124**

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 5:1-12**
The holy gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan*
One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Shall We Gather at the River" **ELW 423**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
In the final petition of our prayers today we will name our beloved family, friends and members who have died during this past year. You are welcome to come forward and light a candle when your loved one's name is read. If you are unable to come forward we will light the candle for you. At the end of the service you are welcome to take the candle home with you.

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

A brief silence.

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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways (local places may be named). Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (especially). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers,

and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors (those who have died in the past year may be named). Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. 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.

PEACE **pg. 128**

MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING **pg. 129**
It is indeed right…

SANCTUS **pg. 130**

Please kneel or sit

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
With all the saints of Africa and Asia, Europe and the Americas, India, Australia, and the islands, we praise you, O God, for creating the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for

providing mortals with food.

With all the faithful in tents and mansions, cities and farms, past and present, we worship you, O God, for sheltering the generations.

With all your holy people who minister in the church, who serve the poor, who walk the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for journeying with us in Jesus.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:
On the night before he died, he 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.

With all the saints we ask your Holy Spirit to imbue this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the merciful body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, Evangelicals, and independents, and with *(names of beloved saints or local deceased) lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.*

Now with all of the family you saved by your love,
we shout blessing: **Blessing!**
glory: **Glory!**
wisdom: **Wisdom!**
thanksgiving: **Thanksgiving!**
honor: **Honor!**
power: **Power!**
might: **Might!**
be to you, our God, forever and ever.
Amen.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)* **pg. 134**

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

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD **pg. 135**

COMMUNION HYMNS
"Softly and Tenderly" **ELW 608**
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **ELW 742**

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Please stand

BLESSING
The holy Trinity,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "For All the Saints" (vs. 4&7) **ELW 422**

DISMISSAL
Go o in peace. Encourage one another. . **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Prayer List

For Health:
Joyce G
Cathy L
Marion B
Lily V
Holly N
Lisa A
Dylan G
Aiden J
Helen A
Matthew A
Bud J
Jessica A
Charlotte D
Jonathan A
Curt R
Joan A
Dick C
Karen R
Pat J
Alexis R
Malynda A
Annamaria T
Lee T
Michael G
Barbara S
Don R
Fred B
Bill B
Roselies K
Alexis S
Justin Z
Tom Z
Marjorie T
Patricia W
Sandra C
Bill B
St. Mark Lutheran Church Norwich

For Safety:
Andrew C
Todd S
Michael C
Tyler G
Erik B
Justin Earl B
Evan G
David P

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, **November 8th** a special worship service will be held. Our historic refurbished bell and complementary tower built to last for many years to come will be dedicated. Following the service the bell committee will be hosting a **special coffee hour.** Hope you will be able to join us for this momentous occasion.
In Christ,
The Bell Committee

Notice:
The Bell Committee is putting together a picture presentation for the Bell Dedication. If anyone has pictures that they would like to share, please send them to the church's email:
zion.lutheran@snet.net

SERVING TODAY

Howard Swanson - Lector
Peter Willse - Worship Assistant
Donna Berndtson, Rick Borg - Ushers/Greeters
Pauline Neumann - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist

All Saints' Day

Members:

Philip Olson
Mary S. Anderson
Frances Connelly
Harry Williams
David Fletcher
Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Non-Members:

Annamae Casorio
Dan Sweeney
Rosie Purcell Perez
Jose E. Perez
Joan Kuzminski
Barbara Anne Luce
Christina Luce Gordon
Denise Nadeau
Arthur Thibodeau
Cynthia Bizon
Louisa Dovali
Patricia Candillo



Zion Lutheran Church will be holding a **Coat Drive** again this year to support Amazing Grace in Middletown. Amazing Grace services 8 surrounding towns, including Portland. The drive will be held on **Saturday November 7th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.** Prior to this time, coats may be dropped off in the designated box when you enter the building or by contacting Valerie in the church office at 860-342-2860. You may also contact Kathy Richards at 860-982-7624. We will be collecting coats of all sizes, heavy sweaters and vests. Thank you for your support.

If someone you meet today needs clothing, and that someone has no money, where will you send them?

Good question. When ten people are asked, five say they don't know, another five think that maybe one church or another has a clothing closet. In our community there needs to be an answer to that question that serves the interests of the whole community and **that *EVERYONE* knows about.**

This is why the **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Cards** are so important.

It's very simple - you fill out the card with your name and date and give it to the Goodwill employee along with your donations of **textiles, shoes and clothing** (these are the only items credit is given for). Goodwill and St. Vincent De Paul does the rest.

Each month Goodwill supplies vouchers to St. Vincent De Paul based on the weight of donated clothing. The vouchers are given to people in need who can used them at Goodwill to purchase (free) clothing. Persons/families needing clothing will be treated to a dignified retail shopping experience in which they make their own selections.

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for October, November and December** are available in the Narthex and the Grey Box outside.



Thank you to Donna Berndtson, Brenda Bell and Erica Jarzabek for organizing and hosting coffee hour today.

RaiseRight Gift Cards

Place your order today to get RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) cards! You pay face value for the cards, but Zion receives a percentage of the amount of the card. It's a win-win! See Rick Borg for details.



Please Recycle Ink and Toner Cartridges Here.
There is a container to leave your used ink and toner cartridges for us to recycle.



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill. See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.

Council Members: President - Kathy Richards, Vice President - Paula Brown, Secretary - Barbara Helming, Financial Secretary - Rick Borg, Other Members - Beth Keser, Bob Redman, Peter Willse, Christine Kelsey, Kate Schneider

Today: November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Education
11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday:	**6:00 p.m.** N/A
Tuesdasy:	**6:30 p.m.** Property/Finance Committee
Wednesday:	**5:30 p.m.** Cub Scouts Den meeting
Friday:	**7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday:



November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Bell Dedication
10:30 a.m. The Chosen
11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

Next weeks readings: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Attendance: Last week - 80; Last year - 78

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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