“MEAL”

OFFERING/OFFERING **“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”** **ELW #512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L) Lord in your mercy
C) Receive our Prayer



HOLY COMMUNION *(around the rail)*

- ✞ **Words of Institution**
- ✞ **The Lord’s Prayer** - ELW page 112
- ✞ **Distribution of the Sacrament**

“SENDING”

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

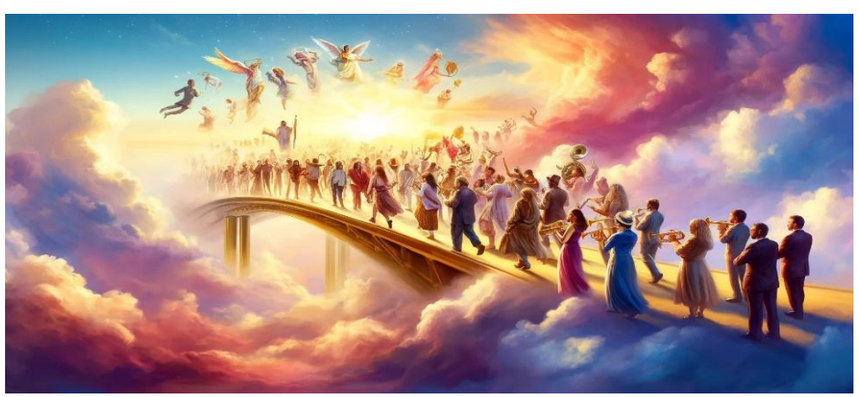
CLOSING SONG **“Oh, When the Saints Go Marchin In” v-1,2,4,5**

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.

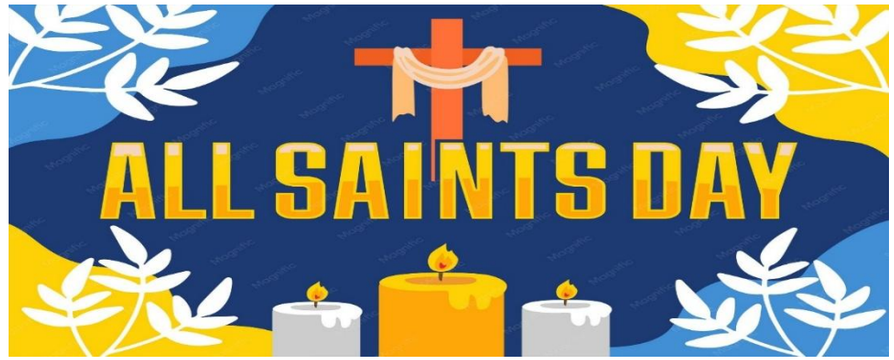
4 Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.



DISMISSAL L) Go in peace, Serve the Lord and your neighbors. ***C) Thanks be to God!***

POSTLUDE



Willow Creek and Benton Lutheran Churches

November 1st, 2026
Vicar Kendra Kappler and Pastor Renae Boehmer
Accompanist: David Olson, both services

Before the service starts, if you brought a picture of your loved one, please feel free to take it to the front of the church and place it on the table provided.
Or you can bring it up when you go to light a candle.
There are also forms in the back of the church if you would like to fill one out with your loved one’s name to be mentioned in the prayers.

“GATHERING”

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: In the waters of baptism, God has claimed us as beloved children and joined us to Christ and to one another. We are part of the communion of saints—those who have gone before us, those who gather with us today, and those yet to come.
On this All Saints Sunday, we remember the teachers and storytellers who helped bring God's stories to life for us.
We give thanks!
We remember choir members, organists, praise bands, and all the musicians who have filled our lives with songs of faith.
We give thanks!
We remember pastors and lay leaders who have guided us in worship and helped us grow in faith.
We give thanks!
We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and friends whose love and care have helped us know the love of God.
We give thanks!
We remember our church families—this one and others we have loved—and all those with whom we have grown in faith and love for God and neighbor.
We give thanks!
We remember the saints of every time and place, whose faith and courage have helped bring us to this day.
We give thanks for the saints who came before us, the saints among us today, and those who will come after us. Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us pray.
Gracious God, ***we thank you for the gift of baptism, through which you have joined us to Christ in his death and resurrection and made us members of your family forever. As we remember those we love, comfort us in our grief and strengthen us in the promise that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love. Hold us and all your saints in your everlasting care; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

HYMN **"For All the Saints" v,1-2** **ELW #422**

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Individuals are invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one and/or return the form to have their name included in the prayers.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
God of everlasting love, ***you have claimed us as your beloved children and joined us together with all your saints in the body of Christ. Comfort us as we remember those who have died, and strengthen us with the promise that death cannot separate us from your love. Open our hearts to recognize your kingdom already among us, even in the midst of grief and uncertainty, and fill us with hope for the day when all things will be made new; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

"WORD"

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our
God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no
more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes."
L) Word of God, Word of Life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

SECOND 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.
L) Word of God, word of life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S SONG/MESSAGE "The Wonders of Worship – WOW!"
I wonder. I wonder. The wonders of worship, what does it mean?
I wonder. I wonder. The wonders of worship, what does it mean?
Come and see! Come now and see!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jesus, Name Above All Names
Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12
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."
L) Word of God, word of life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

SERMON **"Not Just Someday"** **Pastor Renae Boehmer**

HYMN OF THE DAY **"Children of the Heavenly Father" v,1-3** **ELW #781**

1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

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SHARING THE PEACE L) The peace of Christ be with you all. ***C) And also with you.***