# St. Matthew Lutheran Church
# North Tonawanda, NY
## November 1, 2026
## All Saints Day



## AS WE GATHER

All Saints gives us the opportunity to reflect on the Church Triumphant. As we remember those who have departed in the faith, may we follow their example as we remain faithful unto death. Even in a world that faces sin and death, we are able to rejoice knowing that Christ Jesus has conquered sin, death, and the devil. We are triumphant because Jesus is triumphant!

***Welcome to all of our Members, Guests, and Visitors today, if you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to the pastor after service in the Narthex. We here at St. Matthew pray that you enjoyed your time worshiping with us today***

**Hymn of Invocation TLH 463 vs1-4 For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest**

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# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**C** ***Amen.***

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
**C** ***who made heaven and earth.***
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
**C** ***and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.***

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ***Amen.***

*Stand*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**C** ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

**C** ***Lord, have mercy upon us.***
***Christ, have mercy upon us.***
***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** ***and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.***
***We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,***
***we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.***
***O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.***
***O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;***
***O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,***
***that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***
***Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.***
***Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.***
***For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.***
***Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,***
***art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** ***And with thy spirit.***

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** ***Amen.***

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**First Reading** *Revelation 7:9–17*

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could
number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white
robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud
voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to
the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing 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 saying, "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,
clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to
him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming
out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his
presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** *1 John 3:1–3*

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Alleluia** *LSB 190*

**C** ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 5:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
**C** ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2]And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11]"Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C** ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

### Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God,**
**the Father Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth**
**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**
**the only-begotten Son of God,**
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**
**God of God, Light of Light,**
**very God of very God,**
**begotten, not made,**
**being of one substance with the Father,**
**by whom all things were made;**
**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**
**and was made man;**
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**
**He suffered and was buried.**
**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**
**and ascended into heaven**
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**
**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the Lord and giver of life,**
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**
**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**
**who spoke by the prophets.**
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**
**and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day TLH 463 vs 5-8 For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory** *LSB 192*

**C** ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***
***Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.***
***Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering especially those on our prayer list. Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious God, we hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Your Son. Satisfy us as we feed on His body and blood under bread and wine. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, we give thanks and praise to You for the faithful lives of the saints, remembering especially this day those who labored among us, serving Your Son with the gifts that You gave them. Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface** *LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** ***And with thy spirit.***

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** ***It is meet and right so to do.***

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** *LSB 195*

**C** ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;***
***heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.***
***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***
***Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.***
***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

**Lord's Prayer**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be Thy name,**
**Thy kingdom come,**
**Thy will be done on earth**
**as it is in heaven;**
**give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**
**For Thine is the kingdom**
**and the power and the glory**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord** *LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini** *LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**C** ***Amen.***

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 198*

**C** ***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***
***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***
***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.***

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn TLH 700 Be Strong and of A Good Courage**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 199*

**C** ***Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,***
***for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,***
***a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.***
***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**Thanksgiving** *LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
**C** ***and His mercy endureth forever.***

**A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**C** ***Amen.***

**P** The Lord be with you.
**C** ***And with thy spirit.***

**Benedicamus** *LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.
**C** ***Thanks be to God.***

**Benediction** *LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.

**C** ***Amen, amen, amen.***

**Hymn to Depart TLH 54 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

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