

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA

November 1, 2026

9:00 a.m.



ALL SAINTS DAY

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.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.

† Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

For All The Saints

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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 to 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

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."

The Word of the Lord.

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 delivers them.

- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Recognition of First Communion Youth

Owen Drury, child of Nathan & Alicia Drury

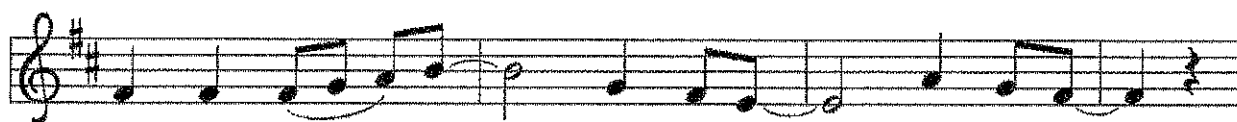
Gage Foresman, child of Chad & Meagan Foresman

Brody Georg, child of Justin & Valerie Georg

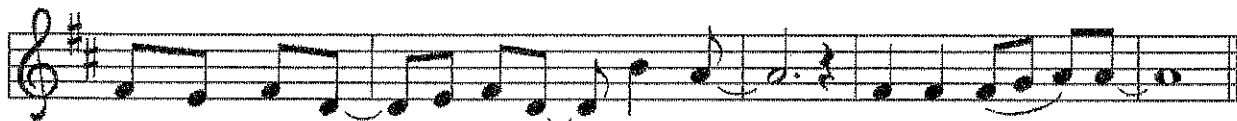
Krimson Krager, child of Kyle & Kristi Krager

Kenlin Rasmus, child of Cody & Angie Rasmus

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Message Vicar Millie Anderson

Hymn of the Day

You Raise Me Up

(Verses sung by Song Leader)

Chorus: You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.
You raise me up to more than I can be.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Blessed be the living triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all love and the beginning of all mercy, who is with us in our sorrow and grief. By God's consolation, we are empowered to be there for others in their hurt, to sustain and comfort them as brothers and sisters in Christ.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Together, let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

O God, our comforter and deliverer in ages past, and our hope for years to come:

We give you thanks for your beloved and faithful servants who have followed your good path and shined the life-giving light of Jesus throughout the centuries and into our time and place. Lord, since the beginning, we have always needed your grace to live lives worthy of you. We thank you for Jesus, who has saved us from every darkness, and we thank you for your Spirit, who continues to guide us in the ways of love and service to the world and our neighbors. Today, we especially remember our precious loved ones who have passed away this year.

The bell is tolled after each name is read.

**Carla Kay Eidenshink
Henry Glen Brueck
Wayne Dietrich Albers
Norman R. Buenger
Patsy Ann Huenecke
Sharon Kay Ehlers
Lorraine Kay**

**Darlene Ann Clausen
Frieda Alice Vohs
Mitchell James Fritz
Dianne Elaine Sorensen
Cynthia Louise Dittmer
Dale Albert Nook
Harold Orrin Droegmiller**

We also remember these saints from our lives, who we now name before you:

Names may be offered from the assembly, either silently or aloud

As we remember and give thanks for all the ways these precious people touched our lives and shined the light of Christ, empower us to be led by the Spirit to magnify the grace of Jesus in our lives. We know by your promises that we will be together again with all the faithfully departed and that there will be a time when suffering and death will be no more. Until that time, Lord, may the lives of the faithful inspire us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Hear our prayer in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

MEAL

Children's Offering / Offering

Musical Offering *The Gift of Faith: LOGOS 4th – 6th grade*

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

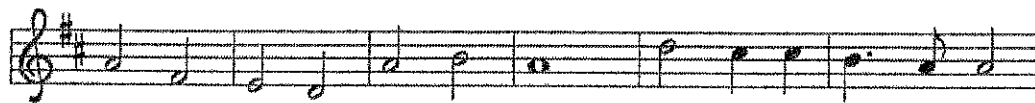
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

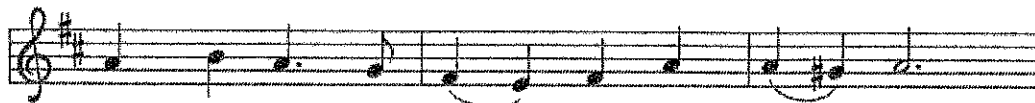
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Preface

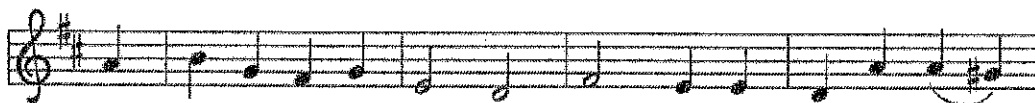
It is indeed... we join in their unending praise:



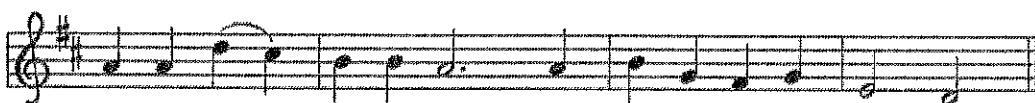
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Word of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Distribution

****Distribution of the Sacrament****

*All who trust in Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper,
where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life.*

*Please tell the server if you desire grape juice as an alternative to wine,
or if you require a gluten-free wafer.*

Please join in singing –

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for ev'ryone.

Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it— truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

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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.

SENDING

Blessing

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

Amen.

Closing Song

Shall We Gather at the River

#423

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Vicar:	Emily Anderson
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Lauren Meyer
	LOGOS 8 th Grade Students
Special Music:	LOGOS 4 th – 6 th Grade Students
Deacons:	Mitch Trost and John Walsh
Greeters:	Bob & Connie Butcher
Acolytes:	Beau Butcher and Brynn Nedved
Sound & Video:	Doug Wessling and Lex Jacobson
Coffee Hosts:	Mary & Doug Ruffridge
	Amelia & Josh Werner

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, November 1 ~ All Saints' Sunday

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship
4:30 PM	Novemberfest here at St. Paul (Carry Out Only)

MONDAY, November 2

11:00 – 1:00	Celebration of Life for Dale & Eula Nook at Holstein American Legion
5:00 PM	Novemberfest Auction Closes

WEDNESDAY, November 4

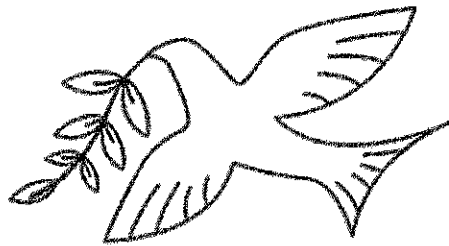
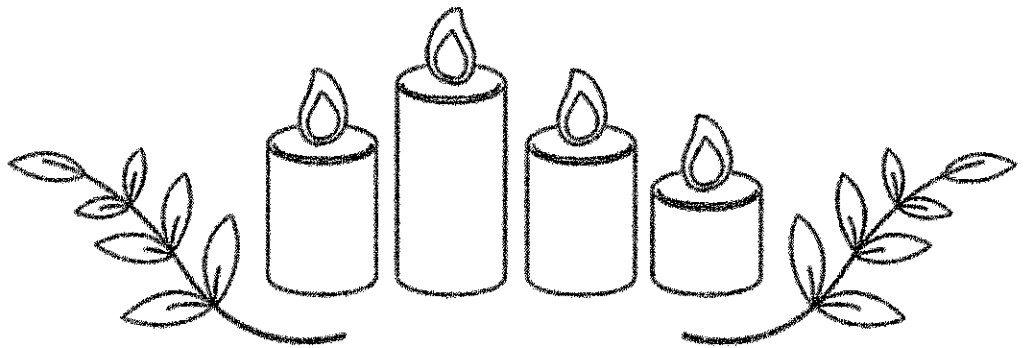
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SUNDAY, November 8 ~ 24th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

*All Saints' Sunday
St. Paul Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

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All Saints' Day

*Our Departed Saints,
Our Newly Baptized Saints,
& Memorials from the last year*

Departed Saints

Carla Kay Eidenshink

December 9, 1959 ~ October 26, 2025

Henry Glen Brueck

June 17, 1940 ~ October 30, 2025

Wayne Dietrich Albers

June 13, 1944 ~ November 10, 2025

Norman R. Buenger

May 12, 1939 ~ November 23, 2025

Patsy Ann Huenecke

October 29, 1933 ~ December 14, 2025

Sharon Kay Ehlers

September 30, 1941 ~ December 30, 2025

Lorraine Kay

September 1, 1928 ~ February 25, 2026

Darlene Ann Clausen

June 2, 1938 ~ February 28, 2026

Frieda Alice Vohs

January 10, 1925 ~ May 10, 2026

Mitchell James Fritz

June 3, 1962 ~ June 6, 2026

Dianne Elaine Sorensen

February 27, 1950 ~ June 17, 2026

Cynthia Louise Dittmer
September 2, 1951 ~ July 8, 2026

Dale Albert Nook
December 28, 1930 ~ August 18, 2026

Harold Orrin Droegmiller
September 13, 1944 ~ August 23, 2026

Newly Baptized Saints

Lacey Roberts
Baptized December 3, 2025

Lillian Louise Rivera
Daughter of Rodrigo & Alexis Rivera
Baptized January 11, 2026

Macee Grace and Melody Rose Mallison
Daughters of Brianna Mallison
Baptized January 25, 2026

Vera MacKenzie Anderson
Daughter of Jaden & Emily Anderson
Baptized April 26, 2026

Eden Beverly Werner
Daughter of Josh & Amelia Werner
Baptized June 14, 2026

Hudson Chase Lowe
Son of Kyle & Jordyn Lowe
Baptized July 26, 2026

Hayes Michael Ogren
Son of Garrett & Abbi Ogren
Baptized August 23, 2026

Archimedes Kennard Dreeszen
Son of Adam & Alyssa Dreeszen
Baptized August 30, 2026

Shelby Thomas Snyder
Son of Spencer & Ciara Snyder
Baptized October 2, 2026

Vivienne Ruth Thompson
Daughter of Daniel & Julianne Thompson
Baptized October 2, 2026

Gabriel Benjamin, Kaleb Richard, and
Cambria Lynn VanHouten
Children of Ben & Sara VanHouten
Baptized October 11, 2026

Memorials of 2026

Undesignated:

Frieda Vohs, Cindy Dittmer, Harold Droegmiller

Pew Pads:

Leanne Hammer, Harold Droegmiller

New Trees: Darlene Clausen, Henry Brueck

Bell Choir: Lorraine Kay

Quilting Ladies: Clarence Todd