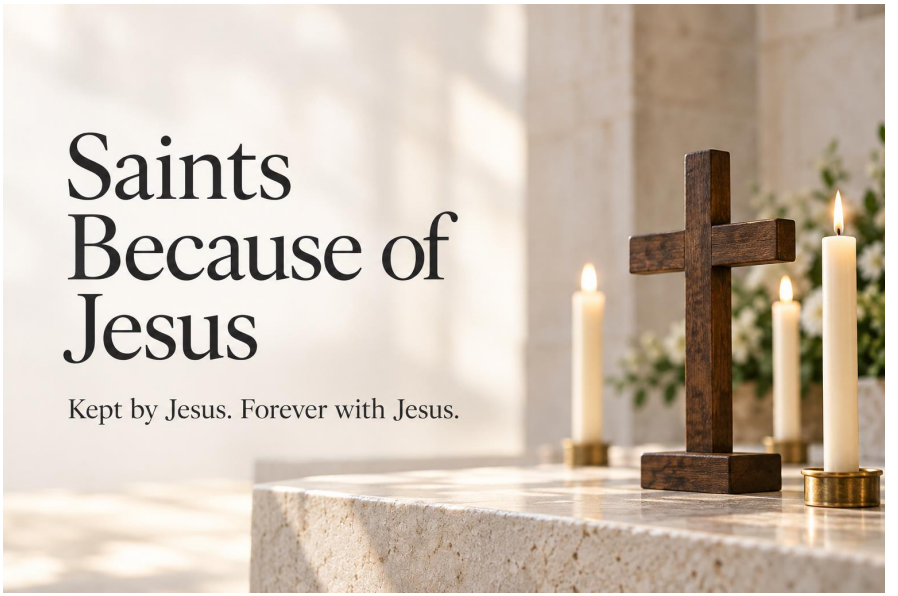
Risen Christ Lutheran Church

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026 10am

As you enter the sanctuary, please use these moments for quiet prayer and preparation as we gather in the presence of the Lord to receive His gifts.



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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – Holy Communion is normally celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and on other festival or special Sundays. We believe that Christ's true body and blood are received in the Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because Scripture also warns against receiving the Sacrament in an unworthy manner, communicants should repent of their sins, trust Christ's words and promises, and desire to forgive and live in Christian love toward others. Baptized Christians who share this confession and have examined themselves are welcome to commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Rennie if you have questions. The bread is distributed before the individual and common cups of wine. White nonalcoholic wine is located in the center of the tray.

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome! We are grateful that you are worshiping with us. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Indicate on the card whether you would appreciate a call or other contact from Pastor Rennie.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Today we thank God for the faithful departed and keep our eyes on Jesus, whose death and resurrection give us certain hope. Saints are sinners made holy through Christ's forgiveness. In Him, we are God's children now—even while we struggle, grieve, and wait. Those who have died in Christ are with Him, and at His return He will raise their bodies to everlasting life. Together, the saints on earth and the saints at rest belong to one Savior and one Church. Saints because of Jesus. Kept by Jesus. Forever with Jesus.

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 30:4–5

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

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,
C **and give thanks to His holy name.**

P For His anger is but for a moment,
C **and His favor is for a lifetime.**

P Weeping may tarry for the night,
C **but joy comes with the morning.**

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" *(Sung to the tune of "Ode to Joy")*

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 5:3

P As saints and yet sinners, we call upon the mercy of God, our heavenly Father. O almighty God,

C **You rule and reign with justice. As Your people, we should love all Your decrees. Yet our hearts are hard. We prefer our ways to Your ways. We shout our freedoms but whisper Your correction. You call us salt and light, yet over and over we choose the darkness. Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. Renew our hearts that we might rejoice as the saints You call us to be.**

Pause for silent reflection

P To make sinners into saints of His kingdom, God in His mercy sent forth Jesus, who declares, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The blood of Jesus has opened the door to the Kingdom where He rules and reigns, now and forever. As a called and ordained servant of the living Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

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.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Revelation Song

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

<u>CHORUS</u>: Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and
glory and power be
to You the only wise King ***<u>CHORUS</u>***

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery Yeah... ***<u>CHORUS</u>***

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First Reading

Revelation 7:2–17

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he
called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, 3 saying, "Do
not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their
foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

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."

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

Psalm 149

L Praise the LORD!
C **Sing to the LORD a new song,**
His praise in the assembly of the godly!

L Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
C **let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

L Let them praise His name with dancing,
C **making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!**

L For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
C **He adorns the humble with salvation.**

L Let the godly exult in glory;
C **let them sing for joy on their beds.**

L Let the high praises of God be in their throats
C **and two-edged swords in their hands,**
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

L to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
to execute on them the judgment written!
C **This is honor for all His godly ones.**
L Praise the LORD!

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

L These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
L Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

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.

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

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T **everlasting. Amen.**

Verse

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**

P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
C **let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

P Alleluia.
C **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ.**

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Revelation 14:13

P Alleluia! I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:

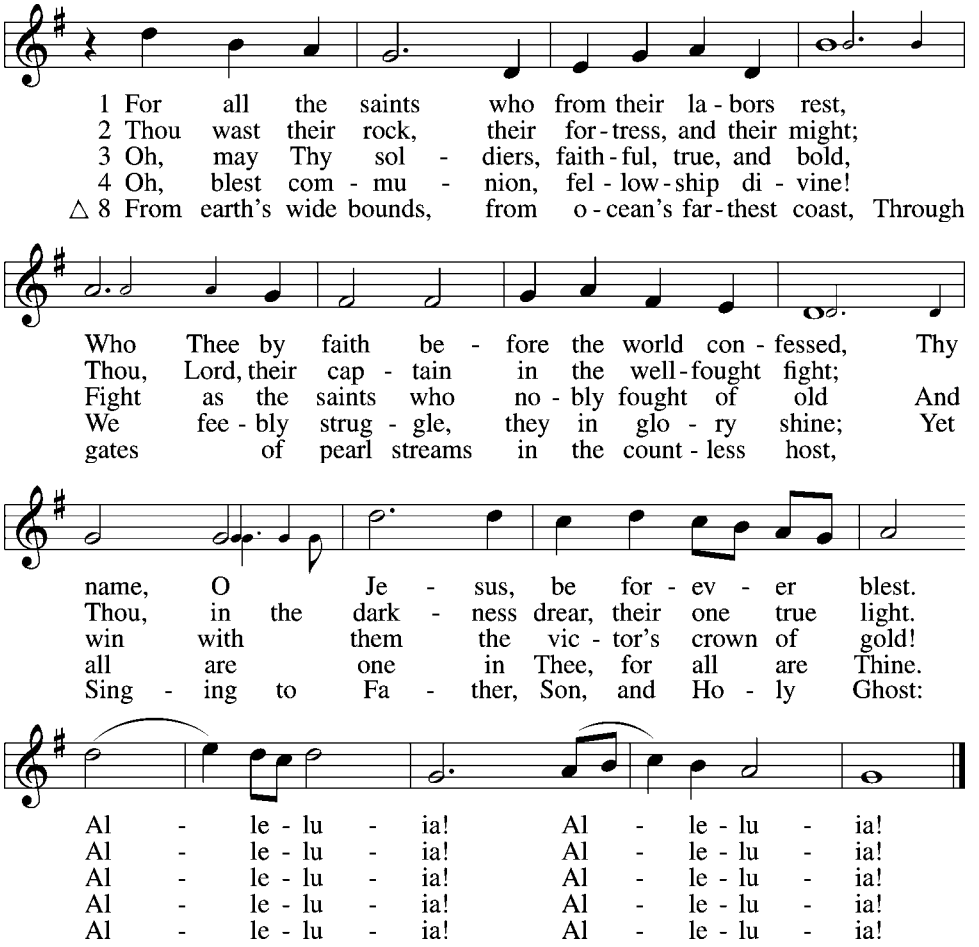
C **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."**

P "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,

C **for their deeds follow them!" Alleluia!**

P On this All Saints' Day, we remember our hope in Jesus Christ, His grace, and His assurance of everlasting life, and we remember those saints who in death have claimed the crown of righteousness promised to all who trust in Christ as Lord and Savior.

For All the Saints



Sermon – "Saints Because of Jesus" Matthew 5:1–12; Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3

1. Saints by Christ's mercy.
Our holiness is His gift. In Christ, we are God's children now.

2. Empty-handed sinners receive a Savior's gifts.
Jesus died and rose for us. He brings forgiveness through His Word and Sacraments.

3. Grieving hearts have resurrection hope.
Those who die in Christ are with Him. He will raise their bodies on the Last Day.

4. Christ's mercy shapes our daily lives.
Forgiven people learn to forgive, show mercy, and remain faithful amid opposition.

5. One Savior holds His whole Church together.
The saints on earth and the saints at rest belong to Christ. We shall see Him as He is.

Saints because of Jesus. Kept by Jesus. Forever with Jesus.

Find Us Faithful

We're pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us
Line the way
Cheering on the faithful
Encouraging the weary
Their lives a stirring testament
To God's sustaining grace ***CHORUS***

Oh may all
who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey
Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful

Surrounded by so great
A cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race
Not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness
Passed on through godly lives

Oh may all
who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey
Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful

After all our hopes and dreams
Have come and gone
And our children sift through all
We've left behind
May the clues that they discover
And the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them
To the road we each must find ***CHORUS***

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Doxology

Prayer of the Church

P Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world.

Heavenly Father, You have called us Your children, and so we are. Fix our eyes on Your love, that we might be pure as Christ is pure and walk in hope of the glory yet to be revealed. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Merciful Savior, You opened Your heart to the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, and the persecuted. Be the strength of the weak and the consolation of the hurting, [*especially . . .*]. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Eternal King, as an uncountable multitude sings of the salvation that belongs to the Lamb on the throne, make us aware of the struggles of Christians of every tribe and language, that we might support them with our prayers and charity. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Compassionate Christ, as You remember those who mourn, make us tender to care for those who grieve. Wipe away their tears with the hope of heaven and sustain them in body and soul until the day when pain and death are no more. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Faithful Lord, teach us a new song to sing, that as Your saints in this place we might impact our families and neighborhoods, displaying Your goodness and declaring Your Gospel. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Sentences

Psalm 116:15, Revelation 14:

P Alleluia! Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints!
C **They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Alleluia!**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes ***CHORUS***

***CHORUS*: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul**
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find ***CHORUS***

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

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Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

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