St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge we are worshipping on Treaties 4, 6, and 7 territory the traditional homelands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, Assiniboine, Kanai (Blood), Siksika (Blackfoot), Piikani (Peigan), Nakoda (Stoney) and Tsuu T'ina (sarcee)and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

Let us bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise will always be on our lips.
Magnify the Lord in all ways;
We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service.
God, send your light and your truth as we gather to worship.
May they lead us into your holy presence.

Hymn 327 Sing praise to God who reigns above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory.

2. The angel host, O King of kings,
your praise forever telling,
in earth and sky all living things
beneath your shadow dwelling,
adore the wisdom which could span,
and power which formed creation's plan:
to God all praise and glory.

3. What God's almighty power has made
in mercy God is keeping;
by morning glow or evening shade.

nor slumbering nor sleeping.
Where'er God rules in sovereign might
there all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

4. Then all my gladsome way along
I sing aloud your praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises:
be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
to God all praise and glory.

5. All you that name Christ's holy name,
give God all praise and glory:
all who confess Christ's power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 677 My faith looks up to thee

1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me when I pray;
take all my guilt away;
oh let me from this day
be wholly thine.

2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be,
a living fire.

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;

bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
oh bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

God of courage and commitment, we confess we have not always followed the path you set before us. Fear holds us back from fully embracing your gift of new life. Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your love. Forgive us, O God. Give us courage that we may act as your saints in our own time, faithfully following Jesus, no matter the cost. Amen.

– silent confession –

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 749 Be still, my soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future wisely, as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the voice that ruled them here on earth below.

3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know God's love, God's heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all death takes away.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Responsive Reading Psalm 34:1-10, 22 p. 483 NT & Psalms

1 I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.
2 I will boast only in the Lord;
let all who are helpless take heart.
3 Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;
let us exalt his name together.
4 I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me.
He freed me from all my fears.
5 Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy;
no shadow of shame will darken their faces.
6 In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened;
he saved me from all my troubles.
7 For the angel of the Lord is a guard;
he surrounds and defends all who fear him.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you his godly people,

for those who fear him will have all they need.

[10] Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry,
but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

[22] But the Lord will redeem those who serve him.
No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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Scripture Lessons

Revelation 7:9-17	p. 434 NT & Psalms
1 John 3:1-3	p. 416 NT & Psalms
Matthew 5:1-12	p. 8 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What makes a saint?

Prayers of the People *(minister)*

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Generous God, thank you for your steadfast love which has inspired so many to give their lives in sacrifice. Bless the gifts we bring, and inspire our discipleship so that our lives will also witness to your love in Christ's name. Amen.

Hymn 611 For all the saints

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, o Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. Oh may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Postlude