

Vasa Lutheran Church

All Saints Day

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Sunday, November 1, 2026

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept 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.

GATHERING HYMN: FOR ALL THE SAINTS **Singing verses 1-5 ELW 422

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, All You People

Uyaimose



<i>U - ya - i - mo - se,</i> 1 Come, all you peo - ple, 2 Come, all you peo - ple, 3 Come, all you peo - ple,	<i>ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;</i> come and praise the Most High; come and praise the Sav - ior; come and praise the Spir - it;
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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in 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.**

PSALM 34: 1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN AS SAINTS OF OLD

ELW 695

SERMON

HYMN SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

ELW 423

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Even as we remember the dead today, we look to the heavenly banquet to come.

Even as we taste the broken bread, we proclaim the risen Christ.

Even as we mourn the dead, we rejoice in the living.

We live wearing our baptismal robes and our burial shrouds.

We confess that sometimes our shroud of mourning wraps around us so tight that we cannot escape our grief. We confess that as we mourn the deaths of those we love, with throats sore from our wailing and our tears, we cannot speak the words of Martha to proclaim, "Yes, Lord, I believe" (John 11:27).

We confess that we do not have strength to proclaim it, and we lean on the voices around us who recite, "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

We confess that we are tired, hungry, worn out by the weight of the death and sin that surrounds us.

We confess that we sometimes forget what that heavenly banquet tastes like.

You do not have to end your weeping, but know that God desires to wipe away every tear.

You do not have to have the strength to say the names of your dead today, but know that the Lord knows and cares for all souls. You do not have to have the taste of heaven on your lips today, but you are invited to eat the bread of heaven.

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come; We give you thanks for all your faithful people, who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. Today we remember:

***Dale Anderson, Richard Jacobson, Duane Lindstrom, Terri Mandelkow,
Jacqueline Mikaelson, Darnell Montey***

As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no

more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Worshippers are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones.

P: O Lord, support us all the daylong of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: God, in your mercy, Please respond with: **Hear our prayer**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We will receive communion around the altar. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You don't need to be a member of Vasa, nor do you need to be a Lutheran to receive the body and blood of Christ today. Gluten free portions and non-alcoholic wine are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children are welcome to come forward and will receive a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.**
Amen.

SENDING HYMN OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND ELW 441

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God

Rita Pearson Wendy
Anderson, Scott Sorenson,
Lorrie Samuelson, Lynda
Rosener, Connor
Michalicek (Rosann
Pearson's grandson), Jake
Jacobson, Rachel Harper
(Barry Skog's Niece)



Parish Pulse
October 25th
Participating in worship 38
+ 111 Live Streaming
Total Offerings: 1,100

Worship Assistants Today

November 1st

Musician: Anne Anderson

Usher: Duane Hanson

Lector:

Hospitality: Lora Gruber

Communion Asst.: BJ Norman

Worship Assistants Next Week

November 8th

Musician: Nick Kees

Usher: Bruce Tilderquist

Lector: Kathy Tilderquist

Hospitality: Sue Hedeem

- **Temple talk** is November 15th following service. Presentation of MSP, search for new pastor
- **Vasa Bazaar** will be November 7th from 9-3. Baked good can be brought in on Thursday the 5th from 5-7 and Friday the 6th from 9-noon and 7-9pm
- **Altar flowers** given today by Tim and Melanie Carlson in memory of Marilyn Carlson.

MUSIC FOR November 1, 2026

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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AS SAINTS OF OLD

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SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

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OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797-1866; tr. composite

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