St. Paul Lutheran Church
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026
Nine - Thirty in the Morning
Fullerton, CA

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

"Agnus Dei / King of Kings"

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, you saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake, You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

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"Here I Am to Worship" *by Hillsong Worship and Reuben Morgan*
Verse 1 Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2 King of all days oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus 1 Well, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (x4)

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION
Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.
The "great cloud of witnesses" have finished their race. With joy, we run our race of faith.
Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and artists, disciples and evangelists.

For all your saints, O Lord, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.
Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured, and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died, that we might be who we are, where we are--your precious children in this community of believers.
We praise you, for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.

Family members, and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.
We praise you for their lives. We humbly pray anew, that we, like them in holiness may live and die in you. Therefore, the "great cloud of witnesses" have finished their race.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely. Our sins are forgiven, ✝ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ.
With joy, we run our race of faith. Amen.

The Children are asked to join the Pastor on the steps in front of the church

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

The Congregation stands to sing
HYMN **"For All the Saints"**

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. 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.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

John Andrew Draxler, Bill Glauch, Brian Thomas Jordan, Leslie Richardson, Douglas Strom, Raymond Welch

5. The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants, cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. But then there breaks, a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. 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: Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING **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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **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.

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BEFORE THE READING

Today's Gospel reading is from the book of Matthew, beginning in the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

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 **The Rev. Steve Awbrey**

The Congregation stands to sing

GATHERING **"Shall We Gather at the River"**

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

Cello Solo: Greg Adamson

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

APOSTLES' CREED

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 power of 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
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Offering is received during music - Greg Adamson, Cello

OFFERING PRAYER
God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS
We stand in community with those around us daily, and the memories of many people who define our spiritual journey. This is the season the Church calls us to remember our faith-mentors. We truly are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the Church, and its faithful people across the centuries.

NAMING OF THE SAINTS IN OUR OWN LIVES
Please speak the names aloud, of loved ones who have passed on before us . . .

"We praise you for all these lives, Father. They all left some of themselves in our memories; some: left just a whisper with us as we passed by their lives; some left whole volumes for one or another of us to cherish and learn from. Help us to be ever mindful of the brevity of our lives and to seize opportunities to love one another, care for one another and to really love life." Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Prayer for All Saints' Day, Sara Jimenez, from "We Are All Apprentices of Prayer"
Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to run with patience, to be faithful through the years, to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love. You are the Lord forevermore.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

TOGETHER AT GOD'S TABLE

Lamb of God
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us. (repeat)

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.

Communion Music **"Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)"**

Verse 1 Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die
O raise your head for Love is passing by
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live

Verse 2 Now your burden's lifted and carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live

Verse 3 Like a newborn baby don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk, sometimes we fall
So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live

Verse 4 Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live

Verse 5 O and when the love spills over, and music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live

Verse 6 And with your final heartbeat kiss the world good-bye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side

And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

"Blessing" - W. Chris Winn

Chancel Choir: May God watch over your soul.
May Christ remain in our sight.
May the Spirit's light be hope for each day,
and lighten our load along each way.
May you live all the days of your life,
content in the arms of the One above.
May God look on you with favor and give you peace.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
shine his face on you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face to you, and give you peace.

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG **"Soon and Very Soon"**

Verse 1 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King, (3 times)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

Verse 2 No more crying there, we are going to see the King, (3 times)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

Verse 3 No more dying there, we are going to see the King, (3 times)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.