All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

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Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another
Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

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Divine Service Setting Four

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Prelude - Handbells *"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"* F. Green

Announcements and Attendance/Communion Registration

(either use the form on the last page, and put in white boxes at entrances, or the QR code)

Opening Hymn *"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"* LSB 822

(Rise on last verse)

1 Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,
Whose hand sustains creation. Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.

2 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing, In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in that blessèd flood,
And as His bride selected. Holy, holy Is our union And communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

3 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation. Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing; Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore And sing His praises evermore For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.
L: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
L: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free

ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm

149; antiphon: v. 4

L: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
C: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
L: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
C: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
L: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
C: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
L: to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
C: to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
L: to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

L: 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.

Sharing of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

(share the peace with one another then be seated)

Anthem – Handbells *"Softly Now the Light of Day"* L. Gottschalk

The Service of the Word

Old Testament 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."

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading **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.

(*after the reading)*

R: This is the word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *(all rise)* **Matthew 5:1–12**

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th 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."

(after the reading)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (LSB Inside back cover)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"Jesus Sat with His Disciples"* LSB 932

1 Jesus sat with His disciples On a mountainside one day;
As the crowds of people gathered, He began to teach and say:
"Blessèd are the poor in spirit, Heaven's kingdom they will share.
Blessèd are the sad and mourning, Joy and comfort will be theirs.

2 "Blessèd are the meek and humble, All the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy, They are bless'd and will be filled.
Yes, the merciful are blessèd, Mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessèd, They have eyes for God alone.

3 "Blessèd are God's sons and daughters, Making peace where there is strife.
Blessèd are the persecuted, Who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven, In the kingdom up above—
So be glad to share My suff'ring And rejoice to know My love."

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Sermon **Matthew 5:1–12**

The Prayer of the Church

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(after each petition)

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament

"As we receive the True Body and Blood of our Lord, our faith is fed, our spirits are encouraged, and we are moved to share God's grace with the world."

[Because of the closeness of this sharing (and the concerns expressed in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29) we ask that those who have not been taught the faith at STL speak with a pastor or elder before communing.]

Preface *(Please rise)*

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord.
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgement You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruit of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer LSB, inside back cover

L: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei LSB 210

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution of the Sacrament *(Please be seated)*

Alcohol-free wine is available in the center of each individual cup tray.
Gluten-free host is available upon request from the host server.
If you are coming for a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

Hymns during the Distribution

"Jerusalem the Golden" LSB 672 v. 1-3

1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

2 Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessèd Shines bright with glorious sheen.

3 Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

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"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LSB 673

1 Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

2 O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.

3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.

4 There trees forevermore bear fruit And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell And evermore do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you …
C: Amen

Sending Hymn *"For All the Saints"* LSB 677 v. 1, 3, 4, 7, 8

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!

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! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 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: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Please place your offering in the boxes at the entrances!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Your personal prayer guide for the week of:

November 1, 2026

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon Christ's people on earth:

- Strengthen fathers and mothers in their vocations, that they may raise their children in the way that they should go.
- Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil.
- Satisfy us as we feed on His body and blood under bread and wine.
- Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us.

And we remember all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially: Dolly Houth, Estella Robbins (Mother of Roberta Gibson).

To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✞**For Loved Ones Called Home:** Marianne Setter (niece of Caroline Henze) was called home October 24th.

✞**God's Healing Hand on:** Clyde Armstrong, Cathy Meer, Janice Engel, Nancy Wargo, Emily Henze (Caroline's daughter-in-law), Carol Hawkins (cousin of Jan Patty), Jennifer Patterson (friend of Jan Patty), Regina (aunt of Jan Patty) Marlene Debrosse and Donna Karas and Kathy Bommarito and Matt Kaye (Debbie Kujawski's relatives and friends), Tom Habrowski (Sue Wensink's brother) Nicole Lechner (Daughter of Hope Nawrocki), Uli Korell, Wilhelm Wolf (Cousins of Vera Lafrate), Michael Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), John Ustick, Alycia & Scott Baker (relatives of Diane Ustick), Penelope Perich & Frankie.

✞**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Pastor Rick VanBriggle, Marge Bittner, Steve Kruse, Harrison Ahee, Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Andrew Brejnak, 19, (grandson of Gerry & Nola Klonowski, son of their daughter, Lisa), Robert Laroche (family of Jan Adams), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Sally Burk (sister of Lois Revard), Tamara Sommer (Connie's daughter-in-law), Beatrice Paden (Pastor Gladden's aunt).

Today is Mite Box Sunday!

Upcoming Events:

(visit the web page or see the STL publications for more information)

Life Line Screenings - November 6 - 8AM – 5:30PM

Schedule your screening today to be done here in the gym!
Call to schedule your appointment: **800-324-9458**

Next Sunday is LWML Sunday!

LWML Prayer & Rally – November 7 9AM - 1PM

Prayer service will take place in the Sanctuary & will be followed by a luncheon in the fireside lounge for ingathering.
Contact the office for more information.

Clothing Closet – November 14 – 11AM – 1PM

Your help is needed! Contact Kathy Smith for more information

Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets – November 21 – 10AM – 11AM

Contact the office for more information

MCREST

November and December Mission Envelopes

100% of your Mission Envelope donations (either using the envelope provided in your box or through your designation electronically or with a different envelope) to STL during the months of November and December will be given to MCREST.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DONATIONS
This year St. Thomas will provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to 100 families in need in our community.

Monetary donations for turkeys are appreciated.
Donations are needed by Tuesday, November 17.
Food Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 21.

At this time, we need the following food items for the baskets:

Family Size Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
Box of Stove Top Stuffing Mix,
Canned Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce,
Ranch or Italian Salad Dressing

At this time, we ***do not*** need: Bags of Dried Beans or Rice, Cans of Beans and Vegetables

Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians we hire for our Christmas Eve and Easter services. These musicians enhance the special services and help support the Kapelle and congregational singing. If you would like to be a patron, please place your donation in an envelope marked Patron for Kapelle and place it in the offering box in the back of the church, bring it to the church office or donate online, specifying Patron for Kapelle. Thank you so much for your genuine support of the Kapelle and its mission of edifying the church through music in song.

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EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text "GIVE" to 1-586-800-2223
- Visit: stl-eastpointe.org and click on "Mission Support"
- Through your Pay Pal account
- Scan this Quick Response (QR) code

These will connect you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account or use your credit or debit card (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

$125 Per Household Bonus Grant for Your Congregation

In Celebration of our 125th anniversary, CEF is launching the Ministry Partner Bonus Grant. Here's how it works: when an individual investor (that's you or others that attend your church or school!) opens a new CEF note of $1,000 or more with a term of at least 24 months, your church earns a $125 Bonus Grant. One grant per household.

This is a meaningful way for your congregation members to put their savings to work for the Kingdom-and to see that faithfulness come back as a direct blessing to your ministry. Every new note opened is a step toward a stronger church.

How to participate:

1. Share this opportunity with your fellow congregation members and take advantage of it yourselves by opening another note.

2. Invite them to open a new CEF note of $1,000 or more at a 24-month minimum term.

3. Your church receives a $125 Bonus Grant-automatically. (Limit one per household.)

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