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*All Saints Sunday*

**November 2, 2025**

A Service of Word and Sacrament

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*Welcome to Christ Church!* We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a “first-timer,” a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God’s Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you. *\*Please stand as you are able*

# For Your Reflection

It is a serious thing  
Just to be alive  
On this fresh morning  
In this broken world ~ Mary Oliver

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. ~ Hebrews 12:1

People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of heaven. ~ Luke 13:29

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# Words of Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**                *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* - arr. Sedio

# Call to Worship

One: After that, I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,

**Many: From every nation, from all tribes and peoples and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.**

One: They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

**Many: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

**\*Hymn**                        *For All the Saints* (verses 1 and 2)                        **Hymn # 529**

# \*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

**\*Words of Assurance and Grace ...**May the peace of Christ be with you!

**\*Hymn**

*Glory to God* (sung twice)

**Hymn #240**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest  
Glory to God. Glory to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

## **A Message for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Gift of Music**

*Now Is the Time* - Shafferman

Sanctuary Singers

### **Psalm 149** (unison)

**Praise the Lord! Sing to God a new song; sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their Ruler. Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine and lyre. For God takes pleasure in the people; and adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy. Praise be to God!**

### **New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23** (NRSVUE)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

<b>Hymn</b>	<i>For All the Saints</i> (verses 3 and 4)	<b>Hymn #529</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	"Supping with the Saints"	Rev. Dr. John Helt
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>For All the Saints</i> (verses 5 and 6)	<b>Hymn #529</b>

## **Remembering the Saints Among Us**

Dennis Griebenow

Robert Gaeth

Mary Puls Fletcher

Jack Wolf

Jennifer Young

## **Prayers of the People** *(see Weekly Newsletter for details)*

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns: **Jerry G, Bonnie & Jeff J, Gloria H, Nicole, Bart, Tom, Dulce, Laurel, Bill, Blair, Joe, Kozy, Stacy, Susie**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Generosity**

Something in us changes, when we live our lives with a spirit of giving and grace. Something in us changes when we share what we have and who we are. Something in us changes when we choose generosity as a way of life, without judging or questioning those who need us to be generous. That change is a gift of God, and we find God's love filling our hearts and our lives with every good gift we give freely and without question.

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## **Offertory** *Santo (Holy)- arr. Smith*

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Invitation**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the south and the north, and gather about Christ's table.

## The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy (**congregation echo**)

God, Ruler Almighty (**echo**)

Heaven and earth are full of your glory (**echo**)

Glory be to you, O God (**echo**)

Blessed is the one who comes (**echo**)

Who comes in the name of our God (**echo**)

Hosanna! Hosanna! (**echo**)

Hosanna in the highest! (**echo**)

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Christ Jesus, until you come again in glory.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

## Words of Institution

## The Distribution

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**For feeding us at this table, and for this communion of all the saints, we thank you, Gracious God. Fill our hearts with your love, and send us forth into the world with your peace. In the name of our Host and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**Hymn #405**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Song**    *Now it's Time to Say Goodbye*

Now it's time to say goodbye  
To go on out from here  
To live the visions and the dreams  
To scatter hate and fear  
So may the Peace be with you now  
A peace that's filled with Grace  
May it surround all your struggles  
And everything you face.  
And may you find your own way  
To sing out love's own song  
With courage, tears and laughter  
And then to pass it on.  
Yes the time has come to say goodbye.  
May peace be with you now.

**Postlude**

*Foundation* - Held



**MISSION MINUTES | Transforming Love | Luke 19:1-10** | There’s a church school song sung throughout the generations teaching children about Zacchaeus, “a wee little man” who wanted to see Jesus amid the crowds towering over him, who climbed a tree to catch a glimpse. As the song goes, while in the tree, Jesus spots the tax collector and shouts, “Zacchaeus, you come down. For I’m going to your house today.”

And Jesus did just that. He dined with Zacchaeus. It was a transformative meal because Zacchaeus, honored to host such a great guest, opened his heart—and coin bag—and vowed to share his wealth with others. While Jesus was pleased, others were not.

We have all been where Zacchaeus was. No, not precariously straddling tree limbs to see Jesus. We have been in the place where others might not think we deserve redemption, forgiveness, or even that holy second chance.

Why is it that we often begrudge others of God’s grace?

While I can’t think of who might not have been happy with my second chances in life, I can vividly remember the times I have been in the crowd wondering why the Lord noticed someone like Zacchaeus. Did my eyes roll with the others? Did I join in the disparaging whispers? I should have been rejoicing that if Zacchaeus could change, so could I. For the Lord sees me—and you.

That day, Jesus saw into the heart of Zacchaeus when others couldn’t. He knew this “wee little man” wanted to grow spiritually, as witnessed in the tree he scurried into, a sycamore. In Israel, the sycamore tree symbolizes spiritual elevation. It represents the willingness to change. Zacchaeus was willing to change that day.

What about us? How badly do we want to see the Lord? Would we be willing to climb the branches of change, hoist ourselves up on the limbs of spiritual elevation, and feel the bark of renewal?

The good news is we don’t have to find a tree to climb. Jesus has already spotted us, and he knows the goodness that is in our hearts.

*God of grace and mercy, how reassuring it is to know that we are never lost in the crowd. You see our hearts and know our struggles. You never withhold your healing love. And for that, we thank you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*

Monthly Activity	September	YTD
Contributions	\$10,169	\$80,263
Other Income	\$15,003	\$56,735
Total Income	\$25,172	\$136,998
Expenses	\$12,894	\$147,488
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$133,800

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