

All Saints Sunday November 1, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self examination.

P 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.**

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. † Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Praise Songs

Oh, the Glory of Your Presence

Oh, the glory of Your presence.

We, Your temple, give You rev'rence.

So arise from your rest and be blessed by our praise

As we glory in Your embrace,

As Your presence now fills this place.

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter His courts with praise. I will say,

"This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice for
He has made me glad."

He has made me glad, He has made me glad;

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **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.**

The Peace
able

Please stand as you are

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

First Reading ***Revelation 7:9-17***

After this, I saw a large crowd with more people than could be counted. They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands, as they shouted, "Our God, who sits upon the throne, has the power to save his people, and so does the Lamb."

The angels who stood around the throne knelt in front of it with their faces to the ground. The elders and the four living creatures knelt there with them. Then they all worshiped God and said, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

One of the elders asked me, "Do you know who these people are that are dressed in white robes? Do you know where they come from?" "Sir," I answered, "you must know."

Then he told me: "These are the ones who have gone through the great suffering. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and have made them white. And so they stand before the throne of God and worship him in his temple day and night. The one who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

They will never hunger or thirst again, and they won't be troubled by the sun or any scorching heat. "The Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to streams of life-giving water, and God will wipe all tears from their eyes."

....The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will always praise the Lord.

² **With all my heart, I will praise the Lord. Let all who are helpless, listen and be glad.**

³ Honor the Lord with me! Celebrate his great name.

⁴ **I asked the Lord for help, and he saved me from all my fears.**

⁵ Keep your eyes on the Lord! You will shine like the sun and never blush with shame.

⁶ **I was a nobody, but I prayed, and the Lord saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷ If you honor the Lord, his angel will protect you.

⁸ **Discover for yourself that the Lord is kind. Come to him for protection, and you will be glad.**

⁹ Honor the Lord! You are his special people. No one who honors the Lord will ever be in need.

¹⁰ **Young lions may go hungry or even starve, but if you trust the Lord, you will never miss out on anything good.**

²² The Lord saves the lives of his servants. Run to him for protection, and you won't be punished.

Second Reading **1 John 3:1-3**

Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children, as we truly are. But since the people of this world did not know who Christ is, they don't know who we are. My dear friends, we are already God's children, though what we will be hasn't yet been seen. But we do know when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is. This hope makes us keep ourselves holy, just as Christ is holy.

....The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse
able

Please stand as you are

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **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.

...*The Gospel of the Lord*

(sung) ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Youth Time

Please be seated

Choir Anthem ***Mercy Flows***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

For All the Saints

LBW #174 (verses 1,2,3,7,&8)

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Church

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry, as we serve our neighbors in love.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Glenda and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. This year we remember Ralph Fretz and Sharon Gardner. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

*{P Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!}*

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Rise, O Children of Salvation

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time here with us.

Thank you: To Pr. Adam, for leading us in worship today. We look forward to hearing your message!

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential.

Today's Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God from Judy Myers in celebration of Nancy Jackson's birthday.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Mission for November: The Veterans One-stop Center of WNY, which brings people, resources and organizations together to improve the quality of life for those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and their families. Thank you for your donations to this important organization.

Upcoming Tri-Church Worship:

Sunday, November 15: Veteran's Day Worship **at TOL 11:00 am**

Sunday, December 6: We will all celebrate a Christmas program at Good Shepherd.

TOL Fall Chicken Chowder: Thank you to everyone who helped with the chowder sale last week, and a special thank you to Matt Grabau for organizing and running the sale!

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, which is this **Tues., Nov. 3**. Please see Charlie or Diane Schmidtke for a Zoom link. The meetings begin at 10 am.

Curtains Up: This **Saturday, Nov. 7**, please join us at Ellicott Creek Playhouse for a live performance of "Man of LaMancha." There is a sign up sheet on the main bulletin board, and there are 30 seats available.

Adult Education Fall 2026 through Spring 2027: The classes take place on **Mondays at 1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. The focus will be on religious leaders, led by Charlie Schmidtke. The next two classes are as follows.

Monday, November 9

Monday, November 23

Women's Lunch Group: We will meet on **Thursday, November 12** at Raintree Bar and Grill, 2970 Colvin Blvd., Tonawanda.

Augustana Book Club: Will meet on **Thursday, November 12** at 6:30 and we will discuss Whistler by Ann Patchett.

Niagara Frontier Chord Authority Presents: Silver and Gold for the Holidays, an A Cappella Concert, at TOL on **Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm**. As the holidays approach, we celebrate in song! Come enjoy our toe tapping music and a special visit by everyone's favorite holiday couple, Santa and Mrs. Claus! Then socialize with some wonderful people and enjoy refreshments while you browse crafts, wreaths, and baked goods sale. Admission \$12 presale; \$15 at the door, children under 12 free. nfcachorusinfo@gmail.com for tickets. Website: www.nfcachorus.org or see Barb Y.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Items or cash donations for Operation Christmas Child boxes – bin in hallway.

This week's calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly.</i> <i>Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i>	Sun	11/1	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship at Augustana Worship at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	11/2	10 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Yoga AA
	Tues	11/3	All day 9 am 10 am 5:45 pm 7:30 pm	General Election Day Sandwich Team #5 Grief Support Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	11/4	5:45 pm	Yoga Flow
	Thur	11/5	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	11/6	11 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	11/7		
	Sun	11/8	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship at Augustana Worship at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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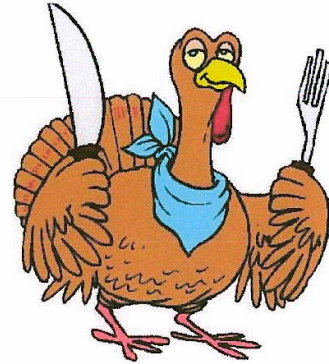
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DONATE A DINNER!

As in the past the Good Shepherd Food Pantry would like to be able to offer every family that comes to us in November the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner. We're asking YOU, our brothers and sisters, for help in making this possible by providing the necessary Thanksgiving fixings to go along with a turkey. "Fixings" needed for each dinner are:



- one can each of peas, carrots, corn and green beans
- a box of instant potatoes
- a box of instant stuffing
- a can or jar of cranberry sauce
- a can or envelope of turkey gravy mix
- a box of cake, brownie or cookie mix
(no fresh or frozen pies, please, as we do not have room to store them)
- an aluminum disposable roasting pan

The turkeys will be provided for each of the Pantry's families, so we are hoping that you can help GSLC with the rest of the necessary fixings to make a complete meal.

It will mean so much to help those who would otherwise not have a dinner to share with their family!

All Donations Need to Be At GSLC by November 18th
for distribution on November 21st.

Please contact Jessica in the GSLC office (832-5390) with any questions.

Donations can be delivered to GSLC during office hours:

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 9 AM – 2 PM

Closed for Vacation November 9th – 13th

Week of November 16th:

Monday 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM & Wednesday 12 PM – 5 PM

May God bless our effort to help others.

