

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

Sunday, November 1, 2026 | All Saints' Sunday

Blessed are those who mourn

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of the baptized, and by the authority of Christ alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: For All the Saints

hymn 422 | verses 1-4

Remembrance of the Saints

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Hymn: For All the Saints

hymn 422 | verses 5 & 6

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.

Children's Chat

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

hymn 172

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Deutsch

Hymn of the Day: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

hymn 773

Prayers of Intercession

L: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Response: As the Grains of Wheat

hymn 465

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving and Daily Preface

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 our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

hymn 191

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn: Blest Are They

hymn 728

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Post Communion Cantic: Praise to You, O God of Mercy

hymn 208

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

ACS 950 | insert

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: We go reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

BASED ON HYMN 237

L: Be gracious to us, deliver your people.

C: Hear us, O God.

L: You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

C: Hear us, O God.

L: For us and for our salvation, Jesus came down from heaven and was born of the virgin Mary.

C: Great is your love.

L: By Christ's cross and suffering he redeemed the world and has washed us of our sin.

C: Great is your love.

L: On the third day he rose from the dead and has given us the victory.

C: Great is your love.

L: He ascended on high and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

C: Great is your love.

L: For the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: For the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: For the saints of the Old Testament.

For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Rebekah. For Gideon and Deborah, David and Esther. For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel. For Miriam and Rahab, Abigail and Ruth.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: For the saints of the New Testament.

For Mary, mother of our Lord. For John, who baptized in the Jordan. For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Mary and Martha. For James and John, Peter and Andrew. For Paul and Apollos, Stephen and Phoebe.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized, and for Benjamin and Wyatt who were baptized in your name, in this place, this past year.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Be gracious to us, as we grieve. Deliver your people as we mourn.

C: Hear us, O God.

L: For our loved ones who have died in years past.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: For our brother in faith, who died this past year: Laurie Gerdes, David Johnson, and Adam Johnson,

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Be gracious to us and deliver your people.

C: Hear us, O God.

L: Give new life to your servants by your grace. Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

C: Hear us, O God. Amen.

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

PRAISES

- Those who helped with packing Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries.
- October's Noisy Offering was \$96.28. This will help with shipping costs for the Newborn Kits.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cathy Anderson Ken Anderson Becky Baer Mark Buesing Tracy Enz Jeanine Williams
Henry Hanson Warren Hase Mark Hobbs Gary Johnson Linda Kiecker Sue Miller
Barb Liptrap Eli Mauthe Barb Youell Dennis Ninow Chelcy Tullgren Laurie Geving
Nicole Buesing

- All serving in the military: especially Garrison & Megan Pfeffer (US Air Force)
- Our church family living with cancer: Sue Nasinec, Gloria Ideker, and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Following worship today, **Adult Bible Study**, will take place in the conference room.
- On election night, Christians from across Mankato will gather to pray for our country. Not for a party or a candidate, but for our neighbors, our leaders, and the peace of our community.

Election Night Prayer Vigil

8:00pm | Tuesday, November 3

Civic Center Plaza, downtown Mankato

Open to everyone

- First day of **Women's Bible Study**: Tomorrow, November 2 at 11:30am.
- The nominating committee has been activated. Please consider the possibility of serving our congregation on **church council or committees**.
- 3rd Quarter **giving statements** are ready to be picked up in the narthex.
- **First Communion Class** will take place November 18, December 2, and December 9 from 5:30-6:30pm. Student are to attend all three dates. If you feel your child is ready to take communion, and would like them to take part in the class, please speak with Pastor Sarah.
- In November we will collect the following hygiene items for the **LSS Outreach Center**: Shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bars of soap, individually packaged tooth brushes. All should be full size.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	November 1	November 8	November 15
Greeter	Joel & Donna Nielsen	Dale & Colleen Hall	Sue & Keith Edstrom
Reader	Dave Overholser	Joel Nielsen	Amy Ely
Communion Servers	Becky & Dave Overholser	Carol Regnier Donna Nielsen	Beth Rossow Amy Ely
Ushers	Dean Nagel Ray Weber	Joe Fisher Bob Brunz	Tom Wellner Terry Johnson
Acolyte/ Power Point	Harvey	Grace	Gavin
Open/Close	Bernita Gevin Dave Kerr	Kari Severson Katie Sieberg	Sue Edstrom Colleen Hall
Counters	Dave Kerr Duane Anderson	Bruce Sieberg Dave Overholser	Linda Arndt Patty Adams
Altar Guild	Donna Nielsen Amy Ely	Donna Nielsen Amy Ely	Sarah Weber Lisa Nagel
Fellowship	Sis Mosher, Dawn Braam, Larry & Bernita Geving	Kari Severson, Terry Krook, Cheryl Wellner	Carol Krueger, Winnis Buesing, Ann Stensrud

Financials At-A-Glance

General Fund			*Property Maintenance Fund \$37,826	Endowment Fund	
	Sep 2026	YTD 2026		Beg Bal 1/1/2026	\$32,004.86
Income	\$15,185	\$117,910		Ministry Growth	\$1,030.80
Expenses	\$12,698	\$109,904		Additional Funds	\$10,025.00
Net gain/loss	\$2,487	\$8,006		Market Change	\$2,635.97
				End Bal 9/30/2026	\$45,696.63

* Funds transferred from CD for property projects

