**St. John's Reformed Church**
**All Saints Sunday / Communion Sunday**
**November 1, 2026**

*(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the **bold** sections)*

Pre-Prelude
Announcements & Hospitality
Prelude

## Our Approach to God

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

*Call to Worship:
We remember, O God…
**The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**
We remember, O God…
**The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**
We remember, O God…
**The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**
We remember, O God…
**The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**
We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.
**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses…let us worship God with joy!**
*Hymn: # ***466 Abide With Me v.1-5***
Salutation & Prayer of Invocation
Call and Prayer of Confession
**Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.**
**Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**
*Moment of Silence*
Kyrie Eleison ***"Lord have mercy upon us: Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us."***
Assurance of Pardon
Summary of the Law: Micah 6:8, NRSV "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"
**May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.**
*Gloria Patri
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.***
Musical Meditation

## The Word of God In Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination
Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 34:1-10, 22
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
*Hymn**: #348 Great Is Thy Faithfulness v.1-3***
*Lesson from the New Testament: Revelation 7:9-17
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Lesson from the Gospels: 1 John 3:1-3
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Sermon
Prayer for Blessing

## Our Response to God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.**

*The Peace: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

***All Saints Memorial with Special Music***

*Please come forward, if you would like, to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one. This is an invitation to pause, remember and give thanks for the loved ones who have passed into the communion of Saints.*

The Offering

*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.***
***Praise Him all creatures here below.***
***Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.***
***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

*Prayer of Dedication

**We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation.**

The Lord's Supper with Hymns - #***837, #811***

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen* ***Amen, Amen, Amen.***

*Hymn***: *I'll Fly Away ( insert)***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen **"Go Now in Peace."**

*Postlude *Indicates congregation to stand if able.

