

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday



First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches

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"We are a community of churches and a church to the community."

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes.

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

WELCOME INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ALL SAINTS

L: On this All-Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

C: We give thanks!

L: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

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L: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

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L: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

C: We give thanks!

L: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

C: We give thanks!

L: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

C: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

SONG: *I Can Only Imagine*

[Verse 1]

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes would see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

[Chorus]

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees, will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

[Verse 2]

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself
Standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

[Chorus] (1 time)

I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

[End]

I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine

SONG: *Revelation Song*

[Verse 1] Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Holy, holy is He Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat [Chorus] Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was, and is, and is to come With all creation, I sing Praise to the King of kings You are my everything And I will adore You!	[Verse 2] Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be to You the only wise King [Chorus] (1 time) [Verse 3] Filled with wonder Awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name Jesus, Your Name is Power Breath and Living Water Such a marvelous mystery! [Chorus] (1 time)
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SONG: *Here I Am to Worship*

[Verse 1] Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes and let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You [Chorus] Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God Altogether lovely, altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me	[Verse 2] King of all days, oh so highly exalted You're glorious in heaven above, yes You are Humbly You came to this Earth You created All for love's sake became poor [Chorus] (1 time) [Bridge] I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin up on that cross I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin up on that cross [Chorus] (2 times)
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . .

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.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to worship with First and Holy Cross churches. Remember to join us for lunch following worship today.
- Today is **All Saints Sunday**, when we pause to remember and recognize members who have died this past year. We will ring a bell after each name is read during the prayers.
- You will have an opportunity to come forward during communion and **light a candle** in memory of your loved ones, and place it in the cross with sand on a table in the aisle at the front of the church.
- Please join us for a special **Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** following worship on November 30th. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church to let us know if you are coming (RSVP with the number of people). Please sign up if you are able to bring a dish to pass (not required in order to attend).
- We are looking for actors, speakers of all ages, to be in our **Christmas Program** during worship on Sunday, December 21st. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Rehearsals will be on the two prior Sundays after worship.
- Christmas is coming! Join us for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 7:00 pm on December 24th for an evening with a Christmas message, beautiful music, decorations and candles. Bring family and friends to celebrate.
- Would you like a **nametag** for church? We are ordering some new ones. This is open to everyone – please put your name on the sign-up sheet by the offering plates or call or email the office.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our **Sunday School** class.*

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BC, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. ² Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

¹⁵ "I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. "So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ 'The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.'

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise

of his glory. ¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:20-31

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Michael Breznen

SERMON TEXT: Joel 2:1-2 – Reformation Generation

2 ¹Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; ² A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

L: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

L: Beloved God,

**C: 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.

A time of silence

L: Friends, hear the Good News! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus taught us through his words and deeds how God forgives us by his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Thus, through faith and by the grace of God, we and all the faithful who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love!

C: Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

THE OFFERING

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THE PRAYERS – REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

*We remember those who have gone to be with the Lord this past church year with
the ringing of a bell after their name is read.*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Kirk Pierson

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Patrick Gilland

Dorothy Harrison

Franklin Eddie

Terry Taylor



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.

SONG: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

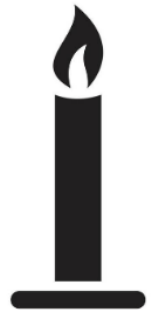
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

DISTRIBUTION

As you come forward for communion pick up a candle, carefully light it, and place it in the sand cross, in remembrance of those who have died as a symbol of love, hope, and healing. Continue on to receive communion.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION/ BLESSING

P: The LORD bless you and keep you,
The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C: Thanks be to God!

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Hilka Schroderus-Rowe, Tom Kalorgis
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians	CAC-WPB Praise Team	Sandra Baran
Lector	Andi Devine	Kathrine Summers
Ushers	Katherine S., Christine W., Judith M.	Katherine S., Christine W., Judith M.
Greeters	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt. Our condolences to the family and friends of **Terry Taylor**.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Karina Baker** (following thyroid surgery), **Dennis, Bill, Cynthia Amsden, Dylan Bauer, John Ackerman, Leona, Lisa & Don, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David S, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, and Patrick; Lesley Hogan** (friend of Katherine Summers); **Linda Zier** – lung cancer (Lori Kinney’s friend); **Cyndy Sellari** (for healing); **Joan Cannon** (health issues); and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

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