



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word

All Saints Sunday

Order of Worship

November 1, 2026

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

**Amen.**

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

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**

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

**Amen.**

Greeting

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn

***For All the Saints***

ELW 422

*Verses 1-4*

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

This is the Feast

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

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**

[Sit]

Youth Message

Choral Anthem

***We Shall Rise***

Thomas/Curry

The Luther Singers

First Lesson

**Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and

where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

*(Congregation speaks together.)*

<sup>1</sup>**I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.**

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;**

**let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>**Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;**

**let us exalt God's name together.**

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>**Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.**

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>**The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.**

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;**

**happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>**Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.**

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**

**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,**

**and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Second Lesson

**1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

[Stand]

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



**Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

[Sit]

Sermon

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day

***For All Your Saints, O Lord***

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Nicene Creed

[Stand]

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Remembering Our Saints

### Prayers

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

*A brief silence.*

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Your mercy is great.**]

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. God, in your  
mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways  
(*local places may be named*). 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 (*especially*).  
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 (*those who have died in the past year may be named*). 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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")*

Offering

[Sit]

Offertory

[Stand]

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be filled with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

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.

### 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 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**

[Sit]

### Lamb of God

**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

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.  
We're nourished together by the body and blood of our Lord.*

### Communion Hymns

***Jerusalem, My Happy Home  
Shall We Gather at the River  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

ELW 628  
ELW 423  
ELW 632

### Post-Communion Canticle

[Stand]

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry one what he has done.  
Let ev'ry one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Post-Communion Prayer

**Let us pray together. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.  
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.  
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

***For All the Saints***  
Verses 5-7

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### Benediction

**The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.  
Amen.**

### "The Peace of God"

**Whatsoever things are honest,**

whatsoever things are true,  
 Whatsoever things are pure and lovely,  
 think on these things.  
 Whatsoever things are wholesome,  
 whatsoever things are good,  
 If there be any virtue, be any praise,  
 think on these things.  
 And the peace of God  
 that passes all understanding  
 Shall keep your hearts,  
 shall keep your minds  
 on Jesus Christ.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

***"Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!"***

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### **Serving Today**

|                       |               |                             |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| * Assisting Minister  | 8:15 service  | Carol Townsend              |
|                       | 10:45 service | John Hanson                 |
| * Director of Music   |               | Sandy Hunter                |
| * Lector              | 8:15 service  | Wayne Buehler               |
|                       | 10:45 service | Carol Townsend              |
| * Greeters            | 10:45 service | Ann & Jim Berman            |
| * Ushers              | 10:45 service | Judy & Rudy Kruger          |
| * Communion Assistant | 10:45 service | Carol Townsend              |
| * Counters            |               | Karie Rench and Karen Baker |

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 85

### **Calendar of Events for This Week**

|           |                                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | - Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM                  |
| Tuesday   | - Men's Bible Study/Ellijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant |
|           | - Ladies Bible Study, 12:15                          |
| Wednesday | - Food Pantry, 8 AM-1 PM                             |
|           | - Choir rehearsal, 5:30 PM                           |
| Thursday  | - Quilters, 10 AM                                    |
|           | - Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM                            |
| Saturday  | - Blessing of the Bikes, 9:30 AM                     |

### Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

**First Reading** – Amos 5:15-24

**Psalm** – Psalm 70

**Second Reading** – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Gospel** – Matthew 25:1-13

**Mid-Week Altar Guild** – Doris Goplin 11/8

### Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 Lector - Ann Buehler

10:45 Lector - Judy Kruger

Greeters – Sandi & Fred St. John

Ushers – Jeannine Sieck & Janice Weber

Communion Asst -Judy Kruger

Counters – Mary Leyden & Barbara Mefford

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Blessing of the Bikes/Christmas Toy Ride

Our community Christmas gift appeal supports the local American Legion Christmas Toy Ride. **We will continue collecting toys throughout November!** Please donate unwrapped toys valued at \$10 for boys and girls from birth through age 14. Collection boxes are located in the narthex.

Cash gifts are also welcome! Please make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church, with "Toy Ride" on the memo line.

Our Evangelism Team and Men's Group will host a Blessing of the Bikes (and Bikers) on Saturday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m. to kick off the Toy Ride and deliver collected gifts in preparation for the Legion Christmas party.

The American Legion deeply appreciates your generosity and support for the children in our community!

### Ye Old Funsters – November Outing

Join us on Friday, November 6, for a fun-filled afternoon of food, fellowship, and fall flavors! We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 AM to carpool to Papa's Pizza, located at 9 Russell Drive in Ellijay, where we'll enjoy a delicious buffet featuring salad, pasta, and a variety of pizzas. After lunch, we'll head to Reece's Cider Co., located at 9110 GA-52 East in Ellijay, for a refreshing glass of apple cider and some wonderful conversation. Come enjoy good food, great company, and a little taste of fall!

### Installation of Pastor Paula

Please join us on Sunday, November 15, at the 10:45 a.m. service for the installation of Pastor Paula. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together as a congregation!

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Join us on Sunday, November 22, 2026, as we gather in gratitude and fellowship! We will have one worship service at 10:00 AM, followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner in Founder's Hall. Come celebrate the season of Thankfulness with your church family! *More details to follow.*

### Looking Ahead to December

-- We will decorate for Advent on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

-- Luther Singers Christmas Cantata, TBA

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