All Saints Sunday November 1, 2026
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Order of Service:

Thanksgiving for Baptism
Gathering Hymn: *Canticle of Turning* ELW # 723
Kyrie/ Canticle of Praise
Prayer of the Day
First Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17
Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 (read responsively)
Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12
Semon The Rev. Rodney Bluml
Hymn of the Day: *Come Down, O Love Divine* ELW #804
Apostles Creed
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing of the Peace
Offering: Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW #188
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving
Preface/ Holy, Holy, Holy
Thanksgiving at the Table
Lord's Prayer
Communion/Communion Hymn – *Lamb of God/Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* ELW#712
Post Communion Blessing/ Communion Prayer
Blessing/ Sending Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* ELW #793

Mission Statement:
We are a church deeply and confidently rooted in the gospel of God's grace. Through worship, education, and fellowship, we are freed to give our lives joyfully in witness and service.

The Feast of All Saints

The most fundamental purpose for this feast is to show the unity of the Church on earth with the communion of saints and their constant intercession on behalf of us, the Pilgrim Church. Listen to the words of our liturgy as they constantly refer to the saints who pray for God to forgive our sins. These faithful men and women gave us a pattern for holy living which helps us as we now prepare to know the joy of God's kingdom.

Saints may be defined as those who make the ordinary extraordinary, and the extraordinary credible. In the beatitudes from Matthew's gospel, it is the common, almost insignificant people who are most cherished and blessed by God. It is these people whose very ordinary lives often made undramatic biographies that are now called the saints of God. The saint is led by faith and faith's vision to faithfully live the demands of God's kingdom. Saints are revealers of who God is to others. This feast makes sense because it recognizes all the unnamed champions of faith and witnesses to God's power through time. The saints help us realize that we who are undergoing trials in this life are called to holiness, and this holiness resides in revealing the Lord to others in the everyday situations of life.

Today we honor the following Saints who passed away this year: Ramona Kartman, Brad Anderson, Augie Augustynowicz, Jo Huges, Jean Butikofer, Ron Tayek, Shirley Erickson, Jody Frambach, Renee Nicole Good, Alex Pretti, Dr. Ted Granovsky, and Sharon Redies.

Taking The Word home:

*Which of the Beatitudes most closely aligns with you today.

*Tell a friend about someone who models humility for you. How can you increase your sense of humility? {Recall, humility/humble comes from the same word as earth/dirt "*humus;*" to be made low, down to earth, simple.}

*Can you name someone who is/was considered weak or insignificant in the eyes of the world but was able to shame or shock others through his/her actions? {i.e. Dorothy Day, the Amish, MLK Jr.}

*Describe the saintly people in your life right now.

*Would you be included in the "remnant?"

Mindfulness (set aside five minutes. breathe and read through three times. Which words or ideas hold energy for you? What images and feelings emerge in your imagination?) Jesus marks a new direction in evolution toward integrated being, healthy relationships, and healing presence, all of which contribute to the act of a new future. As the wellspring of divine love emerging from within, Jesus shows us what it means to be a human person and the way to deepen our humanity toward the fullness of life. His disciples recognized him as the Christ, the anointed One (Mk 8: 27), the One who will bring about a new future, a new creation, and who has already done so in our present age.

The Christ emerges in Jesus, and the humanity of Jesus shows us what the Christ looks like; his humanity is our humanity, and his life is our life. What took place in Jesus' life must take place in ours as well if the fullness of Christ is to come to be. "Our salvation is necessary for the completion of Christ," wrote the Cistercian Isaac of Stella. Christ is the future of this evolutionary cosmos, the One who trinitizes creation into a household of unity, the integrated unified center of persons in love. *Ilia Delio, FSA, (2011-11-09). The Emergent Christ. Orbis Books. Kindle Edition (1120+).*

Worship News

8 November, Stewardship Sunday
8:00AM – Worship in person
9:15AM – Intergenerational Faith Formation
10:30AM – Worship in person or online

Worship Servants for Sunday, November 8:

	8:00AM	10:30am
Tech Minister	Dione Miller	Joan Cram
Reader	Steve Heer	Darlene Curoe
Usher	Gilbertson's	Kevin Curoe

Ministry Schedule:

3 November, Tuesday: **1:30PM – Liturgical Study**
4 November, Wednesday: **7:00AM – Meditation/ Morning Prayer**
5:45PM – Confirmation
6:30PM – NOW Rehearsal
5 November, Thursday **1:00PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Sunday Fellowship

If you are willing to bring treats for the fellowship hour between services, there is a signup sheet located in the gathering space. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Events

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the Senior Lunch Group will meet on the third Thursday for lunch and fellowship. Please join us at 11:30 a.m. on **November 19th** at Birdie's Bistro, 1220 Iowa St. Among the things we are thankful for is the opportunity to gather with friends. Please contact Peggy Granovsky if you have any questions or would like to make your reservations. Hope to see you there.

Come drum for healing with us on Tuesday, November 17th at 5:45PM in the atrium/entryway o the church lower level.

We Remember the following members in prayer this week: Mark Koehler, Chris & Gretchen Kueter, Elenor Lang, Barb Lindecker, Susan Lorenz, Sean & Amanda Mairet and family and Rex & Julie Massey and family
We also remember in prayer Tara Grace who is recovering from surgery.

Birthdays for the week of November 1

Kathleen Klosterman – 11/3
Stephanie Klein – 11/4

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