NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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All our sorrows will be wiped away.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Matthew 5:1-12**	**The Beatitudes**
Monday	**Revelation 7:9-17**	**God will wipe away tears**
Tuesday	**1 John 3:1-3**	**Our hope in God**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 54:5-10**	**The eternal covenant of peace**
Thursday	**Romans 15:14-21**	**Paul's work as a missionary**
Friday	**John 11:17-27**	**The resurrection and life**
Saturday	**Psalm 34:1-10, 22**	**Honor the Lord**
Sunday	**Matthew 25:1-13**	**Parable of the ten bridesmaids**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[F]or 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." **Revelation 7:17 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, we thank you for joining us to the saints throughout the ages through our shepherd, Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for this food as we taste and see that you are good. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

A Blessing to Give:
May God wipe away every tear. (Revelation 7:17)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Behold the Host

Arrayed in White

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you grieved the loss of a loved one? Tell a story about that person.
- How does God comfort you when you are sad and grieving?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Revelation 7:9-17.
The seer of this heavenly vision allows us to imagine the future of loved ones who have died, especially those who have shaped our own lives of faith with their living witness. Most likely they did not experience the kind of persecution envisioned in Revelation, but all lives know the pain and turmoil of daily struggles. In the end, what remains of their—and our—sufferings and disappointments are swept up in a larger reality, one that sees the Lamb at the center. This is Christ, our shepherd, who suffered and died, and through whose blood our lives are purified so that we all may stand before the throne of God. The truth of the reign of God through the Good Shepherd is that all our sorrows will be wiped away. We look to a future where there are no more tears and no more sadness to overcome. There is a great victory in life. It is the victory of the Lamb who was slain and now begins his reign of *"[b]lessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and power and might . . . to our God forever and ever! Amen"* (v. 12).
Discuss: Where or who do you turn to for comfort when a loved one has died?
Pray: **Almighty and living God, we thank you for the promise of life and love and peace for all the saints—past, present, and future—through Christ our shepherd. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out and support someone who is grieving a loss?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Think or talk about memories you have of people who have blessed your life.
Light a candle and pray: **Dear God, thank you for the life of [name of people]. I am grateful for all the blessings that came to my life through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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