



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Arr Stan Pethel

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

We remember those who have gone before us in faith.

We remember those who taught us to pray, those who showed us how to love, those whose lives revealed something of the grace of God.

We give thanks for the saints we have known and loved.

Some names are written in history. Most are written only upon the hearts of those who loved them. But every name is known to God.

And nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God.

So let us worship the God of every generation, the God who has been our dwelling place in all generations, the God who holds the living and the dead in everlasting love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you have gathered your people across generations and called us your own. On this day of remembrance, open our hearts to gratitude for those who came before us, comfort us in the places where grief still lingers, and remind us that we are part of a story larger than ourselves. Join our worship with the communion of saints, until that day when all things are made new and we gather at your table in your eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***HYMN: 711**

"For All the Saints"

vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always live as people of resurrection hope. We cling to what cannot last. We allow old wounds to remain unhealed. We neglect opportunities to love generously, forgive freely, and serve faithfully. We remember the saints who have gone before us and recognize how often we have failed to learn from their courage, their faithfulness, their generosity, and even their

mistakes. Forgive us, Lord. Where grief has made us afraid, give us courage. Where regret has burdened us, give us grace.

Where we have failed to love, teach us again the way of Christ. By your Holy Spirit, renew us, so that the lives we are living now may become a blessing to those who come after us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God's grace is greater than our failures, God's mercy is deeper than our regrets, and God's love is stronger even than death. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, restored, and made new. And neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rejoicing in the love of the one for whom we wait, let us exchange signs of Christ's peace: May the peace of Christ be with you, today and always.

May the peace of Christ be with you, today and always.

JOYFUL BELLS

"The Stillness Within"

Jason Krug

READING FROM REVELATION 7:9-17 (NIV)

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 34:1-10, 22 (NIV)

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;
he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord will rescue his servants;

no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

EPISTLE: I John 3:1-3 (NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Lux Aeterna”

Tim Winebrenner

***GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 2283

“For All the Saints”

vs 1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, everything we have received is a gift of your grace. Receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use them to continue the work begun by generations before us: feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, comforting the grieving, seeking justice, sharing mercy, and proclaiming your love. May what we give today become a blessing for generations we may never live to see. In Christ's name.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

"How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

By Hal H Hopson

CANDLE LIGHTING AND NAMING OF SAINTS

Remembering Those Who Entered the Church Triumphant in 2026

(The congregation is invited into a time of quiet. *A central Christ candle may already be burning.*)

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember. We remember not because we cannot let go of the past, but because love remembers. We remember voices that once filled our homes, hands we once held, laughter we can still hear in memory, meals shared, prayers spoken, ordinary days that we did not know at the time would become precious. Today we especially remember members and friends of this congregation who died during the past year. We speak their names because their lives mattered. We light candles because the light they shared has not simply disappeared. And we remember them in hope, because we believe that death does not have the final word. Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life." And so, trusting in the promise of Christ, we remember our saints.

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

As each name is spoken, a candle is lit; a brief silence follows each name...followed by the response:

We give thanks to God for their life.

We remember: Scott Mohr, Charlie Wendt, Carol Klockow, Don Richard and Nancy Steeves.

REMEMBERING OTHERS

There are other names we carry today. Parents and grandparents. Husbands and wives. Children and siblings. Friends, teachers, neighbors, mentors, and companions.

Some died recently. Others have been gone for many years, and yet a song, a photograph, a familiar phrase, or an empty chair can suddenly bring them near again.

We remember: Carol & Winifred Eichstaedt, Emil & Carol Gruntzel, Andre Zamora, Bertha Elm, the brothers & sisters of the Elm family, Ron Tourtillot, Connie Von Haden, Lynn Odum, James Hurley and Pam Weed.

(After the names have been spoken, keep silence for several moments.)

For all these saints, for lives that touched ours briefly and lives intertwined with ours for decades, for everything they taught us, for the love they gave, for the grace we received through them,

We give you thanks, O God.

For those whose absence still aches, whose empty place is especially noticeable today,

Hold them, and hold us, in your everlasting love.

For those who died with things unfinished, words unspoken, relationships unreconciled, and for the complicated grief we sometimes carry,

Surround us with your mercy and grace.

For the generations who came before us, who worshiped, prayed, served, sacrificed, built churches, taught children, sang hymns, prepared meals, visited the lonely, cared for neighbors, and handed the faith onward,

We give you thanks, O God.

And for the generations still to come, whose names we do not yet know,

Make us faithful for their sake.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Mary and Joseph, God of Peter and Mary Magdalene, God of John Wesley and the saints of every age, God of our grandparents and parents, God of those whose candles burn before us: You are not the God of the dead, but of the living. Receive our gratitude. Receive our tears. Receive these names we treasure. Until that day when mourning and crying and pain are no more, keep us faithful in the way of Christ. And when our own journey is complete, gather us with all your saints into the great communion of your love.

Amen.

***DOXOLOGY: 94** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL SAINT’S DAY

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, 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 in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

This Week's Anniversaries!	
Nov. 4th	Peggy & John Stoekl

Upcoming fellowship events &

Sunday Coffee Hours with Refreshments

Sunday, Nov. 1st – refreshments sponsored by Peggy & John Stoekl

Sunday, Nov. 8th - **Coffee Hour Volunteers needed**

Friday-Sunday, November 13th-15th – Yarn Extravaganza 2

Sunday, Nov. 15th – refreshments sponsored by Mary Schultz

Sunday, Nov. 22nd - **Coffee Hour Volunteers needed**

Sunday, Nov. 22nd – The Blessing of the Quilts / refreshments sponsored by the finance committee

Saturday, Nov. 28th - Decorating the Church for Christmas 10am-Noon

Sunday, Nov. 29th - **Coffee Hour Volunteers needed**

Blood Drive December 8th - from 1- 6pm **DONATE BLOOD** 



November	Liturgists	Ushers
1st	Carolyn Ettlie	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
8th	Chris Guse	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
15th	John Hurley	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
22nd	Connie Ziegler	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
29th	Linda Brumm	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid

Blessing of the Quilts - Sunday, November 22nd

On 11/22, the quilts made by Sassy Sowers will be blessed during the church service. After that, they will be donated/distributed to agencies in the area that have a need for them. The congregation will have an opportunity to look at them closely after service and purchase any quilts they desire.



YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2& MORE (LOTS OF FABRIC)

Friday, November 13, 2026 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday, November 14, 2026, 9 am to 3 pm

Sunday, November 15, 2026, 9 am to 12 noon

Memorial United Methodist Church

3450 South 52nd Street

Greenfield, WI 53219

Please invite your Family, Neighbors and Friends!!!!!!

Please share this information, thanks.

Bring a can of soup or fruit and receive a skein of yarn free For Project Concern (up to three free items).

All yarn and fabric are reasonably priced, cash only please.

A light lunch will be available for a fee of \$5.00.

Any questions please contact Mary Schultz at 414-526-2715 or greeneyesgerman@gmail.com.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE



It's that time of year where we prepare for

Advent and Christmas!

Help decorate the church for the Christmas Eve service by placing an order for your holiday poinsettia.

The order form with details will be next week (after Nov. 2nd, 2026). Order forms will be available in next week's bulletin as well as on the table in front of the bulletin board.

Please watch for details in upcoming bulletins as well.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Just a friendly reminder that Commitment is Sunday November 22nd, 2026.

Letters and pledge cards will be sent out very soon. Please return your pledge card with your Gifts and Talents.

For questions, please reach out to Lori Moede.



MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 10:30am
CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm
AIKIDO: Mondays from 6:45-8:45pm & Thursdays from 6:45-8:45pm
NAMI: 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm
CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursdays from 6:30-7:15pm
JOYFUL BELLS: Thursdays from 7:30-8:30pm
KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP: 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 1-3pm
SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 9:30am-Noon
DINING OUT GROUP: Saturday, November 7th @ 5pm at: Final Approach Restaurant 4959 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday (Nov 17th), at 9am at – **LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**
MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday (Nov. 19th), 8:30am at Open Flame Restaurant, 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228
SCRIPT CARD PROGRAM: Orders for Script Cards (gift cards) are due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2: Friday-Sunday, November 13, 14 & 15 from 9am to 3pm
QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd
COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Sunday, November 22nd. Letters and pledge cards will be sent out very soon.
DECORATING THE CHURCH: Saturday, November 28th @ 10am-Noon
CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING: **Sunday, December 6th @ 12:30pm**
BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, December 8th from 1-6pm

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