

All Saints Church Good News Daily

Devotional readings for each day, parish birthdays and anniversaries

October 26-November 1, 2025

Sunday, October 26

Luke 10:25-37 *“A Samaritan, as he journeyed...had compassion...and bound up his wounds.”* (v.33 RSV)

The lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love his neighbor as himself. The lawyer tries to justify himself by asking, “Who is my neighbor?” and Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan.

It occurs to me that I am often like the priest and Levite—I have to hurry to my church meeting so I cannot take time to help. I am too busy with my “to do” list to respond to the neighbor God puts in my path.

With all the hatred Jews showed Samaritans, the traveler could have easily justified not stopping to help: “When he wakes from his coma, he will probably call me names and have his friends beat me.”

Not only does the Samaritan give first aid and take the injured to a safe place, but he also gives two days’ wage to provide for him with the promise to pay the rest when he returns. Truly, this is love above and beyond the call of duty. Jesus says, “Go and do likewise.”

Dear Lord, help me respond with love and mercy to the neighbor you place in my life.

Haggai 1:1—2:9; Psalms 63, 98; Acts 18:24—19:7

Birthdays: Cathy Chasser, Alice Maguire, Tiffany Walters

Monday, October 27

Revelation 1:4-20 *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”* (v.8)

When John tells about his Revelation of Jesus Christ, he calls Jesus the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Jesus is the Word from Creation, the Savior freeing us from our sins by his blood, and the One coming with the clouds when every eye will see him and every knee will bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord!

The victorious Jesus is in the midst of the churches, not just Ephesus and Smyrna, Pergamum and Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea, but also Omaha and Orlando, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, Denver and Detroit, Memphis and Manhattan, and all his churches. He gives us his grace and peace. He assures us that he is alive for evermore.

The seven spirits worship at his throne. Can we do anything other than that? We are never without his love, care and concern. He is the beginning and ending of our faith.

Dear Jesus, the Alpha and Omega, to you be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Zechariah 1:7-17; Psalms 41, 52; Matthew 12:43-50

Birthdays: Jay Decker, J.P. Reece, John Schafer, Judy Van Valkenburgh

Anniversaries: Bob & Jessica Bowles, Mark & Rebecca Evans

Tuesday, October 28

Matthew 13:1-9 *“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty.”* (v.8)

Four kinds of people hear the Gospel according to Jesus’ parable (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning). The hard-hearted are like the path— they might be touched by Christmas music or a visit to a cathedral in Europe, but it does not last.

The rocky ground gives no depth for the roots—like a famous person whose life is touched by Jesus, but the person is immediately put on the platform or in the pulpit and has no chance to grow in faith. They receive the word with joy, but when hard times come they fall away.

The ground with thorns is like the new Christian who is so caught up in their job and sports and social activity that they do not make time for Bible study, prayer, worship, and Christian fellowship. The cares of the world choke the word and it proves unfruitful.

Jesus says: He who has ears, let him hear.

Dear Jesus, help us be the good soil which brings forth much fruit for you.

Ezra 5:1-17; Psalm 45; Revelation 4:1-11

Birthdays: Daniel Jeancola, Oliver Panzl

Wednesday, October 29

Psalm 119:49-72 *This is my comfort in my affliction that thy promise gives me life.* (v.50)

A wonderful way to cultivate the “attitude of gratitude” is to write down five things for which you are thankful at the end of each day. It is amazing what great benefits this little exercise gives to your spiritual health.

I have suggested to some of the young mothers in our church doing this with children at the dinner table or bedtime. Fabulous reports come back. One mom told how her children were rather flip about it at first: “Thanks, God, for my dad, my mom, my brother, my sister and my bike.” But as the weeks went on, they became much more sincere: “Thanks, God, for helping me with my spelling test, for healing Grandpa, for helping us find the cat, etc.

Our whole attitude improves when we thank God for the ordinary things: our nice lunch with a friend, the helpful clerk in the store, finding a close-by parking place in the rain, and all His other good gifts.

Dear Jesus, thanks for all the loving and generous gifts you have given me.

Ezra 6:1-22; Revelation 5:1-10; Matthew 13:10-17

Birthdays: Rick Ahl, Richard Kingdon, Grady McBride, Will Sheaf

Anniversaries: Chris & Olivia Ambs

Thursday, October 30

Revelation 5:11—6:11 *“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”* (v.12)

It has been said that worship is the essence of our response to God. Worship seems to transcend time and space and meet our deepest needs. It is not what we can get from worship, but what we can give to God—the honor due His name.

In his vision, John sees and hears thousands of angels plus every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea giving blessing, honor, and glory for ever and ever to the Lamb.

One can almost hear the trumpets and great music and see the rainbow, the lightning, and the torches as the twenty-four elders (probably the twelve patriarchs of the Old Testament and the twelve apostles of the New Testament) bow in worship and cast their crowns before him.

I am so thankful to be in a church that has wonderful music and joyful yet profound worship; where we reverence the Cross and use our entire being in worship. It is preparation for heaven!

Praise to You, Lord God Almighty!

Nehemiah 1:1-11; Psalm 50; Matthew 13:18-23

Birthdays: Claudia Cook, Eric Hagstrom, Scott Miller, Deacon Liz Tucker

Anniversaries: Charlie & Lisa Clayton, Michael & Carolyn Dymond

Friday, October 31

Psalm 40 *He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.* (v.3a)

It is Reformation Day! Today we remember Martin Luther and his sharing the great truth of Scripture—that we are saved by grace through faith.

Indeed, this was a new song for the people who lived in superstition and fear. Luther also gave them the Bible in their own language and many singable hymns for worship.

Faithful witnesses down through the ages have given their lives so the truth of the gospel can be proclaimed: reformers, missionaries, priests and pastors, and all the faithful people of God. The psalms speak of delighting in the will of the Lord, with His law within our hearts; may that be the case with us! Then may we speak of His faithfulness and tell the glad news of our deliverance in the great congregation.

Over five hundred years ago Luther posted his 95 theses on the Wittenberg Castle church door. During the following years of trial and persecution Luther came to know more of God’s sheltering hand and shared the new song God had given him.

Dear God, You are indeed our Mighty Fortress.

Nehemiah 2:1-20; Psalm 54; Revelation 6:12—7:4; Matthew 13:24-30

Birthdays: Stella Bereza, Millie Minear

Saturday, November 1

Revelation 7:4-17 *I looked and behold a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...* (v.9)

Happy All Saints’ Day! We think of William Howe’s great 19th century hymn: “For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!”

The saints now stand in white robes with palm branches in their hands (because they have come out of the great tribulation). Now with the angels and elders and four living creatures they worship God with “blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever!”

They serve Him day and night in His temple and He shelters them with His presence. They will neither hunger nor thirst anymore, the sun will not strike them or any scorching heat. The Lamb will guide them to springs of living water and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

As the African-American spiritual says: “that great gettin’ up morning!” We have the exquisite destiny of worshiping the Lamb forever.

Dear Jesus, thank you for making us your saints.

Nehemiah 4:1-23; Psalm 55; Matthew 13:31-35

Birthdays: Sophie Bugia, Meredith Canaan, Mildrey Mathewes, Toby Ramos-Johnson

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