Offertory Hymn VU 581 Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Offertory Prayer **Generous God, you are both faithful and fruitful as you embrace each new generation. Bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining. Keep us faithful in this generation so that the inheritance we have received in Christ will continue in generations yet to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 676 God Make Us Servants of your Peace

To Depart in Faith

Commissioning and Benediction

Remembering the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, grateful that you call us to share in the joy of spreading your love, knowing that what we offer makes a difference in the healing of the world, we bring our gifts, O God.
Bless them, bless us, and bless this church as we seek to serve you in all the places life calls us to be. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing VU 416 **Forth in Thy name O Lord I go, my daily labour to pursue. Thee only Thee resolved to know, in all I think or speak or do.**

Scripture readings for November 8 2026

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 Psalm 78 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Manitoba Harvest volunteer dates: November 16 & 30, December 14, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22

Save the Date! Meridian Inter-Church Advent Service: Sunday November 29 7pm at La Salle Community Fellowship Church. **Our joint choir is sharing a song. Practices Nov 18 & 26, 7pm in Sanford.**

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Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Acknowledging the Territory

We acknowledge that we are gathered on Treaty 1 Territory and the Homeland of the Red River Metis. For thousands of years, the First Peoples of this place have cared for the land even as the land cared for them. Guided by the wisdom of their traditions and their ancestors, they have been taught that the circle of life is embraced and embracing. **Let us carry on this wisdom. Let us live into right relations with love and respect.**

Introit: *VU 705 (v 1)* **For all the saints, who from their labours rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Call to Worship

Let us remember:
those throughout history who have led in praising God and spreading the good news.
Let us remember:
the warm embrace of loved ones, those who have comforted us over time, those who have acted fearless in times of despair and devastation.
Let us remember:
the strength and love of elders, the lasting presence of our friends, the kindness of strangers, the laughter of children, and the unconditional love of those who have offered it.
On this All Saints' Day, let us remember:
the love of Jesus, the wonder of the Holy Spirit, and the abiding

presence of God.
Let us remember as we worship today.

Christ Candle We light this candle today remembering that whenever we worship, we are in the company of the saints who came before us. We give thanks for the saints, past and present, our loved ones who have died, those who are here with us today, caring, comforting, and guiding. We ask God to bless us as we worship today and pray that we can become more saint-like ourselves. **Amen.**

Prayer of Approach:
Dear Lord, we thank you for your presence today as we worship in the company of the saints who came before us. We thank you for the saints, past and present, who are here with us today, caring, comforting, and guiding. We ask you to bless us as we worship today and pray that we can become more saint-like ourselves. Amen.

HYMN: When the Saints go Marching in

Prayer of Confession
Loving God, the world is in need of saints. Those who came before us and gave so much are being remembered today. We too seek to be your saints in this world. Yet, we are travelling a path that is not easy. There are mountains to climb in serving the world, but we are taking it one moment, one action at a time.
We are not perfect. We struggle at times.
We even wander off the path you have put us on.
We come together here today to remind ourselves that we are all your saints, to encourage one another and assist one another.
We reach out. We pray. We give.
We strive to be your servants, your disciples, your saints.
We are here to learn. Teach us, dear God. Guide us. Bless us.

After Confession: *MV 115* O Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today. Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way!

Words of Assurance
The earth is God's and all that is in it. Holy Love is the sea we swim in. Green pastures give us safety and life. Justice and peace are our calling. The saints of every age and every type of creature surround us. Let us open ourselves to the Creator Spirit.

Response: *VU 100v5* **We praise you, God, source of all life, we praise you, Christ, eternal Word, we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift; your Triune presence fills our world.**

Story Time

Hymn: VU 896 Blest Are They

Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
This is the story of God's people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24 VU 751

Reading: Matthew 5:1-12
This is the story of Jesus **All: Thanks be to God.**

To Respond to the Word of God

Reflection

Hymn: VU 716 My Life Flows on

Minute for Mission

Offertory Invitation The gifts of God have touched us through the work of many hands and the commitment of many lives over many centuries. We give our gifts to honour God and all God's saints, praying that we too may be a blessing to those who come after us.