November 1, 2026 **(A)** **All Saints Day**

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for 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."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 1 See what love the Father has given 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. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they

will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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All Saints Sunday



Sunday November 1, 2026

Welcome Everyone !

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We live and serve on land that for thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked. We live on the traditional territory of several Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their continuing stewardship of this land and we also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

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"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

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Weekly Calendar:

Monday: Pastor's day off

Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Wednesday: Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Pastor in Welland

Thursday: Pastor in Welland

Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Saturday: Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

As We Celebrate Holy Communion Together:

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week's service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week's service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Attendance Sunday October 25 - 23, one year ago 14.

Upcoming Events:

The **Welland City-Wide Food Drive** is taking place on **Saturday, November 7, 2026!** This long-standing community tradition plays a vital role in stocking the shelves of three local food banks, including Open Arms Mission, The Hope Centre, and The Salvation Army**.**

We remember with joy and thanksgiving our brothers and sisters of this congregation who have died in the faith and gone to their eternal rest since the last All Saints Sunday Festival.

We light candles in their honour:

Gus Schafrick - December 2, 2025
Uwe Moeller - February 17, 2026
Elvira Pravitz - March 10, 2026
Betty Scheel- April 1, 2026
Les Ort - July 26, 2026
Ehrhardt Schafrick - October 24, 2026

We also light one candle for other family members and friends who have died this past year:

Peggy Burlingame Nov. 23, 2025
Irma Breitenbach – Jan. 10, 2026
Ron Massey - January 11, 2026
Alfred Gatzke - January 18, 2026
John Bosak - February 1, 2026
John Taylor - May 9, 2026
Janice (Shabley) Stewart - June 1, 2026
Mel Pragnell - July 4, 2026
Herbert Martinat - July 20, 2026
Susie Chacinski Styrsky



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GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism ELW Pg **97**
Gathering Hymn……ELW **# 847**
"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"
Greeting
Hymn of Praise…….. ELW Page **149**
"**This is the Feast of Victory**"
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading…….. Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm (insert)……..…… 34:1-10, 22
Second Reading……..1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Acclamation…ELW page **151**
"Glory to you, O Lord"
Gospel……Matthew 5:1-12
"Praise to you, O Christ"
Sermon
Hymn of the Day……....ELW **# 422**
"For All the Saints"
Give Thanks for Saints
Apostles' Creed……..ELW Page **105**
Prayers of the Church
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving….ELW page **152**
Sanctus "**Holy, Holy**"..ELW page **153**
Eucharistic Prayer
Lord's Prayer……..…ELW page **154**
Lamb of God……..…...ELW page **154**
Communion
Communion Hymns ……**628** & **689**

Prayer after Communion

SENDING Announcements & Blessing

Sending Hymn (insert)

“Oh When the Saints Go Marching In” Dismissal: Go in peace.

Serve the Lord. **“Thanks be to God”**