

All Saints Sunday

November 5th, 2023 - 10:00 AM Worship



**God
will wipe
every tear
from their
eyes**

REVELATION 21:4

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ELW – Red Hymnal

WOV – Blue Hymnal

Introduction to All Saints' Remembrance. As we pray we will pause to remember those who have died since last All Saints' Day. After the Prayer Leader has named Christ the King members and others who have joined the Church Triumphant, there will be opportunity to name aloud dear ones that you wish to remember. After communing you may light an LED votive candle in memory of loved ones who have died in the faith.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please sign & pass pew pads*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

People: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Holy One,

People: **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

ELW #804

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:9-17*

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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.”

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Please read responsively.*

¹I will bless the LORD^l at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ^l in my mouth.

²**I will glory ^l in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear ^l and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness ^l of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ^l name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who ^l answered me**
and delivered me from ^l all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD^l and be radiant,
and let not your faces ^l be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and ^l the LORD heard me**
and saved me from ^l all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ^l fear the LORD
and de- ^l livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the ^l LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- ^l uge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ^l of the LORD,
for those who fear the ^l LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and ^l suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ^l that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life ^l of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will ^l not be punished.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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.

²Beloved, 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.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to the 5th chapter of Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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 righteousness’ sake, 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Debbie Michaels

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”

ELW #360

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially those **we now name out loud or silently** (PAUSE). Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Leader: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. (*Here the names of those who have died in the previous year are read. PAUSE to allow other names to be spoken.*) Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**



PRESENTATION OF OFFERING & COMMUNION ELEMENTS

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

People: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with *Mary Schlosnagle, Dorothea Wheeler, Patricia Wilhelms, Jane Zaremba* and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: *(spoken)* **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.**

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

COMMUNION & ALL SAINTS CANDLE LIGHTING

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are able, you are invited to come to the altar rail and receive the bread from the pastor and then choose red wine or white grape juice from the tray held by the assistant. The pastor has prepackaged communion kits, if you prefer. Tell the pastor if you need a gluten-free option.

After communing, you may light an LED votive candle in memory of deceased loved ones and place it on the small table in front of the pulpit. Please place your communion cup in the container by the wall return to your seat using the window aisle.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**"Bread of Life from Heaven"
"Eat This Bread"**

**ELW #474
ELW #472**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW #674

BLESSING

Pastor: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

People: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: What is our mission?

People: **To Shine the Light of Jesus, reflect his unconditional love, and mirror his kindness to all people. AMEN!**

Pastor: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

---We Remember on All Saints' Sunday---

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