

Sunday, November 4, 2018

All Saints Day



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

The story of the healing of Naaman the Aramean (an enemy of Israel) by Elisha (the prophet of Israel) is a story of border-crossings, whereby the Lord works in mysterious ways. God was showing Naaman that his healing would only come about as a result in his faith in God who could do what humans can't.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“For All the Saints”
Please Stand on the Last Verse

#422 ELW

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,

we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ✝ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Healing God, you healed your servant Naaman of his affliction when he came to you, through Elisha, for help. Heal our afflictions, and make us faithful servants. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "I Call To You"

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!" ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Matthew 8:2-3

Glory to you, O Lord

²and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." ³He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lift High the Cross" #660 ELW

Please stand if able

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief (*especially*). Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality (*here specific congregational ministries may be named*). Make us eager to receive those you send to us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous (*those who have died during the past year may be named*), and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box. Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar including the basket of food for Isle School Program.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God,

you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "When the Saints Go Marching In"

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| 1. Oh when the saints go marching in When the saints go marching in Oh lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in | 4. When we all have food to eat When we all have food to eat Oh lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in |
| 2. And when the sun refuse to shine And when the sun refuse to shine Oh lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in | 5. Oh when the saints go marching in When the saints go marching in Oh lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in |
| 3. Oh when the trum - pet sounds the call Oh when the trumpet sounds the call Oh lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in | |

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: George & Kathy Larson

Ushers: 8:30am Chuck & Elsa Carlson

10:00am Dick & Sue Stebbins

Hospitality: Trunk or Treat Crew

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, October 28th: 8:30 am 67 10:00 am 19

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

November 5th thru November 11th, 2018

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| Monday | 11/5 | 1:00 pm | Pinochle |
| | | 7:00 pm | AA/Alanon |
| Tuesday | 11/6 | 9:00 am | Quilters |
| | | 12 – 2 pm | Pastor's Text Study |
| Wednesday | 11/7 | 9:00 am | Bible Study |
| | | 10:00 am | Stitchers |
| | | 10:00 pm | Centennial Meeting |
| | | 6:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| | | 7:00 pm | Praise Team |
| Thursday | 11/8 | 8:00 am | ROMEO'S (at Ron Hass' carpool from Church) |
| | | 12:30 pm | Funtimers (No Potluck) |
| | | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir Practice |
| Friday | 11/9 | 10:00 am | Bone builders |
| Saturday | 11/10 | 7-11:00am | Malmo Lions Pancake Breakfast (Veterans eat Free) |
| Sunday | 11/11 | 8:30 am | Worship |
| | | 10:30 am | Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for yearly reports to the Synod.

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Frank Dressly (bypass surgery on his leg)

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to help you with making coffee and running the dishwasher.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD On November 11th during coffee fellowship shoe boxes will be packed. The VBS kids packed 27 boxes and we have school supplies and hygiene packs left over for at least 20 more boxes and will need help putting them together. Small toys like cars, balls, jump ropes and dolls, t-shirts, solar calculators, sewing kits, small tool kits are still needed and can be placed in the collection box in the Narthex and join us on the 11th to pack.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Marlys E. Beavers will be at noon on Saturday, Nov. 17th at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem will officiate. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service.

MEN'S ANNUAL FISHING TRIP Jan. 21st – 23rd, 2019. We will leave the church Monday, January 21 at 6:00am, stop at the Shining light café in Northome, for breakfast and to draw numbers for your fishing partner. Monday there will be a steak dinner at the lodge and on Tuesday they will serve breakfast, we will provide a sack lunch to take along fishing and then a fish fry for dinner. Wed. morning you are on your own, headed home. A check for \$100 payable to Bayview Lodge will be required, the deadline for this is December 10th. If interested contact Skip Hansen (218-839-2005) or Ron Mehlhop (507-276-0798) to make your reservations.