

Sunday November 7, 2021

All Saints Sunday



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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“For All the Saints”** **#422 ELW**
(Verses 1-5 - Please Stand on the Last Verse)

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does
not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and
to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need.**

Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus’ sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

PRAYER of the DAY

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.**

Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM: “You Give”

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

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GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44

Glory to you, O Lord

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also

weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “In Heaven Above” #630 ELW

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

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away (*especially John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, Ludwig Nommensen whom we commemorate today*). Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions are invited.

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

OFFERING

Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God,

the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

(Communion will be handed to you, pick up your own cup - red wine; white juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,

at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" (on screen)

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Winnie Zahradka & Merrily Jones

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Hospitality: Dave & Joanne Stueven, Mary Braun

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 31, 2021: In Person: 9:00 am 71
Online 8

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Nov. 8, 2021 – Nov. 14, 2021

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| Monday | 11/8 | 9:00 am | Women's Devotional Study |
| | | 11:30 am | Pinochle |
| | | 7:00 pm | AA/Alanon |
| Tuesday | 11/9 | 9:00 am | Quilters |
| | | 1:00 pm | Ditch Pickup |
| | | 4:00-6:00 pm | Grief Share |
| | | 5:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 11/10 | 9:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| Thursday | 11/11 | Veterans Day | |
| | | 8:00 am | ROMEOS |
| | | 3:30 am | Bell Practice |
| Saturday | 11/13 | 8:00-10:00am | Lion's Veteran's Breakfast |
| Sunday | 11/14 | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | | 10:00 am | Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Carol Bakken, Audrey Bistodeau, Cliff Roberts, Dick Gripp.

BLESSING BOX The first Sunday of every month we pass the “Blessing Box”. If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. Thank you! What a Blessing!

WORLD HUNGER It has been a tradition to pay extra attention to world hunger needs in November. Please pick up a change bank or an envelope and consider making an extra donation to support the ELCA World Hunger efforts. Thank You, Mission and Evangelism

PRAYER SHAWLS we are in need of more Prayer Shawls to be knitted or crocheted. There are kits with yarn and instructions available in the nurse's office or from Darlene.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoeboxes will be packed by the kids/youth on November 14th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is invited to help, and donations of small toys are appreciated.

DITCH PICKUP Is scheduled for this Tuesday at 1:00pm. See Dianne Jones or just show up.

VETERANS BREAKFAST The Malmo Area Lions will host a Veterans Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Nov. 13th from 8 AM – 10 AM. Two types of Egg Bakes to choose from, Fresh Fruit and Variety of Breakfast Breads. \$10, Veterans eat FREE. Take out available.