

Sunday November 5, 2023

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

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

LOAVES & FISHES We will be participating in “Loaves and Fishes” again on Monday, November 13th at First Lutheran in Aitkin. We are in charge of desserts; we will need 33 dozen and we will be bagging them after worship on Nov. 12th. There is a signup sheet for cookie baking in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you all for baking and participating in this community service. If you’re interested in joining us in this mission on the 13th, at First Lutheran from 1:30-5:00, please give Julie Swaggert a call or email. Julie Swaggert. 763-229-9121
jswaggert@gmail.com

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due TODAY for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 3rd following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk jimjudiebirk@gmail.com with your committee reports.

KEY CHANGE we changed the keys to the front door. Please turn in your old keys for a new one.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 6, 2023 – November 13, 2023

Monday	11/6	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/7	9:00 am	Quilters
		9:00 am	Chair Yoga
			Grief Share – Cancelled until next year.
		5:00 am	Choir Practice (5:30pm Cantata)
Wednesday	11/8	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	11/9	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Saturday	11/11		VETERAN’S DAY
Sunday	11/13	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

TEMPLE TALK – Villages of Hope-Zambia

OPENING HYMN **“Shall We Gather at the River”** **#423 ELW**
(Please Stand on the last Verse)



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

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.

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.

Amen.

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

Congregation:

A - men.

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: “Worthy of the Call”

SCRIPTURE

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.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

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

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

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

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.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then 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.”


The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Death Be Never Last”


#1030 ACS



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain



Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

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.

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.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Your mercy is great.

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*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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 may be read.* **John Iverson, Robert Roseberg,**

Richard “Skip” Hansen, Doris Reinhard.) Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

PEACE *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

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. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.

Come and feast at Jesus’ table.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.**

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “O When the Saints” #950 ACS

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| 1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in. | 4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne. |
| 2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes. | 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings. |
| 3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed. | |

Text: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and 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

Greeters: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Ushers: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Lector: Merrily Jones

Hospitality: Shirley Gosselin & friends

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, October 29, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 54 Online: 12