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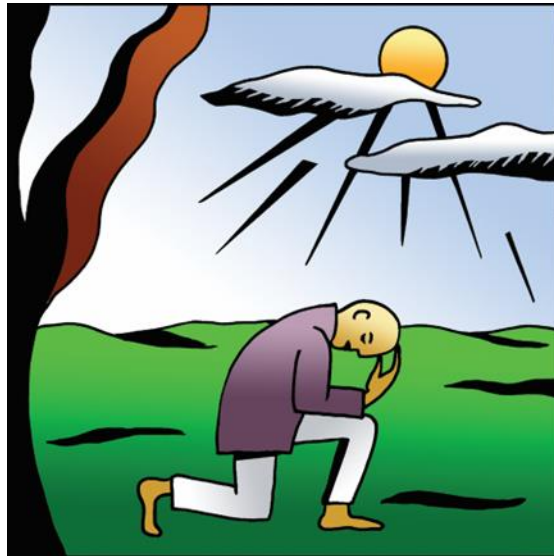
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All Saints Sunday

Welcome in Jesus' name.

We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW #423

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

***Apostolic Greeting:**

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

***Kyrie**

ELW, page 184

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

Last time

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1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the lord. **Refrain:**

2 That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain:**

***Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty God, **whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Remembrance of All Saints

Today we remember all those who have died since November 1, 2023. Each person who died in the last year will be named aloud followed by three chimes. When invited to, you may come forward to light a candle in honor of loved ones who have passed away.

***Hymn:**

“For All the Saints”

ELW #422 (vs.1,2,3,6,7)

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Scripture 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 covering 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, “See, 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.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Reading:

Psalm 24

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

C: For it is he who founded it up on the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

L: Who can ascend the hill of the Lord and who can stand in his holy place?

C: Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

L: They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation.

C: Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

L: Lift up your heads O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

C: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle".

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

C: Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Scripture Reading:

Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I 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. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And 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 and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

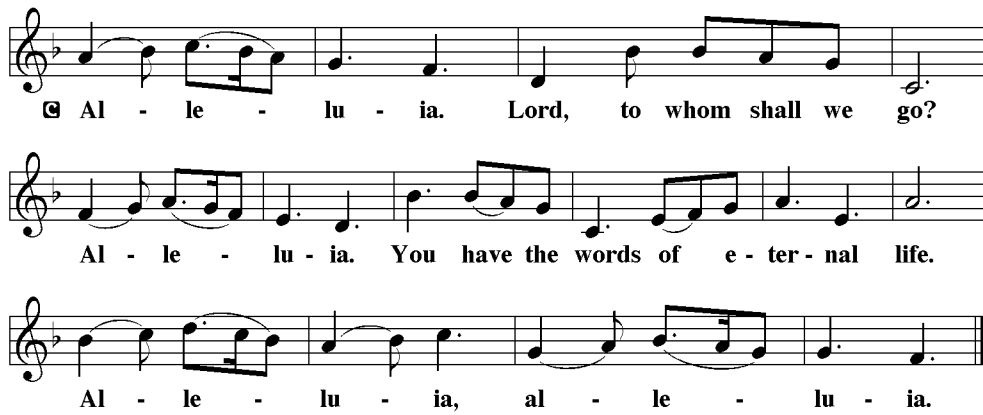
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

***Gospel Acclamation:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Holy Gospel:**

John 11:32-44

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When 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." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus 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." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I 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." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

***Hymn:**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW #632

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

***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.

***Prayers of the People**

L. Merciful God, **C: Receive our Prayer.**

***Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

Offering/Offertory Hymn: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” WOV pg. 35

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***Offertory Prayer:**

O Lord our God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Holy, Holy, Holy:**

WOV, setting 5, pg. 36

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of Pow'r and might, Heav'n 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. Hosanna in the highest.

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***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer:**

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns:

“Lamb of God”

WOV pg. 35

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

“I Want to Walk as a Child Of the Light”

ELW #815

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

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- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil! In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green; there grow such sweet and pleasant flowers as nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring; there evermore the angels sit and evermore do sing.
- 5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

***Communion Blessing**

***Communion Prayer:**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

***Benediction:**

L: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:** “Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

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.

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.
And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

***Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALL SAINTS DAY 2024

*indicates non-member

Grace

**Gregory LeVern Anderson
5/14/1959 – 12/4/2023**

*** LeAnn Freeman
10/17/1957 – 6/2/2024**

**Robert “Bob” Milton Petersen
06/20/1939 – 06/21/2024**

**Robert Eugene Kuperus
12/27/1956 – 08/02/2023**

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**Violet Irby
04/09/1980 – 12/06/2023**

***Verdiene LaRae Torgerson
03/03/1933 – 01/14/2024
Allen Marvin Lee
08/04/1937 – 02/19/2024**

**Esther Mardella Presler
04/02/1937 – 06/23/2024**

**Arlen Elwood Anderson
03/13/1960 – 08/16/2024**

Crow River

**Sonja Elaine Bergerson
04/08/1938 – 11/13/2023**

**William Harold Norris
02/27/1952 – 11/26/2023**

**Joyce Ann Johnson
08/11/1933 – 12/28/2023**

***Cassie Evelyn Mithaugen
08/02/1982 – 01/22/2024**

**Leroy Palmer Sordahl
07/02/1943 – 01/16/2024**

**Kenneth LeRoy Otteson
04/12/1943 – 05/23/2024**

**Johanna Maria Orsten
07/07/1934 – 06/06/2024**

***Timothy Scott Malvin
12/31/1955 – 07/16/2024**

**Gary Lloyd Steffensen
12/04/19423 – 07/20/2024**

**Paul Arthur Halvorson
10/11/1961 – 09/15/2024**

***Edward Harry Anderson
07/11/1941 – 10/02/2024**

**Sharlot Kay Roeder
3/13/1940 – 10/28/2024**