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Questions and Answers

It is easy to get lost in the maze of words the Sadducees hurl at Jesus in today's gospel. The Sadducees' question is not really looking for an answer from Jesus. They hope he gets lost. It is a trick question.

Jesus, of course, doesn't answer their question, but points out that they are asking the wrong type of question. God is not in the business of solving word problems and hypothetical what-ifs. God in Christ is on the ground healing the sick, reconciling the lost, forgiving sin, and loving the neighbor. God's concern is with the living.

Jesus' answer to the trick question was difficult for the questioners to understand at the time. The answer would only be revealed when the women went to the tomb to care for Jesus' dead body. There they encountered an angel who also asked a question—and provided an answer: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen” (Luke 24:5).

Jesus' own resurrection is God's best and greatest trick on those of us who get hung up on the tricky questions in life or expect God to answer them the way we want them to be answered. God's answer to all the unanswerable questions, God's response to all of our attempts to trip God up, is to raise us up past these things that take our life, time, and energy, and to promise us renewal and resurrection.

On your way to the table today, let go for a moment of the tricky questions that beg for an answer you can't arrive at. Receive the bread of grace, the assurance that God is alive, sustaining us, carrying us through all the questions, tricky or not, that come our way.

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All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2016

In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today’s gospel.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Music

For All the Saints

ELW 422 (red book)

Greeting

☞ Blessed be the Holy Trinity; one God; the only sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

☞ **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray . . . 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.**

Sit

First Reading:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

☞ A reading from **Daniel:**

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149:1



- ¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
- ²**Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.
- ³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
- ⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people**
and adorns the | poor with victory. ☩
- ⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.
- ⁶**Let the praises of God be | in their throat**
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
- ⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
- ⁸**to bind their | kings in chains**
and their nobles with | links of iron,
- ⁹to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! ☩

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

☩ A reading from **2 Thessalonians:**

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. ¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

☩ The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

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

Gospel Reading:

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

☐ The Gospel according to **Luke**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message/Children's Church

Message

Stand as you are able.

Song of the Day

Shall We Gather at the River

WOV 690 (blue book)

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Apostles' Creed

A We confess our faith as the body of Christ . . .

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Prayers

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

A brief silence.

A For the church and its leaders, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to every corner of the earth, so that all embody the hope of eternal life, let us pray. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Sarah; our companion churches in the world, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Alpena, Faith United Methodist Church in Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the well-being of creation, for the seas and their creatures, for those preparing for changing weather, and for those who serve as good stewards of God's gifts, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For peace among nations, for governments and electorates, for all who rule and have authority at any level, that they rule with justice, keeping in mind those who have no power, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abuser and abused, those who weep, those suffering from malaria or any sickness, that God lift up people to provide care and consolation. Protect those who serve in the military, especially Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten. Let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who lead and support music in this assembly, that our song may point us all to Christ; for the newly baptized, that the Holy Spirit guides them in love and service, following the

example of our Lord, let us pray. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Greg and Danny Gillons, Carol Vos, Debra Wood, George Ulrich Jr, Victoria Steadman, Dave Hills and Jennifer Andersen.*

☩ Have mercy, O God.

A Gracious God, hear the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Let us pray.

☩ Have mercy, O God.

Thanksgiving for Saints of the Church

A O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet, even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank you, O God, for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ. Let us pray.

☩ Have mercy, O God.

P We are thankful for George C Winick, Dollie Larsen, Peggy Magee, Ethyl Simon, Carla Peck, Rosemary Hilda, Curtis Danecki (Dah-neck-key), Sandra Thompson, Ruth Kane, Larry Hall, Dean Wenk, Amy Brown, Eileen Oehler, Anna Wright, Joe Rothbauer, Carrie Norris, Jim Orr, Elaine Brooks, Tina Williams, Bill Radka, Walter Beck, Chris Staehling, Werner Jung, Jerry Buehl, Howard Bishop, Bill Miller, Harvey & Jennie Hansen and Steve Powell. May the memory of their faith inspire our own. Let us pray.

☩ Have mercy, O God.

Members may write and then bring the names of those whom they would like to remember to the baptismal font, coming down the center aisle. Those slips of paper will be deposited by you into a prayer box that will be placed in front of the altar. Then proceed to the usher next to the Christ Candle to light your candle at the font in memory of the saints. You may return to your seat by way of the side aisles.

Special Music

To Where You Are

Cindy, Julian, Kristi

After everyone has presented the names of their remembered saints, the assisting minister will continue.

A Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. We, too, seek to do your will; guide us. We, too, desire to be your servants; strengthen us. We, too, long to know you dearly; teach us. And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy. Let us pray.

☩ Have mercy, O God.

P Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen.

Stand as you are able.

Sharing the Peace

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts & Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

WOV 705 (blue book)

Offertory Prayer

☞ Let us pray . . . Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

☞ **so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Lift up your hearts.

☞ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☞ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

☞ 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

Eucharistic Prayer

☞ Holy God, Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and you fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

☑ **You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.**

☞ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,

☑ **we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.**

☞ By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

☑ **strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.**

☞ Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,

☑ **both now and forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion:

☐ Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us.

Additional Verses:

You break the chains of hatred and fear:

You are the way of justice and peace:

You are the way of mercy and love:

You are the bread of life for us all:

You pour your Holy Spirit on us:

Final time:



Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

For All Your Saints, O Lord

ELW 427 (red book)

Blest Are They

ELW 728

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW 628

Stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

▲ Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise.

☒ Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Sit

Announcements

Stand as you are able

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Hymn

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

TFF 180



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

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.

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

Sending

- A Go in peace. Christ is with you
- B Thanks be to God.

If you forgot to place your Participation Card in the offering plate, you can still drop it off in the basket outside the sanctuary.

Stewardship Information

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of instant mashed potatoes and elbow macaroni, ie, spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.

Worshippers last week: 107

Weekly Giving: \$2,522.00

Budget

Amount: \$4,226.98

Halloween candy – if you have Halloween candy and don't want it sitting around the house tempting you to eat it, you can drop it off in the church office and it will be placed in the candy basket throughout the year.

Thank you to Ed Markwart, who crafted the wooden confirmation crosses for last Sunday's confirmands. These crosses will be presented after service today.

Today begins the first Worship Leadership Training class between services or after services. If you are a worship leader or you would like to become one, plan to attend the training. Today we will train lectors/assisting ministers/acolytes. Next week we will be training Ushers and the Table Guild team.

Kitchen Clean out – if you have items in the refrigerator, please clean them out at the end of service today, or it will be thrown away.

Painting at Grace could begin as early as this week. If you would like to help, put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet.

Pasty Sale – Saturday, **November 12**. Sign-up sheet is on the wall outside of Pastor Paul's office, for baked pasties \$7/each, or unbaked pasties \$6/each. The funds are going to support Grace youth activities, so tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell your neighbor's friends and get those final pre-orders in today.

November is ELCA World Hunger Appeal month at Grace. This special offering will take place on November 20th.

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45am
Assisting Ministers	Lorie Gladyness	Phil Poholski
Cantor	Steve Kaiser	Vickey Argo
Lector	Carl Schoessel	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Katie Pohl	Jack Barnaart
Usher	Randy/Brenda Teegardin	Doug/Diane Neeb
	Lyle/Joyce Proksch	Dave Neeb, Ed Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Steve/Peg Kaiser	Eve Wright
Nursery	Volunteers	Children's Church
		Tom, Hope, Emma Peck
Chancel Team	Pastor Paul E Kuhlman	Mary Kuhlman

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, November 13, 2016

Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Traci Wales
Cantor	Mark Anton	Kate Watson
Lector	Chris Bush	Joyce Daugherty
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Grayson Patton	Hope Peck
Usher	Mark/Jana Bishop	Mark Anton, Sandy Mosteller
	Tom/Cheryl Drumm	Gwen Hansen, Joe Longcor
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack/Carol Vos	Ingrid Morgan, Kristi Winick
Nursery	Volunteers	Children's Church
		Kim, Matt, Jeanette Markwart
Chancel Team	Pastor Paul E Kuhlman	Mary Kuhlman

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, November 6	Adult Forum 9:30 am
	Children's Church 10:45 am
Monday, November 7	Communication Team 10:00 am
	Community Outreach 5:00 pm
	Adult Forum 6:00 pm
	Lakewood Choral practice 6:30-9:00 pm
Tuesday, November 8	Women of Faith 6:30-8:00 pm
	Brothers of Grace 7:00-8:30 pm
Wednesday, November 9	Prayer group 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 10	Clapper Kids 3:45-5:00 pm
	Grace Notes 5:45-7:00 pm