



Grace Lutheran Church
Hastings, Michigan

All Saints Day

November 1, 2020

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

WE WELCOME ALL THE SAINTS to worship today, and yes that includes you as a saint of God. Often in the great thanksgiving we will hear, "With all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name forever." On the festival of All Saints we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. Even more, they are worshipers with us this day as we sing the praises of the God who brings life out of death.

Announcements

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Gathering Music

All Saints Litany

- P** O God of the pilgrim's way,
G we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love.
- A** We give you praise, that we too are walking in your way of love.
G Send your Holy Spirit to us to help us on our journey.
- P** Help us work in the world as people who show love to all.
G Give us compassion for those who are poor, angry and suffering.
- A** We rejoice that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
G Let us be aware of their presence among us, as we stand on the promise of the resurrection.
- P** Guide us to celebrate the love we share, as the saints did before us.
G We celebrate that we are in communion of all the saints by your gift of grace.



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Prayer of the Day

- A** 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.
- G** **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.**

📖 A reading from **Revelation**.

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

☐ = Refrain

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

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

**⁸Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

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

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

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

Second Reading

I John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

☒ A reading from **I John:**

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it
of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness—
down of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by



acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your
church is built, and the earth is filled with your



glo - ry.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **Matthew**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children's Time

Message

Silence for reflection



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voi - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm, in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Apostles Creed

Ⓐ We confess our faith as one body in Christ Jesus:

☑ **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

*After each petition, the Assisting Minister will end Lord in your mercy. The people will speak, **Your mercy is great**.... as the prayer response.*

Ⓐ Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Ⓐ Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Show strength and wisdom to our church leaders, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Augustana Lutheran Church, Tustin; Hope Church of the Brethren, Freeport; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

Ⓐ Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

Ⓐ Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including: *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Austin and Aaron Endsley, Alexis and Carlos Garcia (Burdicks), Brandon and Stevi Kay Miller (McManaway), Brady and Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls), and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads)*. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

Ⓐ Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer, including *Walter Brown, Gary Burdick, Penny Burdick, Joyce Domire, Mike Fruth, Karl Golnek, Lisa Golnek, Don Granzow, Delmar Hansen, Jerry Hansen, Larry Hansen, Lee Hoppe, Joe Longcor, family of Dorothy Mayo, Carol Morgan, Ron Neil, Hope Peck, Vicky Saucier, Mike Shoemaker, Tim Sullivan, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, Traci Wales, Kristi Winick and Eve Wright*. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

Ⓐ 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, who have made us saints. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name forever, joining all the saints we name before you this day...

Ⓐ Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. (*You may share your prayers at this time*)

Here other intercessions may be offered.

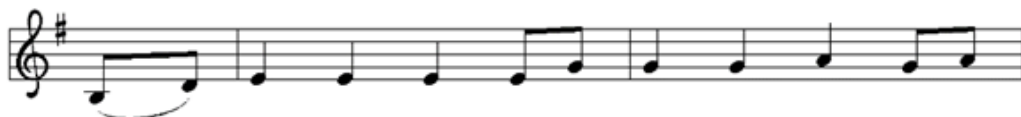
Ⓐ Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year. In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Lord, in your mercy.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

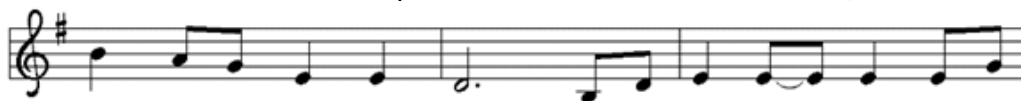
Ⓟ Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

☑ **Amen.**

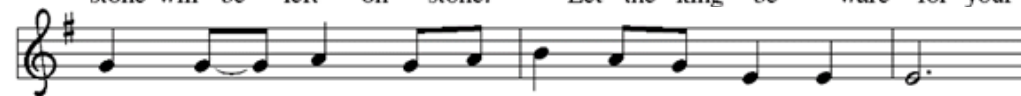
Offering of Gifts and Music



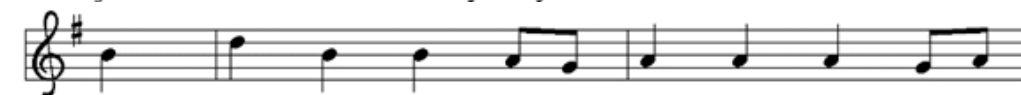
1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . 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.**

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.*)

Lord's Prayer

- Ⓟ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ☒ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

Mission Minutes

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 the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- ☒ **Amen.**

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.
- 3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

Godspeed and Farewell to John and Teresa Burdick**Dismissal**

- A** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

Blessed Are You

When Jesus sits on the mountain and begins his long sermon in Matthew's gospel, he begins with these statements of blessing. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so on. Jesus speaks of the positive outcomes of these conditions: they will be comforted, they will inherit the earth, they will be filled. "Blessed are you now," Jesus is saying, as well as "Blessed you will be."

God's promises are for today as much as they are for after we die. We trust that baptized into a death like Jesus' death, we are also baptized into a resurrection like Jesus' resurrection. In baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Proclaimed on a mountain or in the valleys that can come in daily life, our identity as blessed, baptized saints moves us to live in ways that give thanks to God for God's many gifts and blessings.

All Saints Day isn't just about remembering those who have died and whose names may be read during worship today. All Saints Day is about all the saints, the ones who have gone before, those living now, and those still to come. Today we remember with thanksgiving our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died within the past year, and we also give thanks for the saints who labor and worship on this side of heaven's gate.

Today we recall and celebrate with those who have gone before us as we gather at the font and the table, where in water and word, wine and bread, God reminds us, "Blessed are you." We are blessed, and so we live in ways that manifest this blessing for and toward others.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 23 Views: 160 Weekly Giving: \$3,491.41 Budget Amount: \$4,227.24

The Barry Eaton Heath Department *recommends* virtual worship for the people it serves. We hope that you are being blessed by our worship practices here at Grace Lutheran Church. *We continue in person worship currently*, along with our streaming worship. If the health department changes the recommendation to a mandate, you will be informed immediately and there will be no in person worship the following Sunday after the mandate is issued.

COMMUNION OF TWO KINDS arrives for in person worship. Thanks to a donation of grape juice (wine was not available) Grace will be able to enjoy communion with bread and “wine”. Thanks to Joe Longcor and Vickey Argo for the donation.

GRACE CAFÉ ZOOM *is today between worship services beginning at 9:45 am.*
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73215337522?pwd=SGtlMjZhZkRUVVRTaGJVbzQ3NXdpdz09>
Meeting ID: 732 1533 7522 Passcode: P0VRzC

Adult Forum will continue a study on the book of **Acts** today at 9:30 am. We will continue to meet in the Gathering Area for the study.

God’s Creation Calendars NIV 2021 are now for sale! Order on bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Fifty available at \$5.00 each – these make great Christmas gifts!

We need your plastic shopping bags! Grace is beginning a new ministry for the homeless. We are collecting shopping bags and a group is weaving them into mats. Please place your clean plastic shopping bags into a box marked shopping bags in the coat closet near the entrance and the office. Thanks for your ministry to those who can use these mats.

Private Communion We have “private” communion in the fellowship hall at **7:00 pm on Mondays** and continue our *3:00 pm service on Saturdays*. Please continue calling in to reserve your station, as we need to ensure that people can sit at social distancing. **Please call 269.945.9414 for your reservation day.**

Look for PRAYING THE JESSE TREE our Advent devotional provided by the Outreach Committee. This will be available next week on the table in the Gathering Area.

Assisting Minister – Vickey Argo

Lector – Ethan Scheck

Cantor – Kate Watson

Musicians – Vickey Argo, Chris Bush, Kim Domke, Carla Neil, Cindy Olson, Clyde Watson, Kate Watson, Lexie Watson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

*Ascribe to the Lord all glory! Shout praise to God's holy name. Come before our great God. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. **1 Chronicles 16:29***

Onsite Worship is offered at 8:00 am and 10:45 am. If you are uncomfortable with coming to the building, please continue to worship using our online worship format found at www.grace-hastings.org.

Reminders: ***If you are sick, please stay home. Please take care of the larger community as well as yourself.***

Worship needs to be a safe place (or as safe as we can make it), which means wearing a mask. To help keep the larger community safe, we ask that you maintain at least a 6-foot distance from those who are not part of your household. **Thank you for loving your neighbor.**

Worship Folders will be available on a table near the Greeters.

Baptismal Font will have no water, until we are able to put some in it.

Seating in the Sanctuary will be marked with social distancing in mind. There will be no **paper, pencils or hymnals** in the pews.

No Singing in the Sanctuary. The onsite worship will have music. There will be no assembly singing at onsite worship services.

Offering – There will be an offering plate near the entrance of the sanctuary, please drop your offering in the plate before or after worship; much like noisy offering. The offering plate outside the office will continue to be there, for those who do not come to onsite worship.

Passing of the Peace will take place with no physical touch or movement.

Communion at onsite worship is offered in one (1) kind. Only the bread will be offered. As you come into the building and receive your worship folder, you will also receive a piece of bread in a Ziplock bag. The table was bleached and dried, before the bread was broken. It is broken with gloved hands and masked face. You will be asked to use hand sanitizer before opening the bag just before the words of institution.

There will be **no Coffee Hour.**

Restrooms are available. They are cleaned using CDC cleaning procedure.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS - NOVEMBER 1, 2020

We are thankful for

Alice and Paul Katterhenrich

Bob Young

Tim O'Flynn

Kathy Scheck

Elora Grace Shrum

Becky Clifton

Fred and Shirley Domke

Anna and Lester Melcher

Cristina Fogarty Najmy

Molly Fogarty Buser

Ginny Melcher Moore

Judy Domke

Beth Shoemaker

Beth McCallum

Stephanie Watkins

Lisa Jackson Nurenberg

Cheryl Drumm

Paula Allerdig

Michael and Charlotte Anton

Dave Milsop

Lorraine and Bill Freedlund

Joe Longcor

Vicky Argo

Bab Garrels

Mike Kemper

Richard Ogden

George Ulrich Sr.

Irene Golnek

Edward T Golnek

Joyce DeVinney

Debbie Wood

Janette Anderson

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Fred Kogge

Lauren Kogge

Dot Mayo

Pat Wagner

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Eddie Ehredt

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Kay Marsh

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Sharon Bolton

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Rev. Leroy Westphal

Lois Tessen

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Elsie Strate

Art and Dorothy Schoessel

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Carol Wilke

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Curt Danecki

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