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# All Saints Sunday

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*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. Today 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.

## Gathering Music

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

## Greeting

*Please rise in body or spirit. The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- P** Grace be with you from the † Holy Trinity; our true God, who comes to us with the love of a parent, redeemer, and upholder.
- C** **And also with you.**

## Gathering Song

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

ELW 742

## All Saints Litany

- P** O God of the pilgrim's way,
- C** **we give thanks for those in generations past who were examples of God's love.**
- A** We give you praise, that we too are walking in your way of love.
- C** **Send your Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey.**
- P** Help us work in the world as people who show love to all.
- C** **Give us compassion for those who are poor, hungry, and suffering.**
- A** We rejoice that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
- C** **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.
- C** **We celebrate that we are in communion with all your saints by the gift of grace. Amen.**

**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.**

Grace Singers (10:45 Service)

*O How Blessed*

Dan Schutte

**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 proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.*

℣ A reading from **Daniel**.

<sup>1</sup>In 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: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I 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: <sup>17</sup>“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But 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

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;  
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people  
and adorns the poor with victory.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup>**Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

<sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup>**to bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron,**

<sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

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

☒ A reading from **Ephesians**.

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Arise in body or in spirit*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Give Thanks for the Saints*

**ELW 428**

## **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 on enemies and outsiders.*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice 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.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“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.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Time

## Message

*Silence for reflection. After reflection,  
Arise in body or in spirit to sing the hymn.*

## Song of the Day

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

**ELW 817**

## Prayers

*You may sit or kneel for prayer. The prayer response after each petition is, **We come before you, O Lord.** The assembly prays singing: **Oh, draw me, Lord, and I’ll run after you.***

☐ United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence*

☐ Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future especially, *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Resurrection Lutheran Church, Saginaw; Quimby United Methodist Church, Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* We come before you, O Lord.

☑ **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I’ll run after you.**

**A** Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding We come before you, O Lord.

**G** **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after you.**

**A** Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Be with those who safeguard the world, *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), and Seth Domke (Domke)*. We come before you, O Lord.

**G** **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after you.**

**A** Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. You meet all our needs. Be with those who are downtrodden at this time *especially Frances Ann, Veronica Baarson, Elnora Beckwith, Keith Busheé, John Charles, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Greg Franks, Bill Frutiger, Mike Gibbons, Amanda Haddix (pregnancy), Larry Hansen, Henry Heil, To the Family of Jerry Knickerbocker, Norma Ludlow, Alexis Markwart, Mattea Markwart, Doug Mephem, Carolyn Moffit, Terri Neeb, Ron Neil, Ken Plourde, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Al Throop, Lindsay Varkula (pregnancy), Maryellen Wammock, and Cheryl Wilke*. We come before you, O Lord.

**G** **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after you.**

**A** Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. We come before you, O Lord.

**G** **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after you.**

**P** With grateful hearts we commend our spoken, sung and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

*Arise in body or in spirit*

### **Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

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

## Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.
- ☞ **Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## Thanksgiving Prayer

- Ⓟ Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
- ☞ **We praise you, O God.**
  
- Ⓟ Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
- ☞ **We bless you, O God.**
  
- Ⓟ We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
- ☞ **We thank you, O God.**
  
- Ⓟ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim that Jesus is among us.
  
- Ⓟ Remembering God's love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- ☞ **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**
  
- Ⓟ We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.
- ☞ **Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer

- ☞ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray how Jesus first taught:
- ☞ **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.**

## Invitation to Communion

- ☞ Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## We Partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

Communion Songs	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	ELW 612
	<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling</i>	ELW 608
	<i>I Received the Living Lord</i>	ELW 477

## Prayer after Communion

- ☞ Let us pray . . . God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
- ☞ **Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Mission Minutes

*Arise in body or spirit.*

## Blessing

- ☞ God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
- ☞ **Amen.**



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

**Dismissal**

- A Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
- Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**8:00 am**

Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin  
 Lector – Jamie Heise  
 Cantor – Cindy Olson  
 Musician – Cindy Olson  
 Pastor – Ken Scheck  
 Fellowship – Ken & Laura Scheck

**10:45 am**

Assisting Minister – Traci Wales  
 Lector – Joe Longcor  
 Cantor – Cindy Olson  
 Musician – Cindy Olson  
 Pastor – Ken Scheck  
 Fellowship – Diane and Doug Neeb

## Saints Named and Unnamed

On All Saints Day, many congregations read aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. We don't call them saints because they were perfect but because they were loved by us and by God. We acknowledge that all people, being simultaneously sinners and saints, lead complex lives full of both bad and good. We rest in the sure promise that at the end of their lives, God has welcomed our loved ones to their eternal home.

In this passage from Luke, Jesus' words remind us that there are more saints than we could ever list in our litanies. There are many saints whose names we do not even know. Those whom God calls "blessed" are often marginalized and forgotten: the hungry, poor, suffering, and rejected. Yet, these unlikely saints are the ones Jesus calls us to emulate. We are to live with our hearts fixed not on the rewards of the world, but on the treasures found in God's unending presence.

So today, as we honor the saints we knew personally by speaking their names, we can also honor the saints we have never known, those who have been forgotten by humans but remain favored by God. We might imagine adding their names to our never-ending litany, an ongoing celebration of all the faithful who have gone before us.

We might even imagine our own names being added to that list. After all, we too are made saints, not by our own merit but by God's gracious transformation that begins at our baptism. When we reach the end of our own complex lives, we will join the lineage of saints, both named and unnamed, who have gone before us. Until then, we can still live into our sainthood, just as Jesus recommends, by living each day with radical generosity and love.

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**Save the Date** Jesus Birthday Party after the 10:45 Worship Service on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

**Adult Forum** continues to gather in the Gathering Area and will continue its study on the book of **Psalms** at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

**ADVENT begins on the last Sunday of this month.** You are invited to join us for a special service on the first three Wednesdays. We gather for a meal that begins at 6:30 followed by worship at 7:15 pm. This year we are having ***Holden Evening Prayer with a Flare!*** We hope you can join us for this unique worship and educational event.

**Caroling for the Homebound.** Meet at the church at 1:00pm, as we set out to spread some cheer on December 11, 2022. Carpooling is available if it desired.

**Called to the Church Triumphant** November 3, 2022, our brother Jerry Knickerbocker.

### **Stewardship Information**

Attendance: 64	Views: 257
Weekly Giving: \$2,618.00	Budget Amount: \$4,301.04
Renew Campaign Needed \$2,300.00	
Renew Campaign Received <u>\$ 0.00</u>	
TOTAL Outstanding \$2,300.00	

**Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are blessed as children of God. Let us share love for one another.**

**Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign.** As you can tell by the above numbers, we have paid off all of these items. Now we enter into the Renewal phase of the campaign which has a goal of raising \$4842.00 toward a new HVAC system for the Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your continued generosity.

**Pasty Sale** Please place your orders by Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Pick up is Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Call 269.945.9414 to place your or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Just a reminder that pasties are \$7.00 for unbaked, and \$8.00 for baked.

**God's Creation 2023 Calendars.** Available for \$5.00 each. This is not a fundraiser, but you can pick them up for a very reasonable price. These are made available by the Outreach Committee. Please put your money in the envelope provided and make sure you include "Outreach Calendar" on the envelope. Envelopes can be deposited in the collection plate or placed on Brenda's desk.

**Heating and Cooling** Just a reminder as the seasons change. If you change the thermostats in the building, please push the run button when finished heating the space to the desired level. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Psalms are for Singing** Did you know that the Psalms were literally songs, sung to praise God or lament? Grace will soon return to singing the Psalm, starting in Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be a Cantor, or Singer of the Psalm, please let me know! Thanks, Cindy Olson.

Mark your calendars for **Christmas Eve Service, Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Grace will only have a **10 am worship service on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> and on New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>**.