



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *St. Anne* William Croft arr. G.T. Miles/A.V. Giamanco
Announcements
Prelude: *Toccata for Flutes* Craig A. Penfield

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

P: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Bless Adeline, Daniel, Dee, Malonni, Nymeria, Taylor, and others who are newly-baptized, that they may grow in faith and love for you.

C: Bathe us all in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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 swelt 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 guide while troubles last and our eternal home.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.** *(the congregation is seated)*

Remembering Those Who Have Died in the Faith

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember today all those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors. As the names of congregation members and others who have died since last All Saints' Day are read aloud, those family members present today are invited to come forward and light one or more candles. After the last name is read, all are invited to come forward and light additional candles in thanksgiving for those who have passed on a living legacy of faith. We give thanks this day, especially for: Judy Cundy, Ray Dawes, Amanda Finneman, Ruby Glee, Rhonda Grindeland, Catherine Hubert, Linda Kathman, Rev. Walt Kirkegaard, Phyllis May, Wesley Ries, John Schmidt, Walter Schneider, David Wester.

Lighting of Candles in Thankful Remembrance (All are invited to come forward at this time to light one or more candles in remembrance of those who have passed on a living legacy of faith.)

Let us pray... **O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: we give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. As we remember these saints, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Keep us in union with them and all who are baptized, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

R: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-9,22

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

I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

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

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

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

I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

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

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

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

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

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

R: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

R: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: For All Your Saints, O Lord

ELW #427

1. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
Who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.
2. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
Who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.
3. They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
Learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.
4. For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew
That we like them in holiness may live and die in you.
5. To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
The One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed...

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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: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world. (petitions end: "Hear us, O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

The Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One of the ways we do this is by partnering with local funeral homes to provide funeral, memorial, and grief support services. We appreciate your faithfulness in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

Offertory: *Benediction*

Fenton Groden

Offering Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own (v.1)

ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

The 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.

P: It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

L: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father... now and forever. **C: Amen.**

C: 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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us *(the congregation sings)*

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to
become our bread;

so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. (refrain)
2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In ACS #950

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

L: Led on by the saints before us, let us go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Oh, When the Saints Go Marchin' In

arr. Jim Lucas

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader: Carol Strom

Fellowship: Marv & Carol Strom

Communion Asst: Barbara Ovitt

Keeping in prayer... Keeping in Prayer... Sandy Kirkegaard, Carrie Dawes, Rick May, and Thielman family as they grieve loved ones, Helen, Doris, Jim, Don & Donna, Rick & Karen, Ann, Jennifer, Diana, Rose, Deanna, Amy, Crystal, Ted, Carl & Harley, Marilyn, Angie, Ron, Dorothy, Noah, Elaine, Dorothy, Jerry, Toni, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi, Esther, Reta, Sharron.

Announcements for the week of November 5:

- MON: First Monday Night Quilters meet in the Social Hall from 6-8 pm.
- TUES: Motion class w/Wendy Masterson - 9:45-10:15 am Fireside Room.
- WED: WOW pre-K through gr.6 - meal, Bible story, activity 6-7 pm;
 - Adult Small Catechism study – 7 pm in the Library/Zoom
 - GF Jazz Band rehearses in the Social Hall 7-9 pm
- THU: Hand bells rehearse at 5:40
 - GF Community Band rehearses in the Fireside Room 7-9 pm
- NEXT SUNDAY: CONSECRATION SUNDAY (11/12) – We will bless quilts & prayer shawls and receive 2024 Estimate of Giving Cards during worship. A potluck meal in the Social Hall will follow the worship service.
- Thanks to all who decorated cars and dressed up for Trunk-or-Treat!

Worship Texts for Next Sunday: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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