



All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020

9:30 am

For all the

SAINTS

*Today we remember the newly
baptized as well as those who are
now the church triumphant.*

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As we gather for worship and prepare our hearts we would ask that you please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.

INTRODUCTION

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah looks forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 422 For All the Saints (vs 1-4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

We pass judgment on one another

before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

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.

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

READING: ISAIAH 25:6-9

On 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.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he 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,
or the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open my heart to your love, oh God.

Open my eyes to your grace.

Open my life to receive your word.

Send wisdom and courage to follow your way.

(Dakota Road)

The holy gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-6, 17-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, but even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when [Mary] heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with [Mary] in the house, consoling her, saw her get up quickly and go out.

They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came to 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.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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*.”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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.”

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

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.”

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Trina Johnsten

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 451

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 OF THE CHURCH AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Response: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

We are so very blessed with the continued support of this congregation during this time of physical distancing. For those who are gathering in worship today, the offering plate is placed on the table as you entered. For those who are joining us from home, you are encouraged to mail in your pledge to the church, to give on-line, if you aren't already, or to give through an arrangement you can set up through your bank. Thank you for your faithful support.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

**Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables**

in the midst of a suffering world,

through the bread of life,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 COMMUNION

The Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. We believe that Christ comes to us in the bread and cup for the forgiveness of sins and new life. Today we will be coming forward for communion. The ushers will help guide you. Please keep the six foot physical distancing in mind as we move forward. We will begin with the south side of the sanctuary. Families may come up together. Remove your mask and use the hand sanitizer provided. The table will have covered cups with bread, gluten free wafers are marked with a "GF". You may then remove the lid and take the bread/wafer. A garbage is by the table for you to drop the cup and lid into. The table also has the wine and white grape juice offered. You may remove the lid and repeat as you did with the bread. A garbage is available for your use. You may then reattach your mask and use the hand sanitizer provided.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- BOB 46 Do This In Remembrance of Me
BOB 55 Feed My Lambs
BOB 53 Feed Us Now
BOB 239 What Is This Bread

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now, and unto life eternal, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, We give you thanks, gracious God,
**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.**

**Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

- ELW 422 For All the Saints (vs 5-7)*

DISMISSAL

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

SERVING TODAY

Accompanist Mary Seim

Lay Assistant John Blank

Usher/Greeter Patty Braget

Projectionist Dina Davis

Tech Colter McCarty

Counters Patty Braget and Donna Vinnedge

Flowers are given by Sue Hesse in celebration of She and Don's anniversary of 48 years!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at Bethel An additional offering will be received in support of ELCA World Hunger in the wicker baskets.

Today we remember the newly baptized saints as well as those who died this past year.

The saints who were **baptized** during the past year:

Lincoln Andrew Hurin

Jack Roger Forde

Kaison Dax Nebel

Oaklyn John Burckhard

Dasper Ratcliff Jr

Oakley William Barnes

Teagan Leigh Brattain

Maeve Hannah Toner

Theodora Cristina Beals

The saints who *died* this past year:

Lincoln Andrew Hurin

Jean Humphrey

Pam Castner

Carol Erickson

Don Seyfert

A DEFINITION OF A SAINT

Every Christian, including you, and many other persons whom you wouldn't want to hang out with.

In the New Testament, the word *saint* never refers to a special class of super-duper Christians, rather it always refers to all christians. For instance, the Letter to the Ephesians is addressed “to the saints in Ephesus.” Saints are not saintly because of what they do but because of what Christ has done for them. Christian saints are identified not by their own wisdom, good works, holiness, and wholeness but by the fact that they belong to Jesus.

And that means, of course, that you are qualified to be a saint, too. As is your worst nightmare of a neighbor. Groucho Marx may have said, “I don't want to be a member of any club that will accept me as a member,” but Jesus said, in effect, “Only sinners need apply-and I will make you saints.”

{Crazy Talk} A Not- So- Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms Rolf A. Jacobson, editor Copyright 2008 Augsburg Books. pg. 153w

THIS WEEK

Monday 11/2

- Boy Scouts meet 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 11/3

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am
- Call Committee meets at Bethel 6:30 pm

Wednesday 11/4

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation meeting on Zoom 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- High School Logos meet in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Thursday 11/5

- Exec Board Council conference call 5:30 pm
- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday 11/6

- Bethel Office Closed

Saturday 11/7

- 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Make It With Wool
- Close Knit meets in the Gathering Place 9:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11/9

- Boy Scouts meet 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 11/10

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast, via Zoom 7:00 am
- Council meeting 6:30 pm, place TBD

Wednesday 11/11

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 10:00 am
- Confirmation meeting on Zoom 6:30 to 7:30 pm

- High School Logos meet in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Thursday 11/12

- Bible Study with Pastor Trina Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday 11/13

- Bethel Office Closed

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