# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

21st Sunday After Pentecost November 2, 2025





Sharing the Hope of Jesus in a Troubled World

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar have been given by Nola and Ron Nordeng in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on the 26th.

### Prayer Concerns

Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA
Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
For the people of United in Christ Lutheran Church

John Kincaid - brother-in-law of Chet Gabris - at St. Mary's Care Center Heather Fjelstad-Bunce - niece of Dennis Stephenson - has Leukemia Dorothy Hasey - at Columbus Health & Rehab Joanne Quam - continued rehabilitation at home Geno Lainberger - at Madison Health & Rehab Center Kathy Olsen - sister-in-law of Dick & Ann Olsen - lung cancer

## **A**NNOUNCEMENTS

- HAPPY BIRTHDAYS - Kim Eighmy on Thursday the 6th.

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## Welcome to Worship!

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

## **GATHERING**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

(Please stand as you are able.)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, • one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

## Confession & Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,

☐ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

## REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

A single candle is lit as a symbol of Christ's presence in and among us as we gather together in remembrance of all saints who have gone before us.

P: Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy One. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them in love and anticipation of an eternal reunion.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

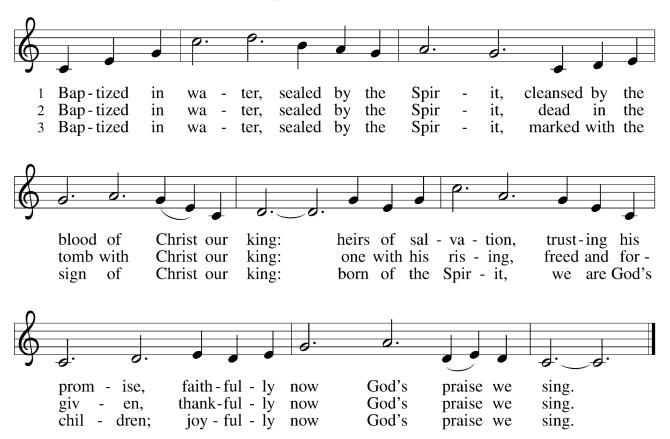
C: and you will find rest for your souls.

P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

C: and you will find rest for your souls.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 456

## Baptized in Water



Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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#### GREETING

- P: Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
- C: "Let there be light!"
- P: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
- C: "I am the Light of the world."
- P: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
- C: The ones in whom God's light shines.
- P: So let us give thanks for the saints this day,
- C: And let us worship God.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

## **WORD**

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.

<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."

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Wisdom 3:1-9

(Please read the bold text responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

- <sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster
- <sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace.
- <sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
- <sup>5</sup> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
- <sup>6</sup> like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
- <sup>7</sup> In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble.
- <sup>8</sup> They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.
- <sup>9</sup> Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:11-23

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.

<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.

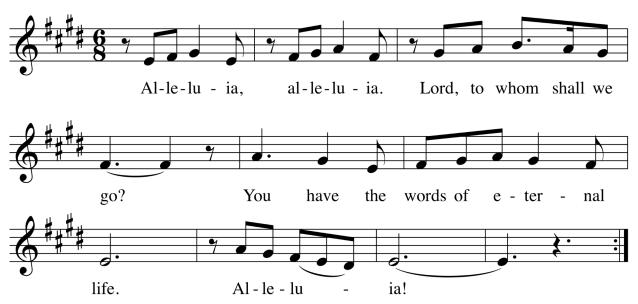
<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive 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.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Now the Feast & Celebration



GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: 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 on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated 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 how their ancestors treated the false prophets.
- <sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat 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 asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you."
- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

#### SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

#### Prayers of Intercession & Remembrance

- P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.
- ☐ Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 1-2 (See Next Page)
- P: O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of the good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: O God of heaven, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember those from this congregation for their witness of faithfulness and love:

Belinda "Babe" Meyer Alice Hansen Richard "Dick" Olsen Betty Bader We Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Merciful God.

- C: receive our prayer.
- Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 3-5 (See Next Page)
- P: O God, Alpha and Omega, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember those on the hearts and minds of those gathered here in community...

## Louis R Molnar Royal Quam Jim Prieve

...We Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Merciful God.

- C: receive our prayer.
- Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 6-7 (See Next Page)
- P: O God of healing, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you... Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
  - All are welcome, as you feel called, to light a candle as an act of personal prayer.
- P: O God of welcome, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for those in our community not yet here, that families and friends seeking your love find it here with us. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.
- Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 1 (See Next Page)

#### For All the Saints



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#### Apostles Creed

- P: Together with the whole body of Christ gathered around the world, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed:
- C: 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.

(Please be seated.)

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need...
- P: Hear us, O God,
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: ...We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

### **PFACE**

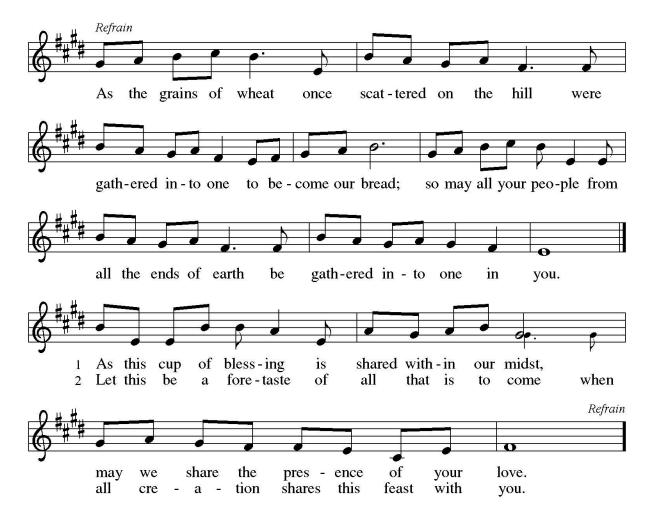
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able.)

## **MEAL**

### OFFERTORY - ELW 465

## As the Grains of Wheat



Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

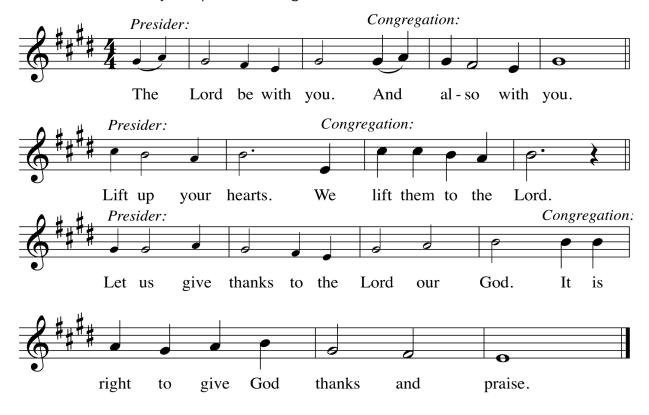
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,

now and forever.

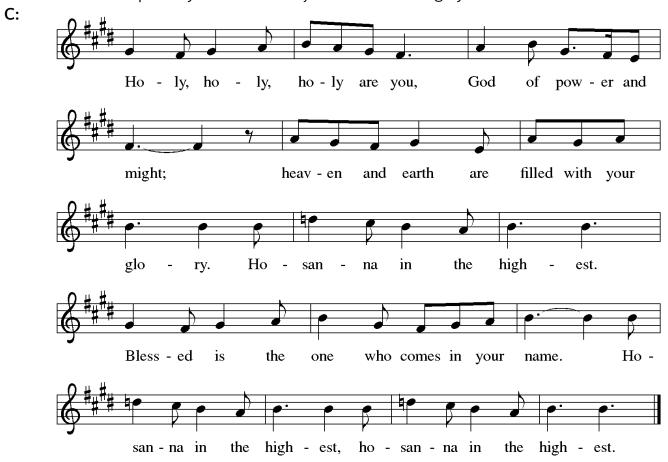
#### C: Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (May be spoken or sung.)



## **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **E**UCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 Communion

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

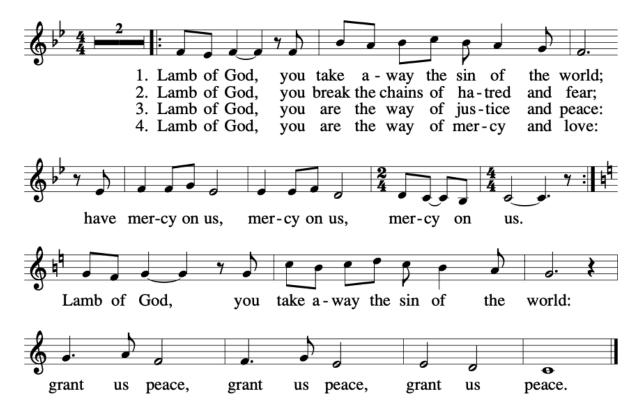
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated.)

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion. The Presiding Pastor will provide verbal instructions for communion. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring communion to you. Gluten free bread is available. Children or those who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

#### COMMUNION HYMN - Now the Feast & Celebration



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(Please stand as you are able.)

#### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

## **SENDING**

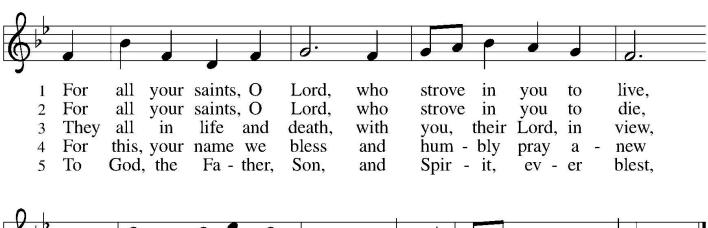
## BLESSING

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ±
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN - ELW 427

## For All Your Saints, O Lord





fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a-dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive. who you their great re-ward, ac - cept our thank-ful who count-ed cry. Spir - it's breath to suf - fer learned from your Ho - ly and to do. like them in ho - li - ness may live and die that we in you. the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

#### DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C: Thanks be to God.



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister - Rev. Robert Moberg Music - Pre-Recorded by Ivy McLaughlin Reader - Rona Anderson Communion Assistant - Paul Anderson Ushers - Rona and Paul Anderson Altar Guild - Bev Harris Head Usher - Chet Gabris

#### **O**FFERING

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