

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

a service of remembrance

November 3, 2024

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Setting Four

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look 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

Pastor Wolfgang

Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C. Amen.

P. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C. we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P. These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C. Amen

The Peace

P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.



Gathering Hymn

For All Your Saints, O Lord

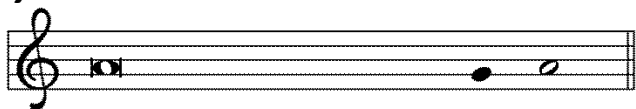
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P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

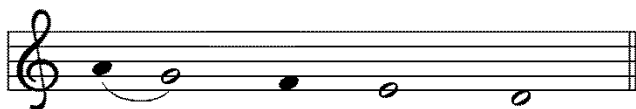
C. And also with you.

Kyrie

(Bold – Congregation)



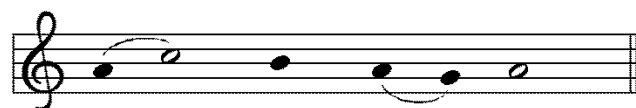
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



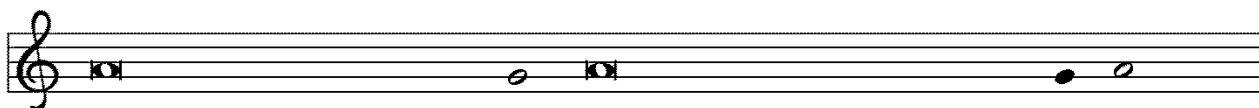
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



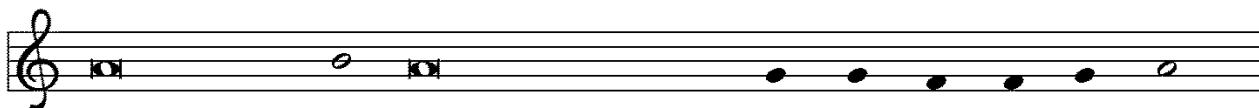
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



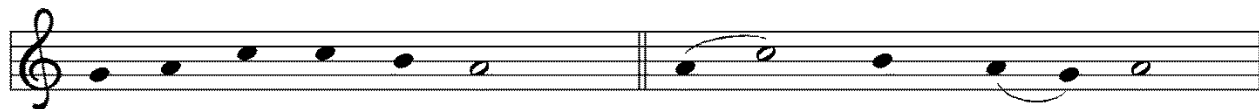
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



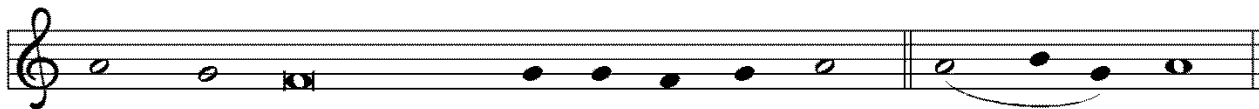
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



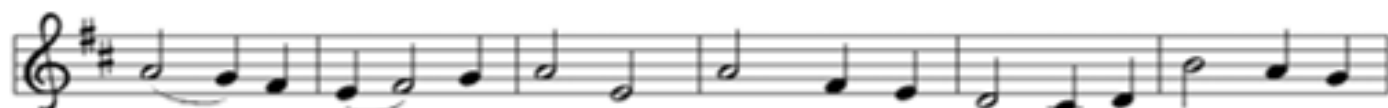
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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. 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

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ 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. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ 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, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ 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.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Palm 24

Chanted Responsively



¹ The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**² For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

**⁴ Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

⁸ **Who is this | King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this | King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P. The holy gospel according to Saint John, the eleventh chapter.
C. Glory to you, O Lord.



John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came 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." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² 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." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ 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."

P. The gospel of the Lord.
C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon



Children's Ministry

Sermon

The Great Reversal

Pastor Wolfgang

Hymn of the Day

Shall We Gather at the River

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

believe

Remembrance



- P.** All Saints Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.
- A.** The custom of commemorating all the saints of the Church on a single day goes back to at least the third century. All Saints Day, November 1, celebrates not only the saints who have gone before us, but all the people of God living and dead, who together form the body of Christ.

As we read the names of members and friends of Lord of Life Lutheran who have gone before us and we rejoice with those who have been baptized in this past year, we remember them in our prayers today, giving thanks for their lives.

- P.** We remember them with joy and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints of all time who have died in the faith.

Louise Brown	Thomas Isaacs	Janice Havenstein O'Brian	
Faye Chaney	Steven Jimenez	James Powers	Vincent We
Leslie Dumas	Alberto Lee	Rev. Reggie Price	Chan-Kook Rha, MD

Recently Baptized

Callen Rusk

Jamison Stone

Prayers of Intercession

- A.** Let Us Pray: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L.** 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 your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

- C.** receive our prayer.

L. O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,
C. receive our prayer.

L. O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,
C. receive our prayer.

L. O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (*especially*). Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,
C. receive our prayer.

L. O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,
C. receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L. O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. 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.

Temple Talk

Randy King

The Offering

Anthem

God Bless the Hands

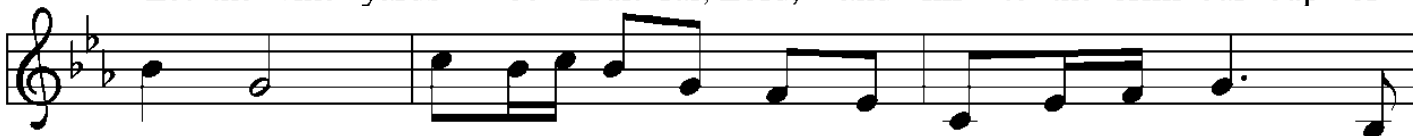
Marty Haugen/John Dykes

Choir

Let the Vineyards...



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C. 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.

Lift Up
Your
Hearts

P. 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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

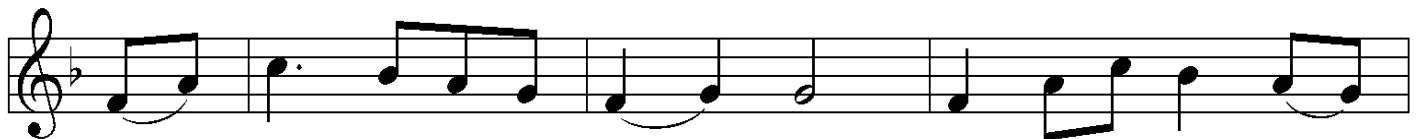
The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P. 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.

Communion Hymns

Come, Let Us Eat ELW 491
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ELW 490

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

C. Amen

Post Communion Canticle *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

ELW 625

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. Gilbert Martin



Tech Team volunteers needed! Now that our new audio-visual system in the sanctuary has been installed, we need volunteers to run it. Ideally, we would need eight volunteers as we need at least two people each Sunday; in this way, each person would have to serve only once a month. **There will be hands-on training on Tuesday, November 12, 6:30-8 pm.** Interested? Let Terry Barnes know.

Our NC Synod offers an online Election Eve Prayer Service on Monday, November 4, at 7 p.m. We come together for a moment of prayer, praying for peace, for wisdom, and for the unity of God's church, held in grace, mercy, and love, despite our failings. Use the link included in the Thursday email to register for the Zoom. Many of the election resources and events that have been highlighted in the synod's e-newsletters have been gathered on the synod website, a link to which is also included in the Thursday email.

LOOKING AHEAD: Next Sunday, November 10, is **GENEROSITY SUNDAY** at Lord of Life when we are asked to make a commitment of our financial giving for 2025. Early next week, LOL members will receive a pledge card in the mail. Please prayerfully consider how you can make a difference and support God's mission of love and mercy in this place.

Servers for Sunday, November 3rd

Assisting Minister Carol Wilhelm
Reader Don Wilhelm
Altar Guild Sharyl Eggert
Greeters/Counters ... Neil Brennecke/Sharyl Eggert
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Please consider spending time giving glory to God on a Sunday morning by filling one of the various worship assistant positions. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway



Flowers this week are given by Sarah Watkins in celebration of Carolyn's Birthday.

Candles this month are given by Julia Lochra in honor of all Veterans.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

Donna Hanna
Charlie Fairchilds
Marie Pope
Connie Fortmeyer



Tom Harrison
Kim Heart
Bob DeVito
Phil Garoutte
David Van Benschoten

Family & friends of Thomas Isaacs, Rev. Reggie Price, and Chan-Kook Rha, MD



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"All are welcome, no exceptions!"

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1 pm to 6 pm

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