

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD,  
WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



ALL SAINTS DAY  
NOVEMBER 3, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

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# ALL SAINTS DAY

## *Introduction*

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

## *Humbling Truth*

Today's gospel presents Jesus once again reversing our expectations: "The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted" (Matthew 23:11-12). To humble ourselves means that important and powerful people might not notice our contributions. To humble ourselves means becoming less self-centered, being "right-sized" to our circumstances and in relationship to other people.

To humble ourselves, in truth, invites dependence—first, last, and only—on God. We give up the myth of the self-made individual and surrender ourselves to live with an open and vulnerable heart. To do so is nothing less than the way of the cross, the way of all saints.

And it is in the crossroads of our journeys, the traumas and the setbacks, that we find that life is not a solo act. We cannot, we must not, do life by ourselves. All that we are and have is from God—and that is when we begin to know ourselves as poor in spirit (Matt. 5:3), as truly and gladly humble. Our own misfortunes, sins, and human frailty open our eyes and our hearts to the pain of the world, and we begin to grow in mercy toward everyone else. When that happens—when we gaze upon the face of God in everyone we encounter—we find a growing hunger and thirst for righteousness. When we begin to seek for God's life, we become peacemakers reconciling ourselves to God and our neighbor. As we humble ourselves and surrender to God's love for and in us, we are lifted up into newness of life, a life for which Christ died on the cross and rose again.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## PRELUDE

### **The Cloud's Veil**

*by Liam Lawton*

Even though the rain hides the stars,  
Even though the mist swirls the hills,  
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,  
God is by my side.

Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,  
Even when, at dawn, the sky shall weep,  
Even in the night when storms shall rise,  
God is by my side.

Deep the feast of life  
Where saints shall gather in deep peace  
Deep in heaven's light,  
Where sorrows pass beyond death's sleep.

Blest are they who sing  
The fellowship of saints in light.  
Blest is heaven's King.  
All saints adore the Lord, Most High.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Judy Treadway*

### \*\* CONFESSION

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **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.**

**\*\* FORGIVENESS**

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. **Amen.**

**\*\* GATHERING SONG**

*For All the Saints (ELW 422)*



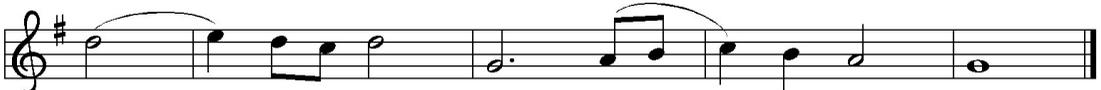
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
5 The golden evening bright-ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*\* 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**

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.**

**\*\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

# PSALMODY & WORD

## PSALM 27

*The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*

*Repeat after Music Minister:*

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, of  
whom should I be a - fraid? Of whom should I be a - fraid?

### Verse 1

The Lord is my light and my help. Whom should I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Before whom should I shrink?

### Verse 2

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long:  
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### Verse 3

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Hope in God, and take heart; hope in the Lord!

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord, from everlasting to everlasting, you enlighten the hearts of your children and reveal your power to save. We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Repeat after Music Minister:

*Refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
 death in - to life. life.

Verse 1

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
 I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Verse 2

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
 You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
 My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Verse 3

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
 I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
 Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Verse 4

You have set me a banquet of love  
 In the face of hatred,  
 Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Verse 5

Surely, your kindness and mercy follow me  
 All the days of my life;  
 I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

**PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, good and gracious Shepherd, by your death you took away the sting of death. Strengthen us to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM 80

Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Repeat after Music Minister:

REFRAIN

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and

we shall be saved.

final ending

Verse 1

Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne and shine forth;  
Oh, rouse your power, and come to save us.

Verse 2

We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live,  
Reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.

Verse 3

If you will dwell with us, you shall live anew in your love,  
Oh, shine upon us, great Lord of Life.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, 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. On this day, we are mindful of the lives of the saints who have touched our lives and now dwell with you in light. As we remember these people, 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, and at last we will see your face. **Amen.**

**\*\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Verse**

Even if you have to die, close to my word keep faithful;  
For your faithfulness, I will give you the crown of life!

**\*\* GOSPEL**

**John 11:32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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." 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.**

**YOUTH MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

*Pr. Bob Swanson*

**ANTHEM**

*Kyrie*  
based on Mvt II, "Largo"  
from Symphony No 9: "From the New World"  
by Antonín Dvorák  
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Pam Bauser, flute  
Lisa Donovan, soprano  
Angie Seltzer, mezzo-soprano  
Roger Bauser, baritone  
Chancel Choir

# CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*The Apostles' Creed professes our belief in the Communion of Saints. This is the idea that saints in heaven and saints on earth remain united, unseparated by death, as members of Christ's body. We who continue our journey on earth share in the presence of our departed loved ones. These souls, who, now that they live in the presence of God, are the saints in light.*

*This next part of the service remembers those in our community who have passed, celebrates those who have recently come into the church, and honors their shared fellowship in the body of Christ.*

## **REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED**

*We Remember Them*

At the rising sun and at its going down;

**We remember them.**

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;

**We remember them.**

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;

**We remember them.**

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;

**We remember them.**

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;

**We remember them.**

At the beginning of the year and when it ends;

**We remember them.**

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

**We remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength;

**We remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart;

**We remember them.**

When we have decisions that are difficult to make;

**We remember them.**

When we have joy we crave to share;

**We remember them.**

When we have achievements that are based on theirs;

**We remember them.**

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

**We remember them.**

*As each name is read, a bell will ring and a candle will burn to the honor of the departed loved one. The bell that rings is no death knell. This is a signal of love and faith. We pray the sound of the bell will ring through the veil and resound with love on the other side. May the ringing of this bell bring comfort, love, and encouragement to our departed brothers and sisters!*

## *Members*

*(candles are used for church members only)*

*Joan Boehner*

*Richard DeLong*

*Sandra DeLong*

*Ron Geibert*

*Edward Jones*

*Lova Lilly*

*Dan Kosanovich*

*Wanda Naudasher*

*\* Robert Pressler*

*\* Jerry Steck*

## *Family and Friends*

*Philip Bauser*

*Bobby Bruner*

*Bill Cilley (pronounced "silly")*

*Mary Cilley (pronounced "silly")*

*Mark Connelly (Chris' brother)*

*Deb DeVilbiss*

*Walter Alan Dudley*

*Yvonne Dudley*

*Rick Grubb*

*Rose Hinesman*

*Elaine Johnson*

*Donald McSurdy (Lisa's stepdad)*

*Paul Pack*

*Floyd and Michael Seim*

*Clinton and Beth Spencer*

*Clayton and Peggy Talley*

### **CELEBRATING NEW SAINTS**

*As the name of each newly-baptized member is read aloud, a member from the family will come forward to light a candle in that person's honor. We pray that the light of the combined candles from our new members and our departed members will light the darkness and illuminate our faith in the Communion of Saints.*

### **PRAYER**

Brothers and sisters, let us pray: **God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and those most dear to us who rest in you. Bless also these brothers and sisters who through baptism have joined our family. Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the church on earth and the church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*\* GATHERING OF THE GIFTS**

**\*\* OFFERTORY**

*Élégie*

by Jules Massenet  
Bill Fahle, trombone

**\*\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lift up your heads. **We lift them up to God.**

Lift up your voices. **We lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

**\*\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life and faith, you are welcome here – here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember. Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples 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."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another.

**\*\* LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

*For those of you communing at home or in the pews.*

**COMMUNION** -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person may respond: **Amen.**

**Communion Statement** ~ *if you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Redeemer and would like to receive Holy Communion, then come forward to receive the elements. If you would just like to come forward to receive a blessing, then you may do that also.*

*NOTE: We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion. If you have a gluten allergy, gluten-free wafers are available upon request when receiving Communion. Also, if you prefer not to receive wine at Communion, apple juice is available upon request. For those choosing to remain in the pews, communion assistants will come to your pew or there are communion all-in-one cups containing grape juice available in the Narthex.*

## \*\* REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION

As we prepare the to receive the sacrament today, may we quietly take this time to center ourselves on Christ, and reflect the amazing gifts of grace and forgiveness that we have been given. As we receive the body and blood of our Lord, let us reflect upon his sacrifice. Finally, may we take this time to ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and then to work in us and through us each and every day.

## \*\* COMMUNION HYMN

*I Will Rise*

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

There's a peace I've come to know,  
Though my heart and flesh may fail;  
There's an anchor for my soul;  
I can say, "it is well."

Jesus has overcome,  
And the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won.  
He is risen from the dead.

(Refrain - Music Ministers)

And I will rise when he calls my name:  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings,  
Before my God fall on my knees,  
And rise, I will rise.

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers)  
There's a day that's drawing near,  
When this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear,  
And my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome,  
And the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won.  
He is risen from the dead.

**(Refrain - All)**

**And I will rise when he calls my name:  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings,  
Before my God fall on my knees,  
And rise, I will rise.**

(Bridge - Music Ministers / **All**)

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
**And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!"**

(Final Refrain - Music Ministers)

I will rise when he calls my name:  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings,  
Before my God fall on my knees,  
And rise, I will rise.  
I will rise!

**\*\* TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and always keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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. **Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*\* BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Oh, When the Saints!*



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.

## \*\* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Created, saved and gifted by God, we seek, serve and share Jesus Christ.**

**Hallelujah, thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**“W + 2” = Worship Plus Two**

**Make a commitment to not only worship each week  
but also try to find a way to serve in the congregation  
and seek out a way to serve our community.**

**YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD**

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639 Sunday, November 3, 2024**

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

### **John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries Thursday, November 7, 2024**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

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