

November 7, 2021
All Saints Sunday and Stewardship Dedication



All Saints' Day

Thought: 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. It is His victory that we celebrate.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the "All Saints Peace"

P: May Christ's victory over death live in your hearts!

C: **And also in yours!**

Call to Worship

A: We come with what strength we have of heart, mind, and soul,

C: to learn to love the God who first loved us into being.

A: In joy, God returns that love with abundance,

C: through the hands and hearts of our neighbors. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Gathering Hymn

<https://youtu.be/Rgwq7f2FpNk>

For All The Saints – First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln NB

- 1 *For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- 2 *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- 6 *But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession

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

Silence is kept for reflection

Have mercy on us, O God.

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

Greeting

<https://youtu.be/j9eduGxWZio>

Topher Keene

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” #520

Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you as the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy,

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise

https://youtu.be/ABoW7-r_WZg

This is the Feast – First Lutheran Church Duluth Minnesota

Prayer of the Day

A: Throughout all our lives God is with us.

C: Praise be to God for God's mercy and love.

A: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God's presence is near.

C: When we don't know which way to go, God will guide and lead us.

A: Open your hearts today to God's gentle leading.

C: We open our lives to God that we may faithfully serve God all our days. Amen.

The Word

The Old Testament reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

The banquet of the Lord

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he 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.

⁹It 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation.

- ¹The earth is the LORD's and all^l 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.**
- ³Who may ascend the mountain^l of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's^l holy place?
- ⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by^l what is
false.**
- ⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of^l their salvation.
- ⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- ⁷Lift 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^l King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty y in battle!**
- ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory^l may come in.
- ¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

The Epistle reading – Revelation 21:1-6a

A new heaven and a new earth

- ¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;
⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel – John 11:32-44

<https://youtu.be/fCxFxxtlBw>

Jesus began to weep

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord**

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

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

Homily – “No More Tears”

https://youtu.be/m8L_d-b6Rs4

Pastor Barnes

Hymn of the Day

<https://youtu.be/a7rDXWCTn1Y>

Soon and Very Soon – Unchained Gospel Choir

1 *Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!*

2 *No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!*

Prayer of Remembrance

P: Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who having served you well, now rest from their labors.

C: We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us.

A: Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve months have died and entered into glory. We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice for them “all is well, and all manner of things will be well.”

From our congregation: *Ronald Garber, Steven Gresham and Pastor Dennis Scoville.*

Others near and or dear to us: *(names spoken aloud or in your heart)*

A: God of Jesus and our God, mindful of all those saints who have gone on ahead of us, teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of every race and place, to follow their example to the best of our ability.

P: Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our savior.

C: Amen.

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A: God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way (*especially...*) Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A: Amen.

Offering – a time of silence and prayer

Dedication of our Stewardship Gifts for life and ministry in 2022

P: What gifts do we have to bring to the Lord?

C: First, come into God's presence with humility and peace.

P: What service can we bring to God?

C: Come, rejoicing and praising God for all that God has done for you.

P: How shall we witness to these mighty acts of God?

C: Let your love, that abides deep in your heart, the love that God has placed there, be a beacon for others who feel as though darkness has engulfed them.

P: How shall I praise my God?

C: With all that you have and all that you are.

P: Praise be to God who has blessed me and all of us in such mighty ways! We bless and dedicate to the glory of God our gifts for life and ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church!

C: Praise be to God who continually blesses our lives and calls each of us to be a blessing for others. Amen.

**Dedication of Church outdoor Sign, in memory and honor of:
Steven Wehr**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

Lamb of God – Mass Song

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

Communion Music - Lillian Pinkston

OR

https://youtu.be/413cT_TQraY

Let Us Break Bread Together – Chamber Singers

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you offer us more than bread and wine.

C: You offer us hope – the hope of life eternal.

A: For, even as you called Lazarus from his grave,

C: so we are listening for your life-giving voice.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Hymn

<https://youtu.be/0PAUjvMiXag>

Shall We Gather At The River – Kaleb Brasee

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- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

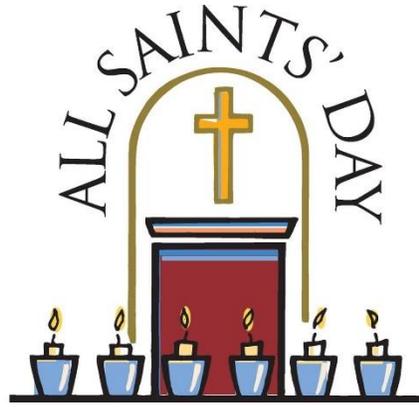
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Dismissal

A: Father, you make all things new.

C: In joy we go to share this newness with others!

Postlude



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