

All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023



All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ.

Today, by reading their names and lighting a candle for each, we remember those of our congregation who have died during the past year.

****Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them.*

Following the lighting of the candles, we proclaim the message of hope and life eternal through Jesus Christ. May all the saints, past and present, endure forever in God's grace!

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Parish Announcements

Prayer Concerns

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Announcement of Comfort and Hope (*congregation stands*)

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Opening Hymn – “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” ELW #424
vss. 1,2

(*congregation is seated*)

HONORING AND REMEMBERING

(*candles lit for each*)

Doris Voller

Phil Dralle

LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

(While “For All the Saints” is played, feel free to come forward to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend.)

“For All the Saints” ELW #422 vss. 1 and 3 (after candles are lit)

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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 Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

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

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

¹I will bless the LORD^l at all times; the praise of God shall ever be ^l in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take ref-^luge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Epistle reading – 1 John 3:1-3

God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Holy Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

<https://youtu.be/0vxAwsVnGiY?si=4i56ZRmdUaZpzTdv>

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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**
Childrens Sermon

<https://youtu.be/549UYS8f7k8?si=Bhf2t7fe6ZRxZapr>

Homily – “And Now I Make All Things New” Revelation 21

<https://youtu.be/s8OuB7m38rl?si=q10qbUIMfQ7MqxXI>

Hymn of the Day – “Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW #423

Prayers of Intercession

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining

grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy healer, 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 (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. (*Here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read.*) Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Offering Time

Dedication of Stewardship Gifts

P: O God, you have called us to be workers together with you:

C: Make us now of one heart and mind to pray and work and give for the up-building and strengthening of your church at home and abroad.

P: Bless our annual emphasis, and stir up the wills of all your people to do according to their ability as good stewards in your service.

C: Amen.

P: We offer not only our gifts of time/talents and money but special gifts that enliven our worship and life together.

Bless and dedicate: (*See insert in bulletin*)

Offering/Stewardship Hymn – “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
ELW #686

The Great Thanksgiving

P: God of saints and sinners, we thank you that the communion table is a connection place in our lives.

C: A place where heaven and earth collide as Christ call us to feast with the saints. As we experience the retelling of the life, death, and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, through this Holy Sacrament, we confess that we also long to lay our grief and pain at your feet.

P: May your gift of grace, nourish our mourning souls and prepare us to continue the ministry of the saints.

C: In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Consecration

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

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Strengthen us on the journey.

**C: Strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the
way. Amen.**

Benediction from Numbers 6

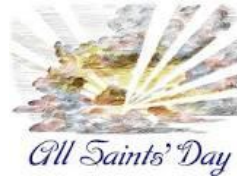
Sending Hymn – “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW #461

Dismissal

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston



Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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The McCarrells in honor of
Mark's Birthday

Prayer Concerns:

Carolyn (Mike Bargas sister) health concerns

Barb Dralle – Beth's stepmother in law in hospice

Carol Gunther

Leslie Leitner

Garold Burkholder – health concerns

Leo Stiles – speedy recovery from heart surgery

Lily Fleming and all students and teachers beginning school year.

David Aper (brother of Rita Wahl) – health concerns

Paul Sipka – health concerns

Jim and Mary Kay Johnson health concerns

Lil Marzinik – (health concerns – Sue Barger's mother)

Marithza Barger – chronic hip problems

Chad Wahl

Please help us keep the prayer list current. You may contact the office or complete a prayer request card located in the back of the pews.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>POSITION</i>	Nov 5th	<i>Nov. 12th</i>
<i>Lay Assistant</i>	Tim	Melanie
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Roberta	Sue
<i>Usher</i>	Ken	Mark
<i>Tellers</i>	Tim and Ken	Leo and Roberta
<i>Communion</i>	Tim and Leslie	Lee and Mary
<i>Set/Clean Up</i>		

Mark Your Calendars!

Bible Study every Thursday Morning.

Nov.12th – Honor our Veterans – Coffee fellowship at
10:15am

Nov 14th @ 9:30am – Prayer Shawl

Nov. 15th @9:30am – Mary/Martha Circle

Nov. 16th @7:30am – Men's breakfast in Creve Coeur

Nov. 22nd – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm