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A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

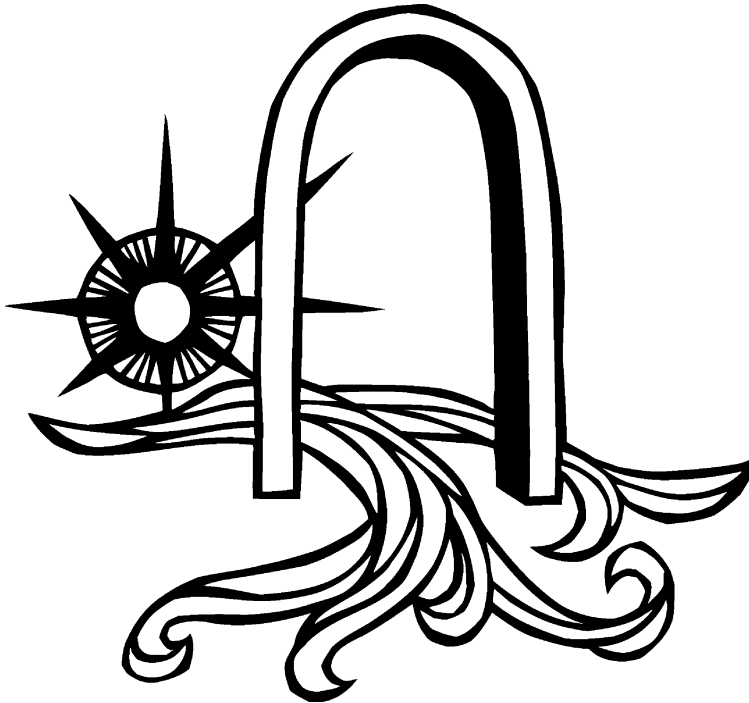
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November 6, 2022

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



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

PRELUDE

Sam Pierce-Ruhland, *cellist*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

P Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- 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!**
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

APOSTOLIC 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.**

WORD

(sit)

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.

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: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I 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: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

(Choir/cantor sings lines in regular print, All may sing lines in **bold print**)



¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD ¹a new song,
God's praise in the assembly ¹of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice ¹in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful ¹in their ruler.**

³Let them praise their maker's ¹name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- ¹rine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure ¹in the people
and adorns the ¹poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful re- ¹joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy ¹on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be ¹in their throat
and a two-edged sword ¹in their hand,**

⁷to wreak vengeance ¹on the nations
and punishment ¹on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their ¹kings in chains
and their nobles with ¹links of iron,**

⁹to inflict on them the judg- ¹ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. ¹Hallelujah!

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.

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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray 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, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The word of the Lord.

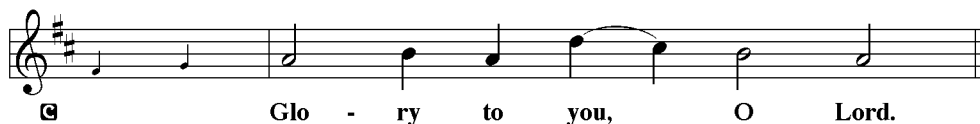
C Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

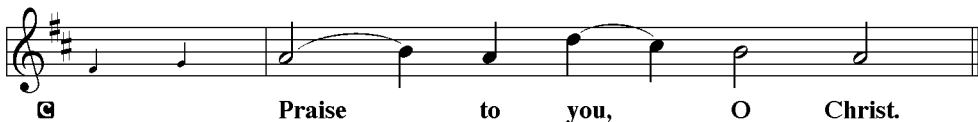
²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING 9:00 AM

Children (aged 3 years through 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon, or follow Ms. Boe upstairs for an activity in the Sunday School room, and Ms. Carlsen for Children's Choir.

SERMON

Pastor Griffith

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For All the Saints"

ELW 422 vs. 6-7

- 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!**
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**


Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Litany of the Saints

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Be - gra - cious to us: **Hear** us, O God.
De - liv - er your people: **Hear** us, O God.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: **Great is your love.**
and was born of the vir - gin Mary: **Great is your love.**
who by his cross and suffering re - deemed the world: **Great is your love.**
and has washed us from our sins: **Great is your love.**
who on the third day rose from the dead: **Great is your love.**
and has given us the vic - to - ry: **Great is your love.**
who ascend - ed on high: **Great is your love.**
and intercedes for us at the right hand of God: **Great is your love.**



For the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Thanks be to God.**
For the one holy catholic and apos - tol - ic church: **Thanks be to God.**
For the great cloud of witnesses
 into which we are bap - tized: **Thanks be to God.**

For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Re - bekah: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Gideon and Deborah, Da - vid and Esther: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremi - ah and Daniel: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Miriam and Rahab, Abi - gail and Ruth: **Thanks be to God.**

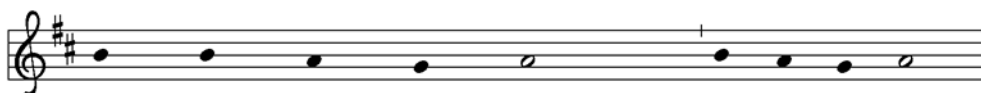
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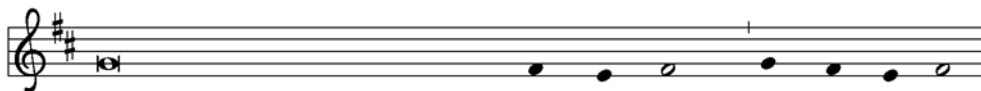
For Mary, mother of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**
For John, who baptized in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**
For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Ma-ry and Martha: **Thanks be to God.**
For James and John, Pe - ter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**
For Paul and Apollos, Ste - phen and Phoebe: **Thanks be to God.**



For all holy men and women,
our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**
For the noble band of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**
For the glorious company of the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**
For the white-robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**
For cherubim and seraphim,
Michael and the ho - ly angels: **Thanks be to God.**



Be gra - cious to us: **Hear us, O God.**
De - liv - er your people: **Hear us, O God.**



Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism: **Hear us, O God.**
Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross: **Hear us, O God.**
Clothe us in compas - sion and love: **Hear us, O God.**
Bring us with all your saints to the riv - er of life: **Hear us, O God.**



Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(sit)

WE CELEBRATE THE NEW SAINTS OF GOD, JOINED TO CHRIST THROUGH THE GIFT OF BAPTISM

Sam Pierce-Ruhland, *cellist*

*We give thanks for those who have been welcomed in the Body of Christ
and into the mission we share since All Saints' Day last year.*

<i>Ellowyn Hansen</i>	<i>Desmond Damme</i>	<i>Xander Sanchez</i>	<i>Søren Hepburn</i>
<i>Madeline Kreiser</i>	<i>Brandtly Allison</i>	<i>Xavier Sanchez</i>	<i>Scarlett Danenhauer</i>
<i>Adrian Barnes</i>	<i>Freyja Hartmann</i>	<i>Sylvia Chida</i>	<i>Shawn McGuigan</i>
<i>Mason Burton</i>	<i>Autumn Laudenback</i>	<i>David Gibson</i>	<i>Daxton Wondercheck</i>

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF GOD

*We give thanks for the life and witness of those saints who have gone before us and now rest with
God. Today we remember those saints of our own faith community who entered the church
triumphant since All Saints' Day last year.*

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

<i>Alma Bare</i>	<i>Dudley Syré</i>	<i>Norma Pafford</i>	<i>Rodney Edwards Sr.</i>
<i>Sandra Johnsen</i>	<i>Elaine Miller</i>	<i>Janet Bain</i>	<i>Evan Hardy</i>
<i>Mary Olson</i>	<i>Sheri Tipton</i>	<i>Sandra Poulsen</i>	<i>Vernon Hilkemann</i>
<i>Rev. Harold Stromer</i>	<i>Merlyn Harvat-Ulrich</i>	<i>Velma Wolf</i>	<i>Richard Bock</i>
<i>Wayne Palmer Jr.</i>	<i>Virginia Jensen</i>	<i>Dorothy Cross</i>	<i>F. Elaine Bonfante</i>
<i>Mary Hilkemann</i>	<i>Debbie Kee</i>	<i>Renee Johnson</i>	<i>Donovan Thorell</i>
			<i>Phillip Frye</i>

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **P** Lord, in your mercy,
 C receive our prayer.

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

On-going Care: Don Burton, Shirley Dietrich, Carol Duncan, Mike Edris, Susie Henry, Richard & Betty Holzer, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, Orville & Julie Knapp, Chris Meyer, Jane Meyer, Lara McCormick, Debra Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Brenden Frerck, Wyatt Johnson, Tyler Johnston, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Katie Larson, Columbia; Rev. Robert and Kathy Moore, Wittenburg Center, Germany; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators; our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin, as they assist refugees from the war in Ukraine

Other Prayers: *Seminarians*— Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks, Justin Perkins

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

MEAL

(sit)

THE OFFERING IS RECIEVED

“And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven ...” When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Fly Away Home”

by Pepper Choplin

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Are an Offering"

ELW 692

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked with a '7' (seven). The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

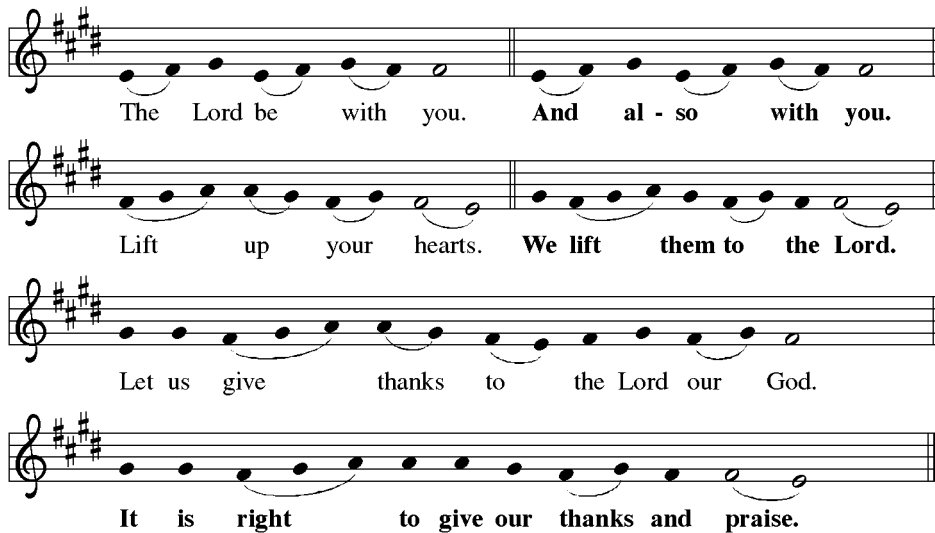
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Blessed are you, Maker of all things,
- C** As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

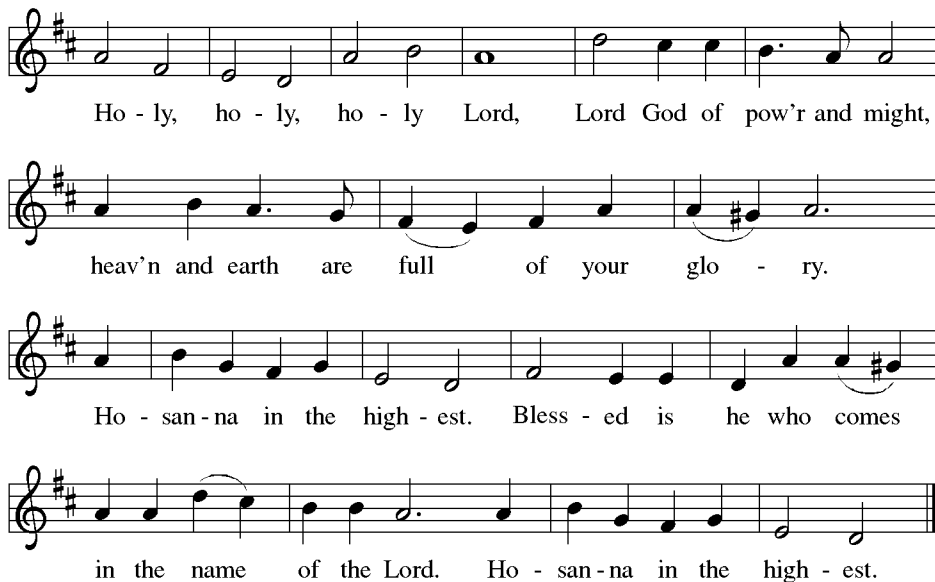
HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

SANCTUS

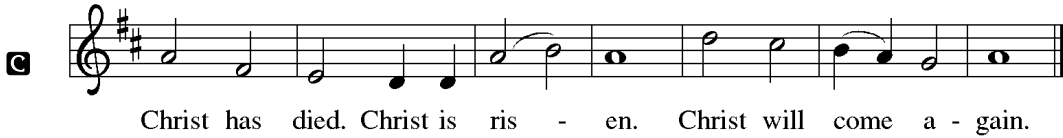


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory ...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



- P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ...

To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

- 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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ spreads a table before you.

C Gather here with all the saints.

(sit)

THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You who feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is intinction: you will receive the consecrated bread and then you may dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

solo

Sam Pierce-Ruhland, *cellist*

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

ELW 427

- 1 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.**
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.**
- 3 They all in life and death,
with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.**
- 4 For this, your name we bless
and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness
may live and die in you.**
- 5 To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One,
be endless praise addressed.**

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

ELW 461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

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(stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ℟** We give you thanks, most gracious God,
℣ that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ℟** The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
archangels, virtues, angel choirs:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2 O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sam Pierce-Ruhland, *cellist*



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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a “City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry” and have been worshipping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

Holy Communion

All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully. Our form of distribution is Intinction.

Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a room just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

Nursery

Our nursery is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it

Attendance Cards

All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

Large Print Bulletins and Listening Devices

Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-news & Social Media

If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the attendance card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.



Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Jane Kidder's 17th birthday

Kountze Café

Sundays from 9:30—11:00 AM

Join us each Sunday for breakfast. The suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger for the hot breakfast (this Sunday) and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast. Note: Muffin Tins needed for Kountze Cafe mini quiches. If you have a pan or two that you could part with, let us know. It will allow for less baking time on Continental Breakfast Mornings.

Children's Choir

Second Floor Music Room

9:15 AM (after the 9 AM Children's Blessing)

Grades K-5 - Choir

Grades 6-8 - Director's Assistants

The choir will rehearse immediately after the children's blessing at the 9:00 AM service (9:15 AM). If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 402-341-7761.

Sunday School

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us on Sundays on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs.) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery).

Sunday School Focus This Week

The Exodus—God was with the people as they “went out” (the literal meaning of the word exodus) from slavery into freedom through the water. The People of God have looked back on this time to sustain them when God is hidden and they feel lost. For Christians, Baptism awakens this event.

Today at Kountze, *continued*

Youth Forum

Sundays, 10:10 AM in Youth Center

7th – 12th graders are invited to gather each Sunday between worship. **This week:** Join Adult Forum—exploring grief with others in the Fellowship Hall **Next week:** Sunday School Assistance—Join Pastor Shari and Ashley Sum in serving during Sunday School

All Saints Sunday – Exploring Grief

Sunday, November 6

10:10 AM and 12:15 PM

We will have two opportunities to connect with Dr. Don Eisenhower, a Master Certified Coach on Grief. Through Zoom Sessions, we will explore the grief that is in our midst.

- **The Adult Forum** time will be thinking about the communal grief we experienced these past few years.
- **A special session at 12:15 PM** will explore the grief experienced through the death of a loved one. A light lunch served.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

November 6 Sunday

All Saints Sunday
Homebound Communion
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:15 PM Exploring Grief

November 7 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Bible Study

November 8 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 9 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
6:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Confirmation Class

November 10 Thursday

Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Worship & Music

November 11 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

November 12 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 13 Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:15 AM Worship Assistant Training
12:15 PM Book Group

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Bible Study

Mondays, beginning November 7, 6:00 PM or

Wednesdays, beginning November 9, 11:00 AM

For three weeks in November, we will be exploring Gratitude. Enter through the Farnam Office door to join with others and Pastor Shari for time of learning and sharing. Our focus this week will be on the verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and the Story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Join in the conversation with Diane Butler Bass.

Lutheran Women Omaha (LWO)

Tuesday, November 8, 12:00 Noon

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Info & Reservations—Phone Faith, 402 734 4629

Worship Assistant Training

Sunday, November 13

10:15 AM

Join us for training of Communion Assistants, Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers. All current servers are welcome to attend for a refresher course. If you are interested in learning more about Worship Assistants, please contact the church office to register or sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for considering serving in this way.

Theology Matters

Ecumenism: Explorations of 'We are the Body of Christ'

Presenter: Rev. H. Ashley Hall, Ph.D.,

Associate Professor, Historical Theology

at Creighton University

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 PM

St. Pius X Parish Center

6905 Blondo St.

Our very own Pastor Ashley Hall is the presenter at this event. Invite your family members and friends of all denominations! He will speak about biblical foundations for the modern ecumenical movement, important documents and moments in ecumenism among Christian denominations, and concrete practical & local opportunities for ecumenical discussion & common witness. Sponsored by Creighton University's Amelia and Emil Graff Chair of Catholic Theology and St. Pius X Catholic Church.



Jewish Muslim Christian Interfaith Thanksgiving
"The Road Home"
Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM
Hosted By: **First United Methodist Church**
7020 Cass Street
Omaha, NE 68132
Coffee, sweets, and reception to follow Service
Child Care available

Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's

Thanksgiving Day, November 24

11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Co-sponsored with and held at St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28th Street) Preparations are under way for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Volunteers are needed to:

- set up the night before;
- donate pies/desserts; and
- serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal.

This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Please join us, either to volunteer or as a guest; all are welcome. Contact Pr. Hall, Jacob Rump, Anne Dey or the church office to volunteer.

Celebrating God's Generosity

Stewardship Intent Day

Saturday, November 19

Sunday, November 20

As we continue to ponder the ways that we can respond to God's generosity, we prepare our hearts and minds for Stewardship Intent Day. Intent cards will be mailed to you on Friday, November 11. Thank you for the many ways you respond to what God is doing in our midst.



Advent Fair

Sunday, November 27

10:00 AM—Noon

Join us in making a variety of Christmas decorations including an Advent wreath, Christmas cards, an Advent prayer placemat, an ornament, and more. There will be activities for the children and a photo booth for all. This year we will be doing a Diaper Drive during the Advent Fair. **Please bring** diapers, wipes, formula, or other infant related items that we will donate to the local women's shelters.

Advent Meals

Lunch 11:00 AM – Noon

Supper from 5:00 – 6:30 PM.

We are once again making preparations to provide lunch and dinner meals again this year. This is where we you come in, we will need some volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up. We can always use volunteers to help put out placemats, pour drinks, run the dishwasher etc. so no culinary experience is necessary. If you love to cook or just want to join in the fun we would be most happy to have you help us with one or all four meals. Please consider taking an hour or two this Advent season to volunteer before, during or after one of the meals. Please call the Church office or email: jim@kmlchurch.org with any questions or to volunteer.

Kountze Food Pantry & WOWT Stuff the Bus Food Drive

We are honored to have been chosen as one of two pantries to be recipients of the WOWT Stuff the Bus Food Drive!

While this is very exciting news, and we are grateful, it will require a good deal of work and many hands. The receiving event will take place on Thursday, December 1, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. We need volunteers to sort and store canned goods at Kountze beginning at 9:00 AM in two-hour shifts. We also need two kind souls at a time to man the drop-off site at the NP Dodge building at 87th and Dodge St. beginning at 7:00 AM. We also need competent forklift drivers. If you are willing to help us fulfill our mission to "Feed the Poor, in Christ's Name," please sign up at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 23

Sunday: 9:00: 176 11:00: 68

Wednesday: 12:15: 9 Confirmation: 6

Total: 282

Streaming: 53

Cox Cable: N/A

Pantry Guests Served: 1048 (inc. 369 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 15

Offering:

\$16,509.79 (Regular) \$7,859.78 (Specials)

\$1,166.13 (Debt Reduction)

We give thanks for all the saints.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Daniel's vision
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:11-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Thursday	Psalms 34:1-10	Honor the Lord
Friday	Philippians 4:10-23	Paul sends thanks and greetings
Saturday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection



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I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we thank you for the saints who have come before us and those who serve with us through Christ Jesus, who reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Praise the Lord for all the saints, past, present, and future, and for this gift of food that sustains us as your beloved children through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be given a spirit of wisdom as you come to know the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Ephesians 1:17)

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- ☐ When you hear the word, "saint," who or what do you think of and why?
- ☐ As a follower of Jesus, you are a saint. How does knowing this impact your life?

Read: Ephesians 1:11-23.

This is a letter from Paul to the Ephesians. They are people who have heard the gospel and believed. They have been "*marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit*" (v.13), a reference to the act of baptism that they received. It marks God's pledge to us for a divine inheritance as "*God's own people*" (v. 14). This is what it means to be saints, people called out and set apart to trust God's promise of eternal hope through Christ. Each year we celebrate All Saints Sunday, a time to recall those loved ones who have died and have been embraced forever in God's promise of eternal life, and received "*the riches of his [God's] glorious inheritance among the saints*" (v. 18). It is also a time to be reminded that we, too, are saints and God's own people now, people equipped by the power of the Holy Spirit to love all people and all the world through the crucified and risen Christ. It is a message that comforted those who have died in the faith and that comforts us and energizes us today.

Discuss: Who do you remember with thanksgiving for their life of faith in Christ?

Pray: **God of our future, we thank you for the hope that is ours and that you have promised to all your saints through Christ our Lord, the one who in love conquered death. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how do you show gratitude for all the saints in your life?

Set aside time in your home to light candles in remembrance of Christian friends or family who have died. Light the candles, spend a moment in silence, and then name those saints you are thinking about and tell stories and share memories about them. Before extinguishing the candles, pray: **Lord God, we thank you for [names you talked about] and ask that you comfort those who mourn, through our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19