# All Saints Sunday

## November 2, 2025

## WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion toward all who call this place home.

#### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

Lunch & Hymn Sing, Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### INTRODUCTION

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.

We take a moment to open our hearts for worship.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto and posted on LiturgyLink, https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/29/all-saints-litany/.

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

## We give thanks!

We remember singers and musicians who sang and played your praises.

## We give thanks!

We remember pastors and lay leaders who led us in worship through the years.

## We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings and all we call family whose lives have shown us the faith and promise of your love.

## We give thanks!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all the siblings in Christ who have nurtured our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose paths have led us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG "Sing with all the Saints in Glory" (v 1) —sung to tune of "Love Divine" ELW 631 Piano, quitar, cajon

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

#### Marla pours water into the font

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things,

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

sustaining life in this community,

Your steadfast love fills the earth.
Your love flows through water,
a sign of your saving power:
Noah and the animals survive the flood,
The Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes away his leprosy, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Your steadfast love fills the earth. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

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Shower us with your Holy Spirit.
Fill us with your love.
Clothe us with grace.
Embolden us to do justice.
Guide us to walk humbly with you,
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

"Love Divine" v 4 ELW631

Finish, Lord, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

#### **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.** 

It is our delight to 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. **Amen.** 

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: Ephesians 1:11-23 - please read intro

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.

A reading from Ephesians

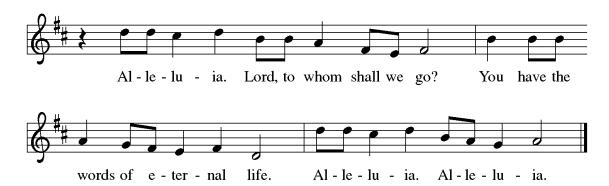
In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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, 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, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God 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, far 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" ELW Setting 3 - piano



Today's gospel and sermon are by Rev. Tyler Gingrich who serves Gloria Dei Lutheran in Winnipeg, MNO Synod.

## GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

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

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

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

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"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.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

## Song leader invites the congregation to stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Rejoice in God's Saints" ELW 418 v 1, 3, 4



#### REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

At this time we will hold space for all those who have journeyed with us, who have loved and cared for us, nurtured us in life and faith, and who have now died. As we join in our Remembrance of the Saints, we light candles for those we honour and remember this day.

Living God, source of all life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.

Bless to us, O God, the names we carry on our lips, of the saints who have gone before us.

Bless to us the memories we carry in our hearts of their lives shared with us

Let us give thanks for beloved ones who have gone before us and who are now at rest.

Silence

## SOLO "Death be Never Last" ACS 1030 – solo

God beyond time, in Jesus your Son you assure us that our life does not end at the tomb, for we rise to walk in fullness of joy with you. Accompany us, O God, who journey as yet by faith; guide our footsteps.

We commend the whole of ourselves and our lives to you, as united with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world:

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A brief silence.

God of all that is, you delight in the praises of your people. Revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim and live out the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders with a fervent love for you and the people they serve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Protect waterways and wetlands, prairies and forests, that all creatures may have what they need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those who have been elected to office. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Be with those in war-torn countries and in refugee camps, and reassure them that they are not forgotten. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care especially Myrtle, Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Victor and Judy, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Shirley, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Heather, Ray, Alan and those we name silently now. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. We give thanks for our Church Council and ask your blessing on them and the work that they do. Be near to Arnold and Dorothy Follinglo and Sharon Fraser. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Pastor Joel, Vanessa, and Hans during this time of waiting. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful saints who are with you in glory. Sustain us in hope of our eternal life in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **PEACE**

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

## **MEAL**

We sing as we set our table.

## OFFERING SONG "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

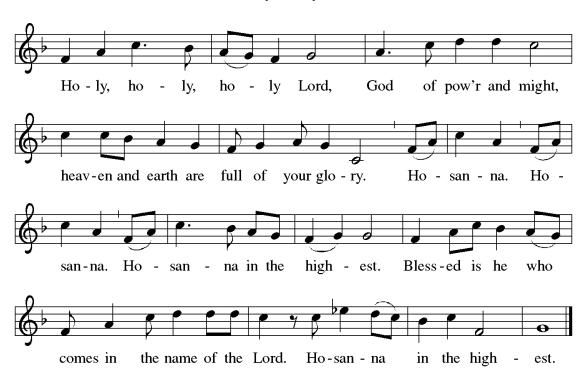
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
We bless you, O God.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
We thank you, O God.
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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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.** 

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

> Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you

#### **COMMUNION VIDEO**

#### **COMMUNION SONGS**

## "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW 781



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- 1 Chil dren of the heav'n-ly Fa ther safe ly in his bo som gath er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho ly courts they flour ish.
  3 Nei ther life nor death shall ev er from the Lord his chil-dren sev er;
- 4 Though he giv eth or he tak eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for sak eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la-fäs-tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs-tet. nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them. un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. his the lov-ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

#### "Behold the Host Arrayed in White" ELW 425



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: Pour out your Spirit on all who share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

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. **Amen.** 

## SENDING SONG "Bring Forth the Kingdom" W&P 22 v 1, 2, 4



## **SENDING**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God. We will!

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