



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Jesus said, "Did I not tell you
that if you believe,
you will see the glory of God?"

John 11:40, NIV

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10 AM - All Saints Sunday
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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

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. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

A Story that Invites Us

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: God wipes away our tears, bestowing blessings upon us.
Let us share signs of these blessings as we rejoice in the
peace and fellowship of the saints of God.
The peace of God is with you always.*

All: And also with you.

Please safely share the peace of God with each other.

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We remember, O God...

**All: The countless saints of history who have blazed a
trail of courage through time,**

L: We remember, O God...

**All: the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts
of fearless ones.**

L: We remember, O God...

All: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,

L: the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering,

All: the glory of his resurrection.

L: We remember in every time and place the saints who
have shown us God.

**All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses... let us worship God with joy!**



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

All: 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.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For our Redeemer's sake, we are forgiven and God remembers our sin no more.

All: Let our heart be glad again, and rejoice in our salvation. Amen.



OPENING HYMN: "For All the Saints" vs. 1,2,3



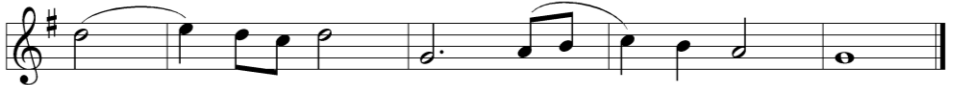
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
you, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.



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

INVOCATION

P: In the name of God our Creator; in the name of God the Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the Holy and Life-giving Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE 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.

All: 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “*Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*”

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: Listen to the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

All: We rejoice in the words of our salvation.

R: The first reading is from Isaiah, chapter twenty-five, beginning with the sixth verse.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain, Yahweh Omnipotent will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, food rich and succulent, and fine, aged wines.

On this mountain God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, the shroud covering all nations, destroying all death forever.

God will wipe away the tears from every cheek, and will take away the shame of God’s people on earth, wherever they live. Yahweh has spoken.

On that Day it will be said, “This is our God, this is the One for whose liberation we waited, Yahweh is the One in whom we had hoped! We rejoice exultantly in our deliverance.

R: Here ends the reading.

The second reading is from Revelation, chapter twenty-one, beginning with the first verse.

SECOND READING: *Revelation 21:1-6a*

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

And 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.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending of all creation,

All: in your word we are unbound from death, and brought out into eternal life in you. Amen.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The holy Gospel according to John, chapter eleven.

All: Glory to You, O God.

GOSPEL: *John 11:32-44*

When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

“Where have you laid him?” Jesus asked.

“Come and see,” they said. And Jesus wept.

The people in the crowd began to remark, “See how much he loved him!” Others said, “He made the blind person see; why couldn’t he have done something to prevent Lazarus’ death?”

Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. “Take away the stone,” Jesus directed.

Martha said, “Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench.”

Jesus replied, “Didn’t I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took the stone away.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they might believe that you sent me!”

Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd, “Untie him and let him go free.”

P: The Gospel of the Risen Savior.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Give Thanks for Saints" vs. 1,4



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim



A BLESSING OF THE SAINTS

P: For those whom we remember best as our teachers and role models, for giving us values and goals,

All: We give thanks, O Creator.

L: For those who have lived with us, loved us, shared our trials and still allowed us to become who we are,

All: We give thanks, O Savior.

P: For those who visit the lonely and clothe the naked and feed the hungry, not because it is an injunction from above, but because it is a joyous thing to do,

All: We give thanks, O Comforter.

L: For those who taught us to love mostly by loving us, expecting nothing in return,

All: We give thanks, O Almighty.

P: For all those who actually forgive and forget.

All: We give thanks, O Redeemer.

L: For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,

All: We give thanks, O Sanctifier.

P: For those who are genuinely funny and give cheer to life and good humor to day-by-day perceptions,

All: We give thanks, O Maker.

L: For those who unselfishly share all their blessings and not only their leftovers,

All: We give thanks, O Shepherd.

P: For those who now surround us and share our secrets, for those who wish to know us better, for those who by being part of our community of saints give us courage and hope to live,

All: We give thanks, O Sustainer.

P: We now name either aloud or within our hearts these saints...

Names may be spoken.

L: God of the new Creation, we remember the saints who are in the church triumphant,

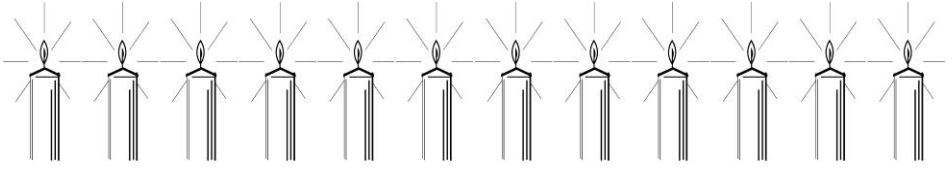
All: You are the hope of all creation, merciful God, and we lift our prayers to you, trusting in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

P: For all the saints we give you thanks, O God.

All: Amen.

SINGING BOWL

Those who wish may now come forward and light a candle in memory of those who have joined the community of saints.



SPECIAL MUSIC – Michael Keating

SINGING BOWL

P: For all the saints we give you thanks, O God.

All: Amen.

SINGING BOWL

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: God of all creation, we belong to you. We consecrate ourselves to you by offering our whole selves as living sacrifices.

All: **We offer you our ears to hear your word, our mouths to sing your praise, our eyes to see the needs of our neighbors, our hands to share the abundance that you have entrusted to our care, and our feet to go into the world sharing your love. May we shine as your lights in the world. Amen.**

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

All: As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

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

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Bread of Life is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks to the God of love and love.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of the saints, creator of heaven and earth. From the ancient dreams of Daniel to the journeys of Jesus, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. When your people ignored your dreams and visions, and when they placed their trust in earthly rulers, you came to us as a child, revealing the truth and glory of your powerful love.

All: Through the law and prophets, through saints and sinners, you have taught us to be your people. In love and mercy, you speak truth and blessing, constantly renewing your covenant with us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world, to show us the path of saintliness and holy living.

All: In humility and love, with justice and power, Christ revealed your kingdom, and calls us to kingdom living, even now.

P: Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led on your path of justice and righteousness, that we may rejoice with the saints of your kingdom.

All: We, who are both saint and sinner, blessed and cursed, come to you in our joys and in our sorrows, with thanksgiving and hope, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, even when he faced the sinfulness of his disciples.

P: On the night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples — each of them part saint and part sinner. Jesus said to every one of them, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, and giving thanks to you, shared the cup with those same imperfect disciples. “Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as saints and sinners in love with you, praying for union with Christ, even as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: 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.

FRACTION RITE

P: Christ spreads a table before you.

All: We gather with all the saints.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord’s Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to

the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand

for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.



COMMUNION HYMN: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Refrain

Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;

dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

COMMUNION HYMN: "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of

bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y

through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

- 1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
- 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
- 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table.

All: Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

POST COMMUNION THANKS



All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

BENEDICTION

P: With clean hands and pure hearts, hold fast to the faith of the saints who went before us.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

P: With hopeful hearts and expectant spirits, receive the blessings of our gracious host.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

P: With Christ as our door to eternal life, find the courage to open the door and go in.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

SENDING SONG: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" vs. 1,3,5



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace with all the saints to serve our Living Creator!

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WE REMEMBER

*Mabel Aiken
Elmer & Violet Anderson
Richard Charles Anderson
Tony and Annette Aranda
Pastor Ed Blair
Glennice & Frans Blair
Jeff Brandt
Bryan & Marvin Buller
John & Janet Di Paola
Pauly Edwards
Stanley & Hazel Erickson
Rose & Mel Fareas
Shirley Fausone
Larry Franco
Mandy Franco
Donald Gleason
Cheryl Hall
Jeanette Hancock
G. Holger Hansen
Holger & Beatrice Hansen
Karen Hansen
Delight Hart
Wilford & Roberta Hart
Harold & Jeanne Hillesland
Isabel Holmes
Richard Holmes
Bill Hopkins
Bob & Ramona Huff*





*John Huff
Mike Huff
Marilyn Hughes
Bob & June Johnson
Rob Johnson
Reverend Walter Johnson
Victor & Marie Jones
Ted A. Jorgenson
Theo & DeLoris Jorgenson
Doris Kam
Lois & Richard Keating
Amy & Harold Krantz
Diane Kuhlmann
Esther & Eugene Kuhlmann
Chuck Lanzarotta
Lorene Lee
Jim Lehman
Cathy & Martha Lewis
Bob & June Lindman
Larry Lindstrom
Mark Maki
Bonnie Mohling
George & Laura Morgan
Lee Morgan
Len Morgan
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Susan Morgan
Jim Mullins*





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Bev Peterson
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Blaise Russo
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Renee & Ignacio Sanchez
William & Ivy Seil
Joseph Smith
Pat Smith
Fred & Virginia Spiser
Arnold & Ellen Stenfors
Anthony & Frances Sutter
Frank & Dorothy Sutter
Elizabeth Turner
Michael VanDusen
Vern & Bertha VanDusen
June & Walt Washburn
Pastor Bob Westerhoff
John Westerhoff
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Ralph & Marilyn Wieters
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