

All Saints Sunday

11/03/2024

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

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING HYMN: [ELW#847 "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"](#)

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: [This is the Feast](#)



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us 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.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

PSALM 24

L ¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
 the world and those who dwell therein.

C ² **For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
 and established it upon the rivers.**

- L ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?
- C ⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**
- L ⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- C ⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- L ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- C ⁸ **Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**
- L ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- C ¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

1 KINGS 17:1-16

- L A reading from 1 Kings: ¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab,
"As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew
nor rain these years, except by my word." ²The word of the Lord came to him,
saying, ³"Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith,
which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded
the ravens to feed you there." ⁵So he went and did according to the word of the
Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁶The
ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the
evening, and he drank from the wadi. ⁷But after a while the wadi dried up because
there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which
belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."
¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a

widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: [ELW#422 "For All the Saints"](#)

SERMON: ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

Pastor Greg's Old Testament "Context-O-Meter"

Epoch	Books
Creation and Early Humanity	Genesis (1–11)
The Patriarchs and the Covenant	Genesis (12–50)
Egypt, Exodus, and the Wilderness	Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
Conquest and Settlement	Joshua, Judges (early parts), and Ruth
Judges	Judges, 1 Samuel (early chapters)
United Kingdom	1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings (1–11), 1 and 2 Chronicles (1–9)
WE ARE HERE → Divided Kingdom of Israel and Judah	1 Kings (12–22), 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles (10–36), various prophets (Isaiah, Hosea, Amos, Micah, etc.)
Exile of Israel, Exile of Judah	2 Kings (end), 2 Chronicles (end), Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Lamentations, Obadiah
Return from Exile and Restoration	Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Please stand, as you are able.

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

- L** Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L** 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,
- C** **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,
- C** **receive our prayer.**

- L** O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,
- C** **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, especially Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Lydia Hendersen, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**

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

C **receive our prayer.**

L O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you; for... With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**


OFFERING*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.

RESPONSE: ["Create in Me"](#)

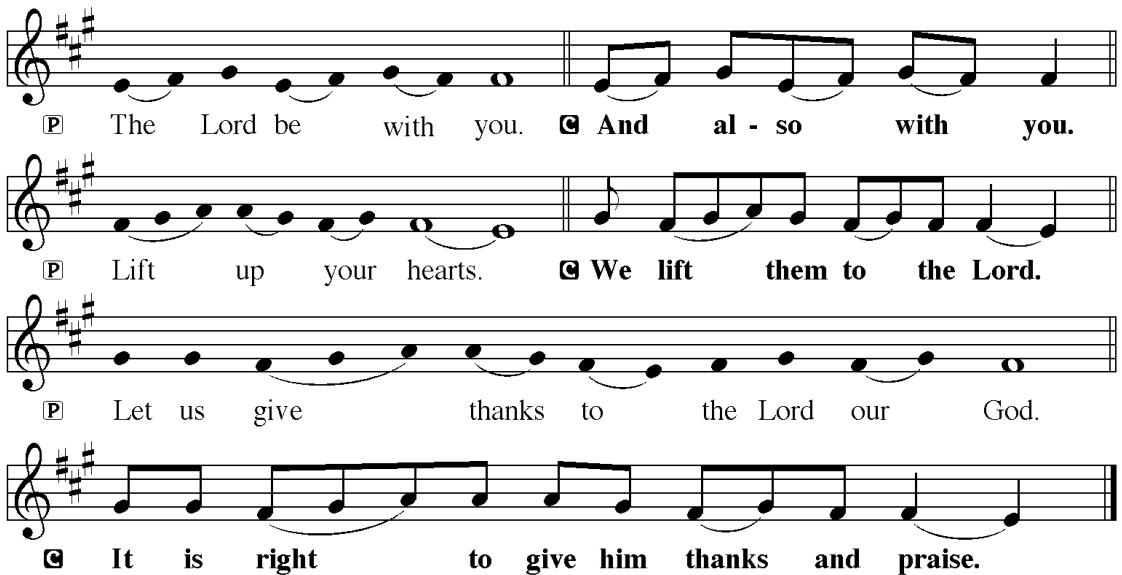
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take".



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
 joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:

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.

P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.


C Amen

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
 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**


P The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for the table is now ready.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

After all have communed, the following is sung:


RESPONSE: ["Lamb of God"](#)



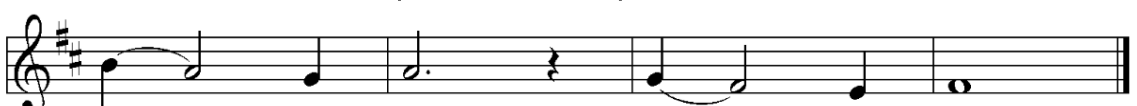
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

Please stand, as you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen



☒ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN: [ELW#426 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"](#)

P Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Sunday, 17 November 2024, 5:00 pm, “The Europa Imaging System on the Europa Clipper Mission” – Lecture
- Sunday, 11/24/2024 – World Hunger Sunday and Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, 12/1/2024 5pm – 7pm - Family Craft Night
- Sunday, 12/7/2024, 10 am – Putting up the greens
- Tuesday, 12/24/2024 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

Upcoming Worship

Date	Preaching Texts	Worship Leader
November 3	1 Kings 17:1-24	Heidi and Bob
November 10	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11	Pastor Greg
November 17	Isaiah 6:1-8	Ron

November 24	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-28; 31:31-34	Monica
December 1	Daniel 6:6-27	Heidi and Bob
December 8	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29	Julie and Dave
December 15	Isaiah 61:1-11	Ron



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