



Worship Service
Sunday, November 1, 2020
All Saints Day
8:45 A.M.

The festival of All Saints and the readings and liturgy of this day call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come.

As the church year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality. At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

While both life and death may bring us fear and uncertainty, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death. Christ has claimed us in baptism and nourishes us in the communion of his body and blood. Christ leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

We continue with the rite of remembrance of All Saints. While we revere those who have gone before us in faith and remember them in love, this rite reminds us that in holy baptism, God unites all the faithful into the one holy catholic and apostolic church: the church on earth and the church in heaven.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

For All the Saints

Jan Bender

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world.

We give thanks today for all those who have been added to the communion of saints through the waters of baptism in this past year, especially those from this community of faith: Josephine Klein, Olive Bloom, Harlynn Tomasone, Rose Kosjer, and Harper Evans.

We also give thanks for all the saints who have lived among us, who have been examples for us of your love at work in the world, and who now rest from their labors.

Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

Amen.

You are invited to light a candle of remembrance, acknowledging that our loved ones in Christ are not gone forever, and that the light in their hearts that was ignited when they entered God's family continues to shine in God's presence now. Let God's holy light surround us.

As we light candles, a video is shown with the names of loved ones remembered.

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

For I am gentle and humble in heart,

And you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.

GATHERING HYMN

Give Thanks for Saints

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1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
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
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved of God, called to be saints:

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

WORD

PSALM 34:1-10

setting by Walt Horn

All repeat the refrain after the cantor and as indicated. Verses are sung by the cantor.

Refrain:



Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack noth-ing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

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

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

Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



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!

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Blessed Are You*

1. How bless - ed are you, how bless - ed are you, the
2. How bless - ed are you, how bless - ed are you, the
3. How bless - ed are you, how bless - ed are you, the
4. How bless - ed are you, how bless - ed are you, the

meek and the trou - bled in spi - rit! The king - dom of
mourn - ful and those who show mer - cy! For that which you
true - heart - ed seek - ers of peace! For you will see
hun - gry, the thirs - ty, the wear - y. The king - dom of

heav - en is giv - en to you, the full - ness of earth to in -
give you will al - so re - ceive: God's mer - cy and com - fort and
God in this world face - to - face, and you will be named as God's
God is your strength and your joy, your bread and your wine for the

her - it. The king - dom of heav - en is giv - en to
car - ing. For that which you give you will al - so re -
child - ren. For you will see God in this world face - to -
jour - ney. The king - dom of God is your strength and your

you, the full - ness of earth to in - her - it.
ceive: God's mer - cy and com - fort and car - ing.
face, and you will be named as God's child - ren.
joy, your bread and your wine for the jour - ney.

Chords: Em, Am, B, C, B_{sus}, B, E, Am, D7, G_{maj7}, F_{#m/A}, B, E7, D7, G_{maj7}, F_{#m/A}, B, Em.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us remember all the saints who have served the church and the world as we offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever.

Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

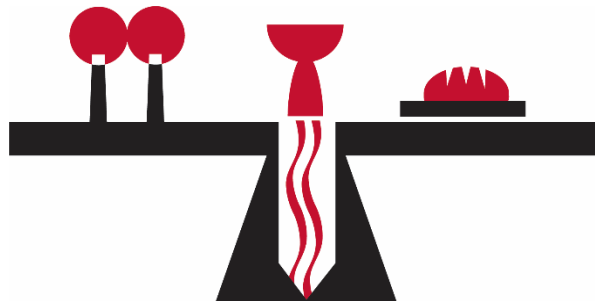
LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

SENDING

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.



SENDING HYMN

For All the Saints

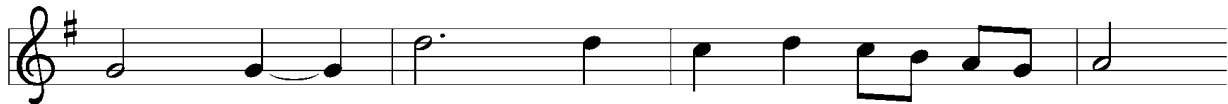
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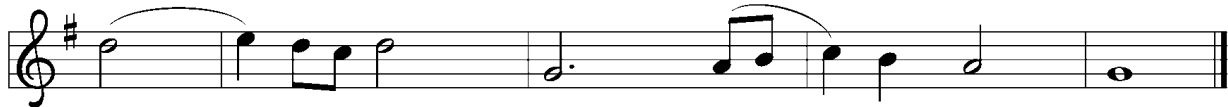
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Matthew Carl

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at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!***

***We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church
office if you need elements delivered to you.***



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Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in
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Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. We have updated a guideline for worship and all church activities for Phase 4, available on our email blast and church website. Please check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns. Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!