

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – 10 AM**

**WELCOME**



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.

- ✝ Preacher – Rev. Wes Smith
- ✝ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.  
**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **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.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: ELW#422 – For all the Saints (Stanzas 1, 2, 6 & 7)**

**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.**

**GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**



## Psalm 24

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.  
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



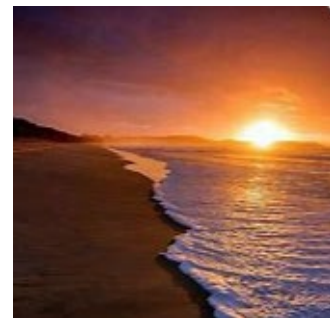
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John 11: 32 - 44; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."



<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## **SERMON - "Lazarus, Come Out!"**

**Rev. Wes Smith**

**HYMN: ELW#767 – Lord, Take my Hand and Lead Me**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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. Grace those from our families and community in greatest need of our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Abide with your faithful ones in love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

### **OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord God, your compassion is unlimited, all that we have is yours. Receive these gifts from your bounty and grant that we may live well, love generously and seek first your kingdom on earth as in heave, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus the Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages, to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He fulfilled all your will. He stretched out his hands in suffering, in order to free from suffering those who trust in you. As he was born to die, you raised him from death to life, so that we too know that we shall be raised from death to life.

We therefore remember that he took bread, and after giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And in the same way, 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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. And unto that time, we come before you praying;

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion** – Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

### OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

#### **COMMUNION HYMN 1: Change My Heart O God**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN 2: We Worship You Lord**

We worship You, Lord, we worship You.  
With every fiber of our being, we worship You.  
Come and dwell within our midst,  
as we glorify Your name,  
You are worthy to be praised, and we worship You!

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**Closing Prayer** - Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing** – The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: ELW#427 – For All Your Saints, O Lord**

***Song of Blessing***

May God's blessing surround you each day,  
As you trust God and walk in God's way.  
May God's presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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