

God's Service **Sunday, November 3, 2024**

All Saints Sunday

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four



## **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.

Let us prepare ourselves to meet our Lord at his feast in God's Service this morning as we listen to the prelude.

## **PRELUDE "Toccata in G" by Pachelbel**

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **CONFESSION AND 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.

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.**

**GATHERING SONG “For All the Saints” (ELW 422)**

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## **GREETING**

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

## **KYRIE (ELW p. 147)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you,**

**we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)**

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**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

A reading from Isaiah.

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 24**

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

<sup>2</sup> **For the LORD has founded it up- <sup>1</sup> on the seas  
and established it up- <sup>1</sup> on the rivers. R**

- <sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's <sup>1</sup> holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> **Those of innocent hands and puri- <sup>1</sup> ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by <sup>1</sup> what is false.**
- <sup>5</sup> They shall receive blessing <sup>1</sup> from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of <sup>1</sup> their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob. R**
- <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- <sup>1</sup> lasting doors,  
that the King of glory <sup>1</sup> may come in.
- <sup>8</sup> **Who is this <sup>1</sup> King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- <sup>1</sup> y in battle!**
- <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- <sup>1</sup> lasting doors,  
that the King of glory <sup>1</sup> may come in.
- <sup>10</sup> **Who is this <sup>1</sup> King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the <sup>1</sup> King of glory. R**

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

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> 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;

<sup>4</sup> 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.”

<sup>5</sup> 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.” <sup>6a</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**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, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 151)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Shall We Gather at the River” (ELW 423)**

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,

we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

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### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources like the Wind and Popo Agie rivers 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 *especially Shirley, Anna, Kay, Carolyn, Cheryl, Gene, Lars, Darla, Jim, Carol*, families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, our beloved for whom death is near and these others we name now in our hearts and with our voices. (*pause for names to be spoken*). 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: **Rolly Gimple** – Faith Lutheran Member and friend, **Kathy Browning** – Former Member

and friend, **Duane Chamberlain** – Cherished Friend of Mary Magnuson, **Maxine Hoffman** – Beloved Cousin of Mary Magnuson, **Terry Kessler** – Valued Uncle of Darrell Kessler, **Joy Nelson** – Loving Sister-in-law of Beth Johnson, **Baby Ward** – Cherished child Katie & Matt Ward, **Michael Standing Elk** – son of Dawn Scarince’s beloved friend. With (*Martín de Porres who we commemorate today and*) all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**Pastor:** 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.**

## **REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS**

I invite you now to a time of stillness and remembrance of those saints now gone that touched your life in a profound way. If you wish you may light a candle and say a prayer of thanksgiving by the baptismal font or simply remain seated, remembering and giving thanks to God.

## **PEACE (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **SHARING GOD'S ABUNDANCE**

Captive to sin yet unbound and freed by Christ we are called to be stewards of all that God provides. As God gives abundantly let us be bold in giving back a portion of the abundance that God has first given us, that we might help mend the world and re-align our hearts with the God who is love.

If you have abundance to share today raise your hand and our ushers will come by to collect. If you are joining us online you may give at [landerlutherans.org](http://landerlutherans.org), or even mail a check to the church. However, you share the abundance of our God – thank you and God bless you.

## **OFFERING MUSIC “Give Thanks for Saints” arr. by Benson**

## **SETTING OF THE TABLE “I Come with Joy” (ELW 482)**

1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.



- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

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 our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE (ELW p. 153)**

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 [    name/s     and] 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 (ELW p. 153)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas,  
we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.  
With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the  
forgotten,  
we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.  
With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present,  
we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.  
With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor,  
and all who walked the way of the cross,  
we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.  
With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:  
In the night in which he was betrayed . . .  
. . . Do this for the remembrance of me.  
With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen. **Amen!**  
With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen.  
**Amen!**

With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen.

**Amen!**

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness,  
we pray for the power of the Spirit.

Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup,  
with the presence of the body and blood of Christ.

Form us into a communion of service,  
and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal,  
and especially with *names of beloved saints or the local deceased*,  
lead us to a future we cannot yet see,  
and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we shout blessing **blessing**, glory **glory**, wisdom **wisdom**, thanksgiving **thanksgiving**,  
honor **honor**, power **power**, might **might**, be to our God forever and ever. Amen. **Amen!**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Receive who you are; Become what you receive. Come to this table, you who are strong in faith and you who seek building up. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for some time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who bids us to meet him here with the saints of all times and all places and there is a place set just for you saint and sinner at his table. Amen.

### **COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

### **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC "Behold the Host" arr. by Miller**

### **TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and reserve you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers *in their homes/in prisons/in hospitals*. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 155)**

### **BLESSING**

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

### **SENDING SONG “For All Your Saints, O Lord” (ELW 427)**

- 1 For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,

accept our thankful cry.

3 They all in life and death,  
with you, their Lord, in view,  
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath  
to suffer and to do.

4 For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness  
may live and die in you.

5 To God, the Father, Son,  
and Spirit, ever blest,  
the One in Three, the Three in One,  
be endless praise addressed.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Upcoming Commemorations

**Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639**

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries**

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

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