



All Saints Sunday

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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November 3, 2024 9:15am

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 abides too close to our hearts and we are complicit in its power. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor. Unbind us, forgive us, and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth. Enliven us to live just and generous lives for the good of your creation and for the care of our neighbor 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 HYMN: **“For All the Saints”**

#422 [vs. 1-3, 6-7] ELW

KYRIE / HYMN OF PRAISE: This is the Feast

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

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS (*those who have passed away in the past year*)

Alice Elaine Jones

Wilma Alva Sauer

Jeffrey Scott Oulman

Anna Marie Mitchell

Carolyn R. Thompson

Kent William Thompson

Betty Jane Coxson

Rhonda Sue (Brock) King

Doris Ann Borchardt

Marion Ruby Eastvold

Charlene (Kaiser) Merkel

Rose Mary Nelson Meinecke

Constance Elaine Nyhus

Darlyne Joyce Espeland

Maria Elena Thorsheim

Larry Nerem

Jeanette M. Neuman

Seth David Zrostlik

(*those who have been baptized in the past year*)

Aria Sophia Keller

Daxton Andrew Ziesmer

Callahan Bruce Bohl

Beckam Neil Dakken

Lyra Jon Phillips

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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9 *The banquet of the Lord*

PSALM: Psalm 24 [read responsively]

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

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

³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord, and who may stand in God's holy place?

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.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

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

⁸**Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

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

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a *A new heaven and a new earth*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "**Word of Truth and Life**" Marty Haugen
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life! [2x]

Living water, we are thirsting for the life that you have promised: [back to chorus 1x]

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44 *The raising of Lazarus*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: "**Sing with All the Saints in Glory**"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

Liam Bartleson

Karen Kofron

Tim Schmidt

Hayden Despenas

Donna Kvale

Jennie Spencer

Michaela Farus

Jim Lund

Lucky Truong

Doris Johnson

Mary Lund

Rogene Westerberg

family of Joyce Kasper

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Missionary Karen Anderson

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Kumbaya" Choir

OFFERTORY: "**We Are An Offering**" #692

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 with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

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Holy, holy, holy / Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION: "**Lamb of God**" #195

"Break Now the Bread of Life" #515

"Bread of Life from Heaven" #474

"Loving Spirit" #397

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "**O When the Saints Go Marchin In**"

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number, when the Lord in glory comes.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number, when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number, when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number, on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

BLESSING & DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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