

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 3, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

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TODAY'S FOCUS

Today we observe *All Saints' Day*. In the Apostles' Creed we confess the Bible truth that we believe in "the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints." All those who have faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior are holy, for Jesus' perfection is credited to them and their sins are washed away in His blood. They, therefore, have the status of saints (holy ones) before God on account of Christ.

All Saint's Day is a day to especially give thanks to the Lord for the believers, the saints whom He has already called from the sorrows of this world to the eternal joys He has prepared for His people. We worship the Lord for his goodness to the saints past and present, for we who still feebly struggle in this life and those who now shine with Christ's glory in heaven!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Resurrection and the Life, and through your victory you have attained eternal righteousness, joy, and holiness for us. As you have promised, we pray, come soon to judge, and bring us a joyful resurrection to life and a homecoming in the eternal paradise of our Father's kingdom. You, Jesus, are arisen from death, and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen. (*Hamburg Gesangbuch* –from www.acollectionofprayers.com)

RITE OF SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

During the observation of *All Saints* at Peace, we use the Rite of Saints Triumphant. It consists of a responsive reading of Bible passages along with the names and dates of Peace members who have died since our last observance of this rite on Saints Triumphant Sunday about a year ago. The number in parenthesis indicates their age when they passed. This rite is a powerful reminder that our fellow believers have been buried in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Today, we incorporate a setting of that rite (w/o names) into the Prayer of the Church and the closing prayer.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. COLUMBA (A SIXTH CENTURY IRISH MISSIONARY)

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
to me the least of saints,
to me allow that I may keep
even the smallest door,
the farthest, darkest, coldest door,
the door that is least used,
the stiffest door.
If only it be in your house, O God,
that I can see your glory even afar,
and hear your voice,
and know that I am with you, O God. Amen.
(From acollectionofprayers.com)

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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OPENING HYMN

By All Your Saints Still Striving | CW 892

Please stand

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

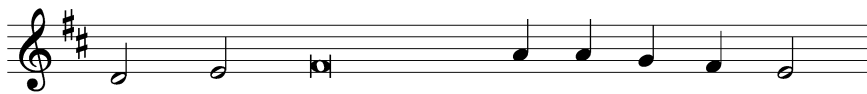
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.¹

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

¹ Something big is about to happen! God is going to speak to us in His Word. That's the reason for this greeting/wish.

FIRST READING²

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
 a banquet of rich food,
 a banquet of aged wines,
 with the best cuts of meat,
 and with the finest wines.

⁷On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

⁸He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.

⁹On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

The Word of the Lord.

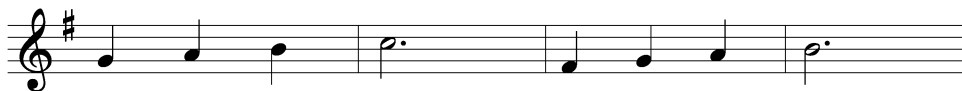
Thanks be to God.

² Though today’s Scripture lessons are assigned specifically for “All Saints,” typically we follow a schedule of readings called a lectionary (See page X in the front of the hymnal). A lectionary helps insure that we hear the whole counsel of God over the course of a year.

PSALM OF THE DAY (10:30 & 6:30 Services)

Psalm 149A

Refrain



Sing to the LORD, sing a new song.



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the LORD!

Verses



- 1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
- 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
- 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the LORD;
- 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,



a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with danc - ing and song give praise to God's name;
 with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their faith shall pre - vail;



let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
 for God in the faith - ful great plea - sure will seek,
 go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—

Refrain



let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
 with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

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HYMN (8:00 Service)

See, He Comes, the King of Glory | CW 494³

Grades 6-8 will sing verses 1 and 2. The congregation will join in verses 3 and 4.



1 See, he comes, the King of glo - ry, an - gels
 2 See, he comes, the King of glo - ry, nam - ing
 3 See, he comes the King of glo - ry, with a
 4 Till he comes, the King of glo - ry, an - gels



blaz - ing round his throne, wield - ing wrath to
 deeds we did for him: feed - ing, cloth - ing,
 king - dom to a - ward. We have not de -
 blaz - ing round his throne, we will turn our



those who spurned him, bear - ing bless - ings for his own.
 shar - ing, car - ing, vis - it - ing, in - vit - ing in.
 served or earned it; it's his gift, not our re - ward.
 eyes to heav - en, tune our ears to trum - pet's tone.



Do not dread that day, dear Chris - tian! Do not fear his
 We may ask, "When did we do this— show you, Lord, such
 All our works are but an of - f'ring of our grat - i -
 But we won't ne - glect our neigh - bors need - ing com - fort,



fear - some face, for the judge is our dear
 cour - te - sy?" He will say, "The least, the
 tude and praise. We serve not so God will
 shel - ter, love. Kind - ness - es for friends and

³ The composer of the words to this hymn, Laurie Gauger, is a graduate of Martin Luther College and currently works in the offices of MLC. The composer of the music, Jeremy Bakken, currently works in the offices of Northwestern Publishing House (www.nph.net).



Sav - ior; we are guard - ed by his grace.
low - ly— serv - ing them was serv - ing me.”
save us; we serve God be - cause we’re saved.
stran - gers serve our Sav - ior - King a - bove.

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SECOND READING

Revelation 20:4–6

⁴Then I saw thrones, and those who were sitting on them were given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast and his image, and they did not receive his mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years came to an end.) This is the first resurrection.

⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. Instead they will be priests of God and of Christ. And they will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION⁴

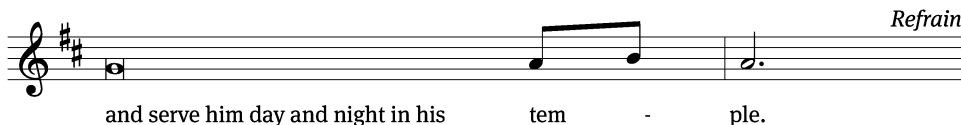
Revelation 7:15



Refrain



Tone



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⁴ What’s the deal with the Gospel Acclamation? The Gospel Acclamation (otherwise known as the Verse of the Day) is an important Scripture passage that emphasizes the theme of the day. It is flanked with “alleluias” to mark the Gospel Lesson as something special. In the same way that trumpets might announce the arrival of a prince or king to the royal court, the Gospel Acclamation announces the “arrival” of Christ in the Gospel Lesson. Historically, a choir usually sings the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL⁵

John 11:32-44

³²When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled.

³⁴He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

⁵ Why do we stand for this reading? The Gospel Lesson (from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) is the heart and core of the service. It proclaims the actual words and works of Jesus. Just as we stand for any important person – a judge in the courtroom, a bride at a wedding, veterans in a parade – we also stand to hear about Jesus.

Rite of Saints Triumphant

November 2023 – November 2024

M: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (*John 11:25-26*)

Judy Calvin (75)

March 3, 2024

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed yet in my flesh I will see God. (*Job 19:25-26*)

Arthur Hammann (93)

April 25, 2024

M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (*2 Timothy 4:7-8*)

John Cargen (91)

May 12, 2024

M: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

C: I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. (*Luke 23:42-43*)

Steven McCrary (53)

June 5, 2024

M: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

C: We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*)

Bonnie Stein (61)

June 21, 2024

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

C: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (*Psalms 73:26*)

Lorraine Pells (94)

July 1, 2024

M: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

C: For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52*)

Cheryl Grulke (74)

July 15, 2024

SERMON

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Feast

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Offering plates are by the doors. Giving to God the “firstfruits” of our material blessings is part of our worship of Him.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

There Is a Higher Throne | CW 885

Please stand

PRAYER

We thank you Lord for those who have gone before us in faith,
who have shared with us in your gifts of life,
peace and forgiveness through the hearing of the gospel,
of new life and the promise of resurrection through your Son in baptism,
who with us have been fed the body and blood of Christ at your holy table,
and who now have been called to the heavenly feast that will never end.

Lord, look upon your communion of saints here on earth. Strengthen and keep us in the one true faith, and make us grow in fervent love for you and for one another. Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting, that with them we may sing your praise forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.⁶

Amen.

⁶ Adapted from “Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (4)” from ACollectionOfPrayers.com.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden | **CW 890**

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