

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Stillwater, Minnesota

All Saints Service

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Gathering

Prelude

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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.

Welcome

Remembrance

After each name is read, a bell is rung in honor of each person we have lost this year.

Florence Beer

June Carlson

Paul Glaser

Ruth Guse

Ken Kress

Darlene Lueck

Lorna Lutz

Barb Raleigh

Herb Roettger

Dorothy Vollmer

A brief silence.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

**All: We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

Gathering Song

ELW 422 For All the Saints (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

**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!

**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!

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet
all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word

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

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Of David. A Psalm.

- ¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
²for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then 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. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Sam Wolff

Hymn of the Day

ELW 427 For All Your Saints, O Lord

**For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.**

**For all our saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.
They all in life and death, with you, their Lord in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit’s breath to suffer and to do.**

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

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

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

P: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

The Meal

Holy Communion is a sacred and mysterious manifestation of God's love and grace for us. In Holy Communion the Father, Son and Holy Spirit invite us to share in the bond of peace and love they share with each other through repentant hearts and humble faith.

All are invited to share in this gift of grace.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

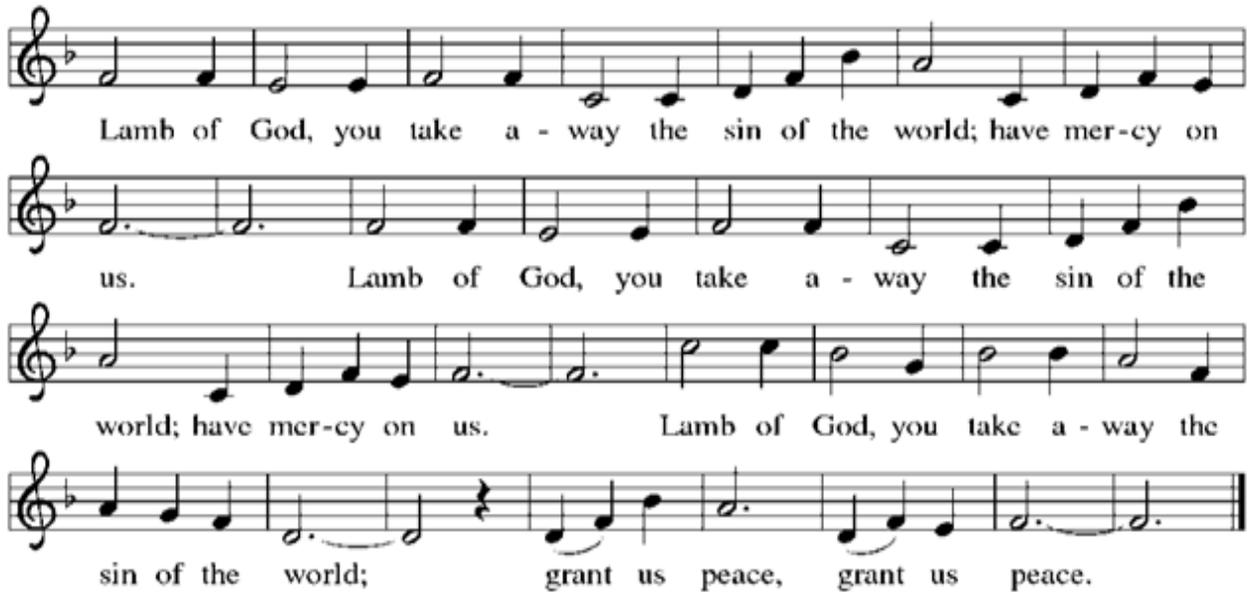
Words of Institution

All are Welcome to Share in this Meal

As the prophets of old knew, so may we also know: When we live by the Spirit, we will inherit the kingdom of God. The Spirit of love and forgiveness grows on the tree of life. This Spirit is available to all who seek it. Eat of this fruit, for it is the body of Christ, given for you.

Song

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

P: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Song

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

**We are all travelling in the footsteps
Of those that've gone before
And we'll all be reunited
On a new and sunlit shore**

**Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in**

**And when the sun begins to shine
When the sun refuses to shine
Lord, how I want to be in that number
Oh, when the saints they go marching in
Oh, when the saints they go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord, how I want to be in that number
Oh, when the saints go marching in**

When the trumpet sounds its call
When the trumpet sounds its call
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the trumpet sounds its call

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when the New World is revealed
When the New World is revealed
Lord, how I want to be there on that morning
When the New World is revealed

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

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Sending Words

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for celebrating God's love with us today.