

Worship with Holy
Communion
November 3, 2024



Good morning & Welcome to Grace!

We are so glad you are here on this All Saints Sunday! Our mission is to invite and welcome all to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.

In Holy Baptism, God makes saints out of sinners. In Holy Communion, God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith, and we remember them in love. This rite reminds us that in Holy Baptism, God unites all the faithful into one holy, catholic, and apostolic church: the church on earth, and the church in heaven. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory. (*From "Sundays and Seasons", Augsburg Fortress*).

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table. We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread and communion assistants are located on both sides of the sanctuary. Please place your empty cup in the bowl on your way back to your seat after you commune.

For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune. When we come to the Meal portion of the service, and the people who are present in person are coming forward, please eat your bread and drink your cup as you are moved to do so.

If you have questions about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

Again, we're glad you're here! Welcome to worship!

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

⌘ See Screens Up Front

PRELUDE "O Rest in the Lord" **Mendelssohn**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

⌘ **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

GATHERING HYMN "For All the Saints" **ELW 422**

⌘ **GREETING**

⌘ **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" **ACS 950**

⌘ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CHANCEL CHOIR "Soon and Very Soon" **ELW 439**

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

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. And we read:

⁶On 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. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he 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. ⁹It 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** (*read in unison*)

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. And we read:

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

⌘ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

John 11.32 – 44

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So 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?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”* **ELW 628**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE PEACE

MEAL ~ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *“Lamento”* **J.H. Knecht**

OFFERING

If you would like to offer a gift, the collection plate is located at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry.

⌘ OFFERING RESPONSE *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”* **ELW 186**

⌘ OFFERING PRAYER

⌘ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Those moved to do so may rise.)

⌘ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **ELW 191**

⌘ THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE & THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

⌘ THE LORD’S PRAYER

⌘ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

⌘ LAMB OF GOD **ELW 195**

COMMUNION HYMNS *“In Heaven Above”* **ELW 630**

“Behold the Host Arrayed in White” **ELW 425**

⌘ BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

⌘ BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *“For All Your Saints, O Lord”* **ELW 427**

⌘ DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *“Heavenly Sunlight”* **arr. Mark Hayes**

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LITANY AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS, 2024 *(the assembly is seated)*

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 the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord. **Alleluia.**

Now, we lift up those saints dear to us, who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year:

Reeves Broussard	Gerald Kurtz	Allen Parham
Colton Wayne Duell	John (Bob) Lamont	Elfrieda Raedler
Kenneth Eckel	Normand Caleb Manning	Arthur Repp
Emory Arthur Hingst	Ron Mayo	Raphael Enrico Siegrist
Patricia Holder	Tom Owen Miller	Michael Terry
Frieda H. Hutchison	Vernon Moore	Mark VanderMeulen
Sally Kivett	Ronald J. Oughterson, Sr.	Sharon Willweber
	H.E. Worley	Margaret Worley

Let us pray:

O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our sisters and brothers, who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints, we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**