

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

P: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW#413 Audrey Assad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHrNNM23p8>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

P: Amen.

L: Holy One,

P: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

P: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

P: Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME: “Yes Jesus Loves Me... _____ told me so”

SONG: “Jesus Loves Me”

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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 ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

PREACHING TEXT: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SERMON: “The Anchor Holds”

Pastor Jerome Evavold

SONG: “The Anchor Holds” by Ray Boltz

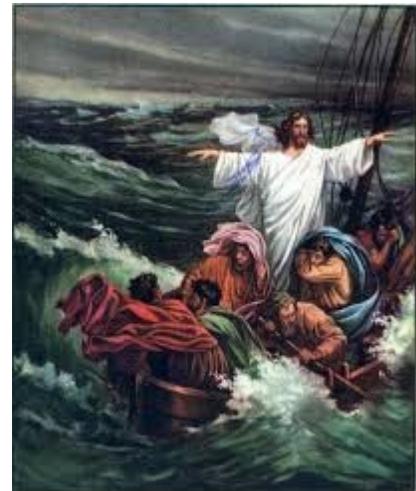
I have journeyed through the long dark night
Out on the open sea, by faith alone
Sight unknown; and yet His eyes were watching me

The anchor holds
Though the ship is battered
The anchor holds
Though the sails are torn
I have fallen on my knees as I face the raging seas
The anchor holds in spite of the storm

I've had visions, I've had dreams
I've even held them in my hand
But I never knew they would slip right through
Like they were only grains of sand

The anchor holds
Though the ship is battered
The anchor holds
Though the sails are torn
I have fallen on my knees as I face the raging seas
The anchor holds in spite of the storm

I have been young but I'm older now
And there has been beauty these eyes have seen
But it was in the night, through the storms...



CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come 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.

THE OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast in you and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

SONG: "For All the Saints"

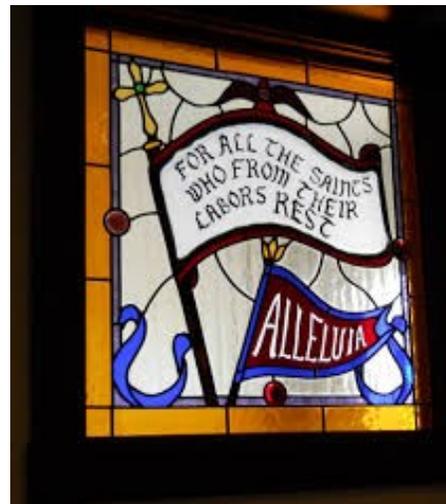
For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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!

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!



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us remember all the saints who have served the church and the world as we offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words "Save us from all our troubles."

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who have ministered in your church. Give us now, we pray, pastors, deacons, teachers, and lay leaders who will guide your people in the way of truth. Bless all who minister during this difficult time.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who lived in communion with creation. Bless the earth, that all creatures will live out your intention for their place in creation.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who were peacemakers. Give us now government authorities who will strive for peace between and within their nations.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who strove for equality and justice. Guide us during this election week, that those who seek the common good will be elected; protect those who vote; and preserve our nation from all forms of civil discord.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who worked to renew society. Give us now persons who will struggle against prejudice, lethargy, and evil, and will work to improve the lives of others.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who ministered to the needy. Give us now people who will care for those in need. We pray for those in need, the war-torn, the unemployed, those who experience discrimination, those who are weighed down with anxiety, and those who needs are known only to you.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the saints who nursed the sick. Support physicians, nurses, and all medical staff, especially as they confront the continuing crisis of the coronavirus.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the faithful who have suffered in body, mind, or spirit. Give wholeness to the sick, especially to those with the coronavirus. Send your healing power on those whose names we call out to you now. . .

Bev and family, Dorlene, Alex and Trista, Adrien, Ray, Gene and the Greenwaldt family

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: We praise you, O God, for all the saints, both the famous and the forgotten, who lived in faith and now live in you. We thank you, O God, especially for the following members and friends who have passed away since last year's All Saints' Day whom we name here now:

(LIGHTING OF OUR CANDLES)

**Toni G. Barrett
Cheryl W. Carlson
John Grassinger
Mae Klawitter
Betty M. Lund
James S. McIntosh
Joyce E. Peterson
Donna M. Shepard
Betty Strazishar**



We take 11 seconds - representing the 11 hours it would take to read the names of all those that have died of the coronavirus in the United States in 2020.

Bring us all at the last with them to be in your triune presence.

Hear our prayer, O God,

P: save us from all our troubles.

L: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever.

P: Amen.

SONG: "Come to the Table" by Sidewalk Prophets

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>

SETTING THE TABLE FOR THE MEAL

PRAYER

L: God of all creation, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine, gathered in to be one loaf and one drink.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world sing of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P:Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Leader: Pastor Jerome, Shivon leading the Assembly)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

L: 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. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor Jerome)

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unmute and join Pastor Jerome in the prayer)

L: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (Pastor Jerome)

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

THE MEAL

L: We receive the bread - The body of Christ, given for you.

(Everyone takes)

L: We receive the wine (juice) - The blood of Christ, shed for you.

(Everyone takes)

L: For all not taking of the elements but celebrating with us in one body, receive a blessing:

Child of God, May God bless and keep you.

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Pastor Jerome)

L: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

P: Amen.

BLESSING (Shivon)

L: Looking to Jesus and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, may we live forgiven, running the race God has set before us both now and to eternity. The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen

SENDING SONG: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" Selah

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpaL_rjT0I8

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!