

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**  
**All Saints Day**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

**RINGING OF BELL AND PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Those gathered online are invited to respond with the bold printed words and sing the hymns.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## HYMN *Give Thanks for Saints*



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -  
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere  
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling  
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so  
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the  
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an  
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -  
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -  
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -  
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!  
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.  
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.  
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962  
Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918  
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### WORD

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

## PSALM 34:1-10, 22

*Psalm 34 is a song of thanksgiving.*

- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
- <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.
- <sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

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

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

### READING: 1 John 3:1-3

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### HYMN *By All Your Saints*



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
*Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:*  
2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron'  
*Last* Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!  
who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—  
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown  
for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.  
and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.; hymnal version, sts. 13, 16, 18  
Music: KUORTIANE, Finnish folk tune  
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## THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS

On this day, we remember that while sinners we are also saints called by God to do God's work and be the presence of Christ in the world. Our journey of faith is lived in community together and we are strengthened, comforted, and nurtured through one another. Today, we recognize and give thanks for our members the senior saints among us, those 80 and over. They are: Hermann Boedecker, Jerry Dodds, Paul Friis, Dorothy Holmes, June Madsen, Richard Madsen, Delores Paulsen, Jim Peak, Helen Petersen, Betty Slach, Paul Weismann, Deanna Weismann, Herb Friis, Ronald Madsen, Marvin Brick, Karen Brick, Alberta Sweat, Patricia Ernst and Norman Fitzgerald.

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth. We give thanks to you for these elders among us. We are graced by their wisdom and and touched by their knowledge and faith. Bless them, O God, as they are a blessing to us. Pour out your Spirit, that these elders may continue to dream dreams and testify to the Light of their salvation, Jesus Christ. May we find inspiration in their years of faithfulness and follow their example by serving you with steadfastness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember and give thanks for those saints who have gone before us in faith, especially members of Bethany who have died since last All Saints Day: Kay Davisson and Jeanette Cummins.

*A moment of silence is held.*

Normally, we invite those gathered in worship to come and place the names of deceased loved ones on the baptismal font. Several names were provided and have been affixed to the font. If you did not send in a name, you are invited at this time to type the name into the comments box on Facebook or speak that name at home.

*A moment of silence is held.*

Let us pray.

**O God, we give thanks for the saints named above and all others that rest in your eternal care. You have called your saints to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each petition ends with, "Lord, in your mercy." Those worshipping respond with, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*During this time, an offering would normally be taken for the mission of Christ's church. We are grateful for your gifts and they are needed to continue the work of the church. We understand in this time some have lost their jobs, hours reduced and may be incurring a financial hardship and therefore unable to financially give; while others may be able to give more. Options on ways to give are found on our website ([www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)). Thank you!*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## COMMUNION

*With repentant hearts, we believe through this meal Christ forgives our sins and guides our lives. Strengthened, forgiven, and nourished the Spirit sends us forth in service and to proclaim the good news of Christ's love to the world.*

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.

## BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

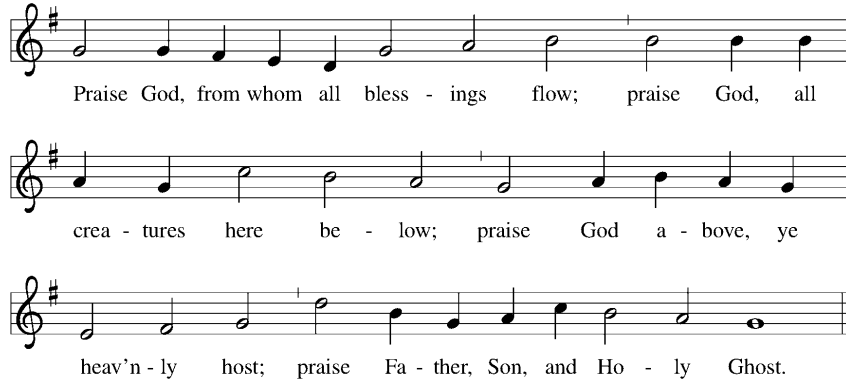
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## **SENDING**

You are beloved and precious saints called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We invite you to join us again next Sunday at 9:30 AM on Facebook or outdoors (weather dependent). Blessings to you as you shine forth the light of Christ in the world this week! Thanks, and praise to God for everything you do in the name of Jesus Christ!

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