

All Saints' Sunday Sunday, November 6, 2022 Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

## WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We extend in the name of Christ, a welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May you find here an experience of true Christian worship and fellowship. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to consider joining Peace.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have ignored voices that call for your justice.

We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.

We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.

We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,

follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.

## Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,

and restores us to life through the death

and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

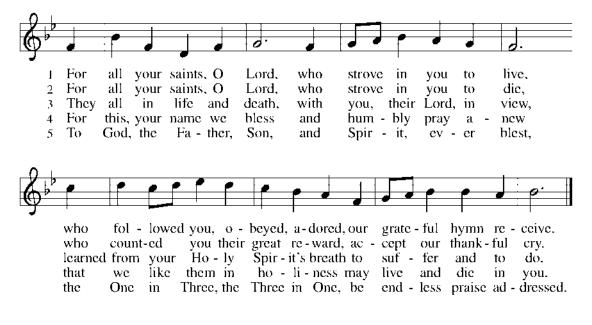
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the 🕂 Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848. alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

#### GREETING

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. And also with you.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

ELW P. 139





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P. 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.
- C. Amen.

## + WORD +

## FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

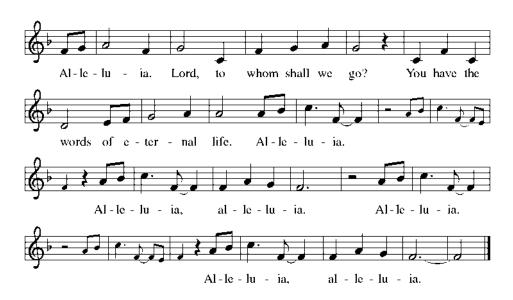
<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. After the reading:

- P. Word of God, word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW P. #188



#### **GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:20-31**

The holy gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you."

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### SERMON

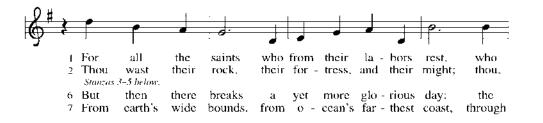
Reverend Mary E. Zupansic

HYMN OF THE DAY

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

ELW# 422

(Sung throughout the Sermon: Verse 1 / Verse 2 / Verse 3 / Verses 4, 5)





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#### **REFLECTION: FOR THOSE AT HOME**

On All Saints Day, many congregations read aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. We don't call them saints because they were perfect but because they were loved by us and by God. We acknowledge that all people, being simultaneously sinners and saints, lead complex lives full of both bad and good. We rest in the sure promise that at the end of their lives, God has welcomed our loved ones to their eternal home.

In this passage from Luke, Jesus' words remind us that there are more saints than we could ever list in our litanies. There are many saints whose names we do not even know. Those whom God calls "blessed" are often marginalized and forgotten: the hungry, poor, suffering, and rejected. Yet, these unlikely saints are the ones Jesus calls us to emulate. We are to live with our hearts fixed not on the rewards of the world, but on the treasures found in God's unending presence.

So today, as we honor the saints we knew personally by speaking their names, we can also honor the saints we have never known, those who have been forgotten by humans but remain favored by God. We might imagine adding their names to our neverending litany, an ongoing celebration of all the faithful who have gone before us.

We might even imagine our own names being added to that list. After all, we too are made saints, not by our own merit but by God's gracious transformation that begins at our baptism. When we reach the end of our own complex lives, we will join the lineage of saints, both named and unnamed, who have gone before us. Until then, we can still live into our sainthood, just as Jesus recommends, by living each day with radical generosity and love.

## PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

You are invited now to join in prayer as we light candles remembering our faithful departed, and the great cloud of witnesses who surround us.

We thank you O God for the lives of the saints from Peace Lutheran who have entered the church triumphant, and for the joy of knowing that through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ they are with you even now. This year we remember:

Norma Roeschley (January 15, 2022) Doris Fischer (March 11, 2022) Jane Titone (April 23, 2022) Arlyn Lober (May 12, 2022) Jim Titone (June 13, 2022) Jacqulyn Clay (July 16, 2022) Lois Harris (August 2, 2022) Verlene Urekar (August 22, 2022) Art Longworth (September 10, 2022) Nancy Rigsby (October 10, 2022)

We give you thanks, O God, for all others whom we remember today – members of Peace, friends and family members who have entered the church triumphant over the past years, and whose light remains with us, and whose lives inspire us to goodness and grace:

Marlene Johnson (February 27, 2021 Jeane Boosinger (April 11, 2020) Ken Berryman (January 7, 2019) Gene Broadland (September 7, 2020) Coralie Guthrie (February 21, 2020) Frederick Hosto (April 2, 2022) Gordon Danke (September 19, 2021) Mary Merrill (March 31, 2022) Charlene Hozie (October 09, 2022) Walter Weyhrich (January 19, 1988) Herbert Humphrey (January 10, 2007) Dave Goriszewski (July 29, 2017) Ellen Boxrud (September 10, 2021) Harold Boede (March 11, 2021) Carolyn Smith (October 22, 2021) Owen Guthrie (July 14, 2019) Peg Kastner (May 6, 2022) Albert Matthesien (September 20, 2021) Lisa Bethea (July 30, 2022) James Harris (August 14, 2022) John Zupansic (September 6, 2022) Ethel Weyhrich (October 26, 2006) Virginia Humphrey (June 22, 2009) Theresa Norton Greco (Sept. 16, 2022)

Gracious God, as we remember those who have gone before us, grant us the vision and courage to fulfill our own baptismal mission, that we might live lives of love and compassion. We look with hope to the day when we will reunite with those who even now sit at the great high feast and sing around the throne of God. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

ELW # 422 vv 6,7

## **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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

## A brief silence.

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Lord, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospi-

tality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

## receive our prayer.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

## receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## THE SHARING OF PEACE

- P. The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C. And also with you.

# + THE MEAL +

## **OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS**

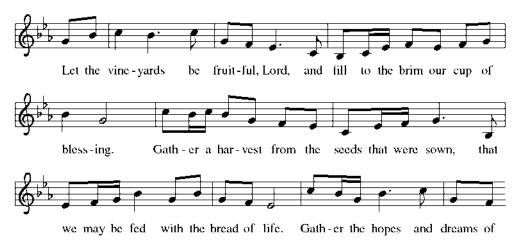
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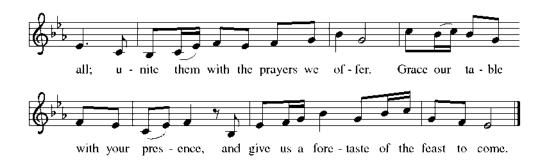
CHOIR ANTHEM Praise the Lord With A Song / Earlene Rentz Psalm 149

#### **OFFERING HYMN**

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

ELW #184





#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A. Let us pray. Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

C. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

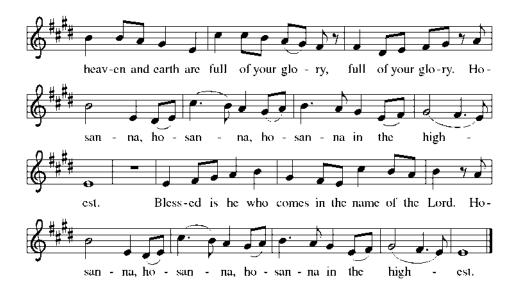
- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. 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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present, we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.

With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

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.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen. Amen!

With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen. **Amen!** 

With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen. **Amen!** 

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit. Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the presence of the body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal, lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout blessing **blessing**, glory **glory**, wisdom **wisdom**, thanksgiving **thanksgiving**, honor **honor**, power **power**, might **might**, be to our God forever and ever. Amen. **Amen!** 

## LORD'S PRAYER

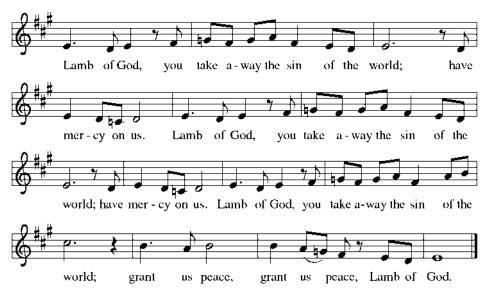
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P. Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.
- C. Thanks be to God.

## LAMB OF GOD

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**COMMUNION HYMNS** 

I COME WITH JOY HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (REPEATS) ELW #482 ELW #473

## TABLE BLESSING

- P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A. Let us Pray, we give you thanks, most gracious God,
- C. that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

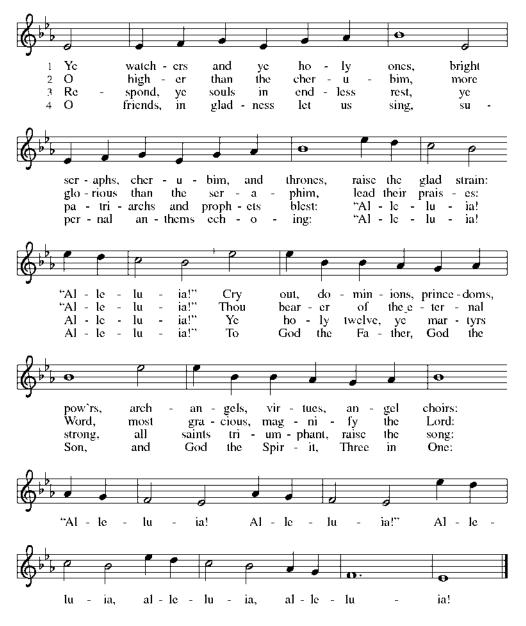
#### BLESSING

P. The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

SENDING SONG

YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES

ELW #424



Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln. 1623

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#### DISMISSAL

- P. Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
- C. Thanks be to God.

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# **ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT**

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 from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. 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.

# THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Judy Barhoover, Pete Ellertsen, Larry Weyhrich, Harriett Bartell

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Other than those in the Military will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise notified. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name. If interested in assisting on Saturdays or Sundays, please call the church office at 217.546-7646, or text Pastor Mary at 920-671-4338.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY, NOV 7	In Person Worship/Livestream,—9:30am	
	Drive Thru Communion—11:00—11:30am	
	Little Lambs & Young Disciples—10:30am	
	"Sundays @ 6" Adult Faith Formation—6pm Zoom	
WEDNESDAY, NOV 9	Faith Formation Committee—5:30pm Zoom	
THURSDAY, NOV 10	Evangelism Committee—5:00pm	

# **ASSISTING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6:**

Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Mary Zupansic Musician: Brenda Peck PowerPoint: Linda Rice Fellowship: Janet Rigdon Flowers: Linda Rice to the Glory of God Assisting Minister: Doug McFarlan Ushers: Ron & Susan Krause Camera: Janet Kocis



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December 7 – Samuel Bretz



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## SUPPORTING GRACE FOOD PANTRY



CEREAL,CANS OF SOUP GREEN BEANS, SPAGHETTI PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT



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Non-perishables may be put directly in the pantry or dropped off in the church office.

