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*The **hymns** begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS (JOHN 11:25-27)

P: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

C: “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world.”

HYMN #414 “HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME”

P: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses both here on earth and in the heavens. Praise the Lord for their faithfulness! Praise the Lord for their lives! Praise the Lord, whose cross has turned sinners into saints!

C: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Behold the Lamb, Jesus Christ, whose blood has washed our stained robes to brilliant white. Alleluia!

HYMN #422: “FOR ALL THE SAINTS” (v1)

**♪ 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!**

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.

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

C: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

P: When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were born anew to a living hope.

C: By water and the Word we were made children of God. In baptism, God forgives us all our sins and unites us to the church, which is the community of saints on earth.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #422: "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" (V3)

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

P: These saints, who have joined the Church Triumphant, are remembered as the bell tolls the joy of Jesus' triumph over death:

**Danny Barr † Phil Baumann † Rick Bentrutt † Norman Bousset
Tim Burke † Judy DeTellum † Chuck Ehlers † Shirley Ferguson
Robert Figgins † Frank Forret † Wyatt Frahm † Marcia Frese
Eleanor Hinrichs † Sam Huitt † Geraldine Jacobi † Keith Jensen
Dick Johnson † Rev. Zachary Johnson † Reginald Kauffman
Arnita Kemp † Judy Kisner † Julie Krukow † Sherwood Lahann
William Lemburg † Lee Lenth † Leonard Malmanger
Marilyn Malmanger † John Martensen † Ron Matzen
Greg Mickelson † Bill Middleton † Donald Proesch † John Reed
Stephanie Schade † Nona Scheper † Gary Schreiber † Joan Shelton
Sherry Stauffer † Matt Sterret † Roma Thayer † Don Vickroy
Judy Weiss † Linda Wilhelm † Joyce Wing**

P: When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death so that as he was raised from the dead, we too might live a new life.

C: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly, be united with him in a resurrection like his. Amen.

P: Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising us up to new life. Bless all saints, living and dead, as we seek to live in the light of your grace, and bring us one day to the full joy of your salvation in Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: The Lamb is our Shepherd,

C: who leads us to springs of the water of life.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord,

C: through water and the Spirit you have made us your own.

As you have brought us to new life, daily increase in us the gifts of your grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Grant us your grace so that we can follow in faith where you have led the way, so that at length we may fall asleep peacefully in you and wake into your likeness; to you, the author and giver of all life, be all honor and glory now and forever.

Amen.

P: When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were born anew to a living hope. We await the day when our Lord will return, when heaven will come down to earth and there will be no more tears.

In the new Jerusalem, there will be no need of sun or moon,

C: for the glory of God will be its light.

P: Before the Lamb is a multitude from every nation,

C: and they worship God day and night.

P: Surely he is coming soon.

C: Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN #422: “FOR ALL THE SAINTS” (V6)

♪ **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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...now and forever.*)

C: Amen

READINGS

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [PAGE 205]

♪ **Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

HYMN #425 “BEHOLD THE HOST ARRAYED IN WHITE”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for
the church, the world and all who are in need.

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting
in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding*...our Savior and Lord.)

C: 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.

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P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n 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, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

Holy Communion is celebrated today.

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

♪ **O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

HYMN #423 “SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION HYMN

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #820 “O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR”

DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen
Organist: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman
Acolyte: Mason Easterday
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This Week At A Glance

Wednesday	10:00 am	Naomi Circle at Diane Christensen's
	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Faith
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Our Savior's
	10:30 am	Worship service at Our Savior's

Those to keep in prayer: Dick Johnson, Mallory Bousselot; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Petersen, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military.

A gathering will be held in memory of **Shirley Ferguson** on November 12th at 9:25am at Our Savior's Church. Shirley thought having ice cream cones and singing Amazing Grace would be a fitting farewell. We will meet between worship services to honor her request and share memories of Shirley.

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, November 19th.

Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, **November 19th** at 6:00 pm at Faith Church. Pie and ice cream will be served following worship. An offering of canned goods and paper products will be gathered for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland.

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING. STOCKHOLDERS

Dalton, David, Macailah, and Peyton are looking for investors who want to share in the experience of the **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering** in New Orleans. The estimated cost of this once-in-a-lifetime event is \$800 per person. By investing in our youth, you will receive mail from them while at the Gathering and an exclusive invitation to a supper when they return.

Become a stockholder at \$50 per share. Fill out and follow the directions on the form located at the back of the sanctuary. Contact Heather Grau at (563) 424-0507 if you have questions. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

All Saints Day

All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows Day, All Hallows Feast, the Holiday of All Saints, Hallowmas, and the Feast of All Saints, is a Christian solemnity observed in honor of all the church's saints, whether they are well-known or obscure.

Feasts honoring all Christian martyrs have been observed since the fourth century on various dates close to Easter and Pentecost. Some churches in the British Isles started celebrating All Saints Day on November 1 in the ninth century. In the ninth century, Pope Gregory IV expanded this to the entire Catholic church. It is still observed on November 1st by the Roman Catholic Church as well as numerous Protestant denominations, including the Methodist, Lutheran, and Anglican traditions. It is observed on the first Sunday following Pentecost by the Eastern Orthodox Church and its affiliated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches. All Saints Day is observed by the Church of the East, the Syro-Malabar Church, and the Chaldean Catholic Church, the latter of which is in communion with Rome. The Coptic Orthodox calendar places All Saints Day on Nayrouz, which is observed on September 11th. The Coptic new year and its first month, Thout, begin on this day.

WHAT IS ALL SAINTS DAY?

All Saints Day is a religious holiday celebrated all around the world on November 1st. It commemorates the martyrs – specifically, Christian saints who died for their faith in the 3rd and 4th centuries. Most of the traditions surrounding the holiday focus on celebrating the deceased saints, and it is often used to commemorate the deceased relatives of the celebrant. It is also a day to remember the deceased members of one's church. All Saints Day is a day of celebration and remembrance, and it is a great opportunity to learn more about the history and definition of saints.

ALL SAINTS DAY: WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?

Why do we observe All Saints Day today in light of this? In the end, this feast (together with All Souls Day) is rooted in the notion that those who are alive are related to those who are in heaven. In

Christianity, it's necessary to remember the deceased, especially those who had lives of devotion.

On All Saints Day, we honor the saints and give them praise for their dedication and service. Not all well-known saints have their own unique days of remembering, despite the fact that many do. This is a day to give thanks to both well-known saints and less well-known ones. Saints Day is all about it.

All saints: Once more, Easter is a chance to honor saints who may not already have a dedicated feast day (like St. Patrick). It's crucial to acknowledge the saints steadfast adherence to their religion, even though they are only known to God.

Salvation: Though there is a focus on the saints themselves, this is also a time to recognize the role they play in salvation. In Christianity, anyone can bring others to God, and this is something to celebrate.

Togetherness: Lastly, All Saints Day is a moment to come together as Christians. This is a time for togetherness, family, and remembrance. There are many community and family events, and this holiday has a special place in many lives.

All Saints Day is a chance for Christians to reflect on the value of charity and forgiveness in their lives as well as on the importance of being good examples towards others by practicing kindness, love, and respect in everyday life.

In many Lutheran churches, All Saints Day is celebrated the Sunday after Reformation is celebrated (the date for Reformation is 31 October, so Reformation Sunday is celebrated on or before 31 October). In most congregations, the festival is marked as an occasion to remember the dead. The names of those who have died from the congregation within the last year are read during worship and a bell is tolled, a chime is played or a candle is lit for each name read. While the dead are solemnly remembered during worship on All Saints Sunday, the festival is ultimately a celebration of **Christ's victory over death.**