

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
All Saints Sunday
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

Cindy Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne unto his own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you bring your people together in one holy church, the body of our Lord. Lead us to follow your saints and to know the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson

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.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia*Hear Our Praises*

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear the singing fill the air.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
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The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL**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."

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

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

SONG OF THE DAY

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

LITANY FOR REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

We are reminded that in baptism God unites all the faithful into one universal church, rooted and continuing in the tradition of the apostles of Jesus: the church on earth and the church in heaven.

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Peter and Mary Magdalene:
Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:
Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:
Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
Siblings and cousins, spouses and parents
whose lives ended too soon:
We lift up the pain of pregnancy and infant loss,
Often carried silently, trusting that you hold all children in your love.
Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.
As we read these names, we will pause after every name
to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

*Bruce Carson, David Jorgenson, Idelette Rath, Alegra Fischer,
Alice Schumacher, Velma Scheid, Milbert Albrecht, Bill Pesicka,
Milbert Schaffer, Gene Reich, Keith Larson, Curtis Suedmeier,
Carol Hehn, Roger Krueger, LaVonne Peterson, Allen Gates, Gloria Lauinger*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God,
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Comfort us in our grief, and strengthen our faith,
That we may be reunited at the feast that never ends.**

We lift up to you, O God,
The names of those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ,
Knowing that they belong to you as children of the kingdom,
and trusting that when you call us children of God, that is what we are.

*Eris Olivia Brick, Wyatt Joseph Gauer, Lily Josephine Nelson,
Harper Leann Gardner*

**Uphold them in faith, and nurture your whole church
By the power of your Holy Spirit.**

We give thanks, O God,
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life
and for all who walk as yet by faith and not by sight.
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.
We anticipate the day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes,
And we shall gather around the throne of God with all the saints.
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.
Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful giving that has continued during this time! Ministry at this time depends on regular giving. If you would like to give online now, you can use this QR code scanner on your smart phone to be directed to the Giving page on our website. You can also mail your offerings in to the church.



OFFERING SONG

I'll Bless the Lord

I'll bless the Lord forevermore,
and in my mouth all praise shall be;
my soul rejoices in the Lord;
O magnify the Lord with me.

This poor one cried; God answered me,
and rescued me from all my pain;
the angel of the Lord is near,
and will deliver me again.

O taste and see; the Lord is good;
your happiness will ne'er depart;
O fear the Lord, you saints of earth,
for those who fear will have no want.

OFFERING PRAYER

God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need.
Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your
eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your
promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

I See the Lord

I see the Lord, and He is seated on the throne.
The train of His robe is filling the heavens.
I see the Lord, and He is shining like the sun.
His eyes full of fire, His voice like the waters.
Surrounding His throne and thousands singing

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
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SENDING WORDS

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

John Darwall

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