

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

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

PRELUDE

*Behold a Host
Blest Are They*
John Ferguson
Thomas Keesecker

WELCOME AND 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

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

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

Have mercy on us, O God.
We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. **Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints
Vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
ELW #422

- 1
- 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!
- 2
- 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!

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

4 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!

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Let us pray together:

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.

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Mark

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM

Psalm 24

(read responsively)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

²**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
 who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
 and do not swear deceitfully.
⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD,
 and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶Such is the company of those who seek him,
 who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
 and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
 that the King of glory may come in.
⁸Who is the King of glory?
 The LORD, strong and mighty,
 the LORD, mighty in battle.
⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
 and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
 that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
 The LORD of hosts,
 he is the King of glory.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
 "See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away."
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

For All the Saints

Vs. 6, 7

ELW #422

6

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!

7

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy gospel according to John.
 Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Mark Galbraith

HYMN OF THE DAY *Behold the Host Arrayed in White* ELW #425

- 1 Behold the host arrayed in white
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
that stands with palms and sings its psalms
before the throne of light!
These are the saints who kept God's word;
they are the honored of the Lord.
He is their prince who drowned their sins,
so they were cleansed, restored.
They now serve God both day and night;
they sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring when they all sing
with angels shining bright.
- 2 On earth their work was not thought wise,
but see them now in heaven's eyes;
before God's throne of precious stone
they shout their vict'ry cries.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
now God has wiped away their tears,
transformed their strife to heav'nly life,
and freed them from their fears.
For now they have the best at last;
they keep their sweet eternal feast.
At God's right hand our Lord commands;
he is both host and guest.
- 3 O blessed saints, now take your rest;
a thousand times shall you be blest
for keeping faith firm unto death
and scorning worldly trust.
For now you live at home with God
and harvest seeds once cast abroad
in tears and sighs. See with new eyes
the pattern in the seed.

The myriad angels raise their song.
O saints, sing with that happy throng;
lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice
in our redeemer's song!

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us 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.

Lawrence Walth, Ida Fauth, Howard Nelson, Hilda Hoffman, Esther Gienger, Ed Ackerson, Sally Isaacson, John Guthmiller, Tammy Paulsen, Alice Heckel, Gerald Guy, Darrell Sorensen, Marvin Bucholz, Charles Gustafson

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.

Kenzi Diane Jensen, Octavia Rayne Sitter, Cailin Mirabel Pies

**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

Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.



OFFERING HYMN

Blest Are They

ELW #728

- 1

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.
- Refrain:*

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!
- 2

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

- 3 Blest are they who show mercy;
 mercy shall be theirs.
 Blest are they, the pure of heart;
 they shall see God. *Refrain*
- 4 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. *Refrain*
- 5 Blest are you who suffer hate,
 all because of me.
 Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;
 shine for all to see. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world, through Jesus Christ our 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 right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #462

- 1 Now we join in celebration
 at our Savior's invitation,
 dressed no more in spirit somber,
 clothed instead in joy and wonder;

for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Jena German

BENEDICTION

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW #423

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
 soon our pilgrimage will cease;
 soon our happy hearts will quiver
 with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

SENDING WORDS

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

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