

SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 5, 2023-9:00 AM



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love
with all people.*

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Sunday November 5, 2023 | All Saints' Sunday | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *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.*

HYMN: #422 - For All the Saints (vs. 1, 2, 3)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

L: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **C: Amen**

GREETING

L: 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.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 "This is the feast..."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God,

C: 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.

Congregational Songs -

*Your Kingdome Come
Blest Are They vs. 1,3,4*

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."

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.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 5,

C: 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.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM - “Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN #422 - For All the Saints (vs.5,6,7)

+ **NICENE CREED** pg. 104

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS WHO DIED IN THE LAST YEAR

Irene Bruflat

David Field

Lyle Fink

Laura Friske

Hazel Hermann

Anita Laabs

JoAnn Phillips

John Phillips

David Powell

THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS BAPTIZED IN THE PAST YEAR

Elise Buol

Lola Haag

Porter Hodgson

Brooks Kosa

Lucy Ruth Lichte-Czech

OFFERING – SONG – *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

OFFERTORY - #182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

MEAL

+ Offering Prayer: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

+Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer pg. 145 (right hand column)

Communion Hymn: #425 - *Behold the Host Arrayed in White*

Prayer after Communion: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+HYMN (insert) "*O Day Full of Grace*"

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 5, Trust in God for Deliverance

Tuesday, Lamentations 2:13-17, God's Warnings Fulfilled

Wednesday, Proverbs 16:21-23, Wisdom and Speech

Thursday, Psalm 70, Prayer for Deliverance

Friday, Amos 3:1-12, Israel's Guilt and Punishment

Saturday, Matthew 24:1-14, Signs of the End of the Age

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

-- Matthew 5:3

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.

- How are the Beatitudes an act of protest against the current order of any time and place? Matt 5:1-2
- All saints have faults and limitations, so where does our "sainthood" originate? Rev 7:9-17
- What do you know from the testimony of your congregation's saints/ancestors about their identity as children of God? 1 Jn 3:1

PRAY: *Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. In your name we pray. Amen*

BLESS: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.