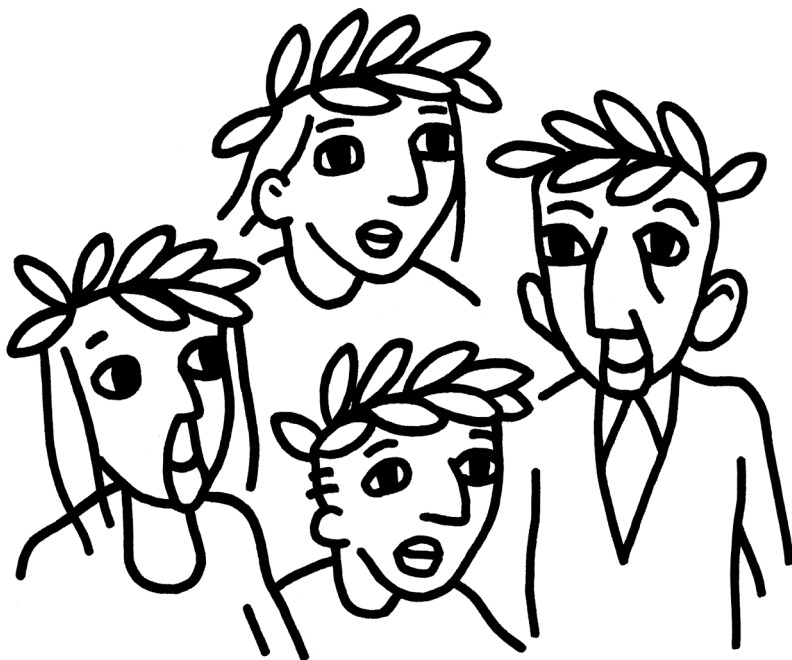


SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 3, 2024-9:00 AM



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

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

MINISTERS
PASTOR

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
JOHN TWITON

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday November 3, 2024 | All Saints' Sunday | 9:00 AM

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

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude
for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

WELCOMING WORD *Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

HYMN: # 422 - For All the Saints (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS - Peace Like a River
I'll Do My Best**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C: Amen

L: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from
our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

L: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

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 - *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
Only You*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On 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. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he 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. ⁹ It 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.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ 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. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And 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; ⁴ he 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." ⁵ And 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."

^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

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

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 11,

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

³² When 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."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus 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." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I 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." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The 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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM - "O Day Full of Grace"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN - "Behold a Host"

Behold a host like mountains bright!
Lo! who are these, arrayed in white,
A glorious band, with palms in hand
Around the throne of light?

Lo, these are they who overcame
Great tribulation in his Name,
And with his Blood the Lamb of God
Hath washed away their shame.

Before God's face they sing and pray,
Their voices blend with angels' lay,
And all conspire, a joyous choir,
To laud him night and day.

+ NICENE CREED pg. 104

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS WHO DIED IN THE LAST YEAR

Sheryl Chellevoid
Irene Field
Sharon Hendrickson
Dawn Kellesvig

William Steinhauer Jr.
Pete Strube
Shirley Thompson
Laura Zemp

THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS BAPTIZED IN PAST YEAR

Tucker Collins
Dalton Sherven

Addie Zwolanek

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING - SONG - Cornerstone

OFFERTORY - #182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

MEAL

+ Offering Prayer: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal, you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

+Words of Institution

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

Communion Hymn: # 423 - *Shall We Gather at the River*

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 # 638 - "*Blessed Assurance*"

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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 51, Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

Tuesday, Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1, God's Covenant

Wednesday, Micah 6:1-8, God Challenges Israel

Thursday, Psalm 146, God Challenges Israel

Friday, Deuteronomy 15:1-11, Laws concerning the Sabbatical

Saturday, Mark 11:12-14, 20-24, Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

“Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

-- John 11:40

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

- What does it mean to you to read that Jesus was as sorrowful as the others at the tomb? John 11:35
- How many things in your life and in our world are in need of being made new? Revelation 21:5
- Does our vision of a new creation encompass 'all nations' in the way that this reading describes it? 25:6

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.