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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

*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.*

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

\*The Call to Worship

P: God of holiness,

**C: your glory is proclaimed in every age:**

P: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,

**C: inspire us to follow their example**

P: with boldness and joy;

**C: through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*The Confession & Absolution

P: We are saints---redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and made holy by His sacrifice on the cross; but we are also sinners, by nature sinful and unclean, and in need of God's forgiveness. Therefore we approach the throne of grace today, confessing our sinfulness before God and each other.

**C: Gracious Father, each day we sin against You by thinking impure thoughts and not setting our minds on what is true, noble, and right, by speaking unkind words and not building up others by our speech, by doing evil and refusing to do good. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves. For this we humbly repent and ask for forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Help us to live as Your saints, serving You until the end.**

(A time of silence)

P: Blessed are you, saints of God, for God has forgiven all your sin because of Jesus' death on the cross for each of you. Therefore I, as God's called servant, and at the bidding of Jesus, declare that all of your sins are indeed forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. In this forgiveness, you have the freedom and the power to be what God has called you to be: saints of God, offering Him your love and service.

\*The Hymn

*"For All the Saints"* vss. 1-4 #174

\*The Prayer of the Day (unison)

**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.**

The First Reading

-Isaiah 25:6-9

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

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

The Psalm

-Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
**the world, and those who live in it;**  
for he has founded it on the seas,  
**and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

**who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,

**and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

Such is the company of those who seek him,

**who seek the face of the God of Jacob**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King  
of glory may come in.**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty  
in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King  
of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

The Second Reading

-Revelation 21:1-6

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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; 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.” 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.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

\*The Hymn

*“Shall We Gather at the River”*      WOV    #690

\*The Holy Gospel

-John 11:32-44

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

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.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that

if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 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.”

The Sermon

The Hymn

“*For All the Saints*” vss. 5-8 #174

\*The Apostles’ Creed

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*Welcome to those saints who joined the Lord’s family  
through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

Each year, on this occasion, we remember the lives of those whose service, hopes, accomplishments and faith have touched our own. Let us be reminded of these words of assurance from scripture: In dying, Christ destroyed our death; rising, Christ restores our life; Christ will come again in glory. As in baptism these faithful brothers and sisters put on Christ, so in Christ they are clothed in glory. We are reminded of those who were baptized this past year.

**\*\*Kasen Alan Franzen, Elijah Kenneth Spear, Paxton Sage Posey, Avery Ann Lichtenberg, and Eden Iris Taylor**



\*The Silent Prayer

\*The Postlude

\*Congregation stand if you are able

**WELCOME** to all who have joined us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.

**THE OFFERING TODAY** and next Sunday is for Current Expenses. The offering plates are on the table in the back of the church.

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE**

Tues., Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.	Joint Council Meeting with Parish Three @ Good Hope
Wed., Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation on Zoom Please log in at 6:45
Thurs., Nov. 11		<i>Veteran's Day</i>
	9:15 a.m.	Morning Circle
Sun., Nov. 14	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/ Baptism

**IT'S TIME** for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. What a wonderful way to tell the world about the Good News of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please consider packing a box or two, praying for the child as you pack it, and donate \$9.00 per box for shipping. Drop your box off at church by **Nov. 21** for delivery. Thank you!

