

All Saints Sunday



November 3, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday

WITH ONE VOICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD

November 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

*The Hymn *“For All the Saints”* vss. 1-4 LBW #174

*The Greeting WOV page 46

*The Scripture Song WOV page 47

*The Prayer of the Day *(in 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 -Ruth 1:1-18

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When

they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹ But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” ¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

L: “The Word of the Lord” C: “**Thanks be to God**”

The Psalm

-Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my**

God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Hymn

"A New Commandment"

WOV #664

The Second Reading

-Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

L: "The Word of the Lord" C: **"Thanks be to God"**

*The Gospel Acclamation

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*The Response before the Gospel

All: "Glory to you, O Lord"

*The Gospel

-Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Response after the Gospel **All: “Praise to you, O Christ”**

The Children’s Message

The Sermon

“Life Giving God”

The Remembrance of the Past Year’s Saints and Baptisms

On All Saints many churches remember the people who walked before us in faith.

Our status as a saint is not just given at the time of death, but upon being called into a relationship with the Risen and Reigning Lord in baptism. Every brother and sister who puts on Christ is clothed in glory. We give thanks for those who were baptized this past year.

We enter Christ’s family in baptism. We trust that God’s holds onto us throughout our lives on this earth and into eternal life. We remember those who walked before us in faith. We remember sometimes with grief and

tears. We remember our loved ones with hope because Jesus destroyed death when he rose from the tomb. We look ahead to the feast where God will gather all his people together in his heavenly home.

We give thanks for all who are dear to us—for those named out loud and those who are named in our hearts. We give thanks for those who have entered into their eternal rest this year.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion is more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with the Saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne. Amen.

During the Hymn of the Day anyone who wishes to light a candle in memory of those who have walked before us is invited to come forward.

The Hymn of the Day	<i>“O God beyond All Praising”</i>	WOV #797
*The Response to the Word		WOV page 49
*The Exchange of Peace		
The Offering		
The Offertory		
*The Prayers of the People		WOV page 52
*The Lord’s Prayer		WOV page 52
*The Blessing & Dismissal		WOV page 53
*The Sending Hymn	<i>“For All the Saints”</i>	vss. 5-8 LBW #174
*The Postlude		

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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.

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon. 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's,
and Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Mon., Nov. 4	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study @ Good Hope
Tues., Nov. 5		Election Day!
Wed., Nov. 6	3:00 p.m.	Care Center Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun., Nov. 10	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group @ St. John's

THANK YOU FOR being mom's church home for so many years! The church was so important to her and the congregation was very special to her! We appreciate you all and may God bless you!

-The family of Jan Baade



BE GENEROUS! – The Sunday school students are currently studying the story of Jesus Feeds the 5000. The focus of the Art Workshop is being generous like the little boy who shared his two fish and five loaves of bread. The students are decorating reusable shopping bags using sponges to stamp fish, bread, heart, and cross shapes. We want to fill these bags with items for the Kossuth County Food Pantry. Please help our Sunday school students fill their bags with donations for the food pantry by placing items in the collection area set up in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

We invite you to drop your children off for Sunday School and stay for coffee and fellowship in the chapel during Sunday School hour. Coffee, bottled water, and card games will be provided. Visit with fellow parents and then please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S PERPETUAL NEEDS FUND COMMITTEE

St. John's is holding their annual wreath sales. Orders are due by Sunday, November 3rd. **Please pay for your wreath in advance. Make checks payable to St. John's PNF.** There are envelopes in the back to put your order form and money into. The PNF fund helps families in the area who are in dire need of assistance. Deliveries will be prior to Thanksgiving and delivered to Good Hope. Please pick up your wreaths during office hours. (Tues-Fri morning from 9:00-noon). Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time of year again to pack shoeboxes! Last year more than 10.5 million shoeboxes were packed and donated to children around the world. In the midst of fear and uncertainty, the needs are greater than ever before to share the Good News of Christ! Pick up a shoebox in the entryway, and fill it with fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies and accessories. **Return to church by November 24th, and please remember to include \$10.00 for shipping.** Thank you so much for your help and sharing God's love with others.