



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • November 7, 2021

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting (*please stand as you are able*)

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God **C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

Confession and Forgiveness: (*Confession Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther*)

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Beloved God, our mothers and fathers & spiritual forebears taught us of your love and mercy. They taught us too that we do not always love as you would have us love. They taught us we do not always live as you would have us live. As they leaned on your mercy and grace to make them new, we ask that you would make us new. Forgive us and help us to pass your promises of love, grace, and mercy on to our children in all that we say and do. Amen.

P: Friends, hear the good news! God's promises of forgiveness and renewal are passed down from generation to generation. In Jesus Christ you are saved and made new. Live as people who are set free. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *"For All The Saints" #422*

Vs 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!

Vs 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!

Vs 3: O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vs 4: O blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vs 5: And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vs 6: The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vs 7: But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vs 8: 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!

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9 ⁶On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Gospel Acclamation: *"Celtic Alleluia"* (Stand as you are able) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** 2X

Gospel Reading: John 11:32-44 ³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then 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?" ³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

P: This is the Word of our Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message: (*You may be seated.*)

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: *"Shall We Gather At The River"* #423

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**Verse 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.**

**Verse 2: On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day.**

**Verse 3: Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.**

**Verse 4: Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.**

Remembering of the Saints:

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.

P: God is my shepherd, leading me to green pastures and still waters. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.

P: You prepare a table for me; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

P: We remember today the saints from our own community who now take hold of their baptismal promises and dwell in the house of the Lord forever: Vera Austad, Nathlye Benrud, Jim Howard, Ruth Holm & Pastor Erland Nord. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life,

C: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Lighting Candles of Remembrance:

Today we light candles in our remembrance of the saints. Each candle represents the light of Christ still burning in our loved ones who have passed away. The Paschal candle is also lit as a reminder of the unextinguishable fire of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us in our baptisms. The congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have passed on to claim their baptismal promises.

Apostles' Creed: 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence.* Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Eric Ryan, Gabriel Ryan, Roger Kurtti, Dr. Shauna Burshem, Ross Schrimpf, Abby Opsahl and Ben Haenel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us; Vera Austad, Nathlye Benrud, Jim Howard, Ruth Holm and Pastor Erland Nord. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Ushers bring offering forward.

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray,

C: **God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: L: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you** L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.** L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: 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.

The Meal & Hymns: *"Behold the Hosts Arrayed In White"* #425

Vs 1: Behold a 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.

Vs 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.

Vs 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 one 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!

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" #424

Vs 1: Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, archangels, virtues, angels choirs:

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vs 2: O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: [Refrain]

Vs 3: Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia! Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: [Refrain]

Vs. 4: O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: P: Let us pray,

C: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing: *(Please stand as you are able.)*

The Lord bless you & keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you & be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. In the name of the Father, & the Son, & the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending: *"Oh When The Saints Go Marching In"*

**Vs 1: Oh , when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**

**Vs 2: Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory come,
O Lord I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.**

**Vs 3: Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.**

**Vs 4: Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.**

Dismissal: L: Go in peace, be Christ's hands and feet for the next generation.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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