

I HAVE HEARD OF ... *your love*
TOWARD *all the saints.*
EPHESIANS 1:15, ESV



November 3, 2019

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

4515 Dobie Road
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All Saints Sunday

To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .
..we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,
study and fellowship
..we **Equip** the people of God with a faith
that works in real life
..we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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If it will be difficult for you to stand along with the congregation during any part of the worship service, please feel free to remain seated.

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Reader: Warren Heilman
Lay Assistant: Harold Sollenberger
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Coffee Hour Hosts: open*

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.
Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

Bi-Weekly Announcement packets are available in the Narthex.
Prayer requests and praises are listed in the announcement packets.

Introduction to the day

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today's gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Requests

Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Gordon Young

GATHERING

The Assembly Stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
healer of our every ill,
source of unending mercy.

Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,
let us turn again to God,
confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we come before you, beloved but broken.

**We have not always treated others
as we would want them to treat us.**

We have not always called out injustice and abuse.

We have not always been kind to ourselves.

**We have not always taken care of the world
we share with other living creatures.**

Remind us of who we are,

beloved children bathed in your love.

Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,

bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.

At every moment
you are held in existence by the love of God,
renewed by the Spirit within and among you,
and made alive again in Christ.

Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:

you are ✝️ forgiven and freed
to live for the healing of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

For All the Saints

ELW #422
Vs. 1,2,6 & 7

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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 assembly is seated.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Reader: Warren Heilman

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

A reading from Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for
that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse
you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from
anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give
to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do
not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to
you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SERMON

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice in God’s Saints

ELW #418

Leader: Today, and throughout the coming year, we will take time to reflect on the situation in our country and look at how our own thoughts and actions contribute to the divisions we face. We pray for the forgiveness, humility and wisdom we need to move forward together. On this day, as we gather in this place, we share our intention to take actions which help bridge our divides. We will do that in the form of a responsive reading.

We acknowledge that God calls us to show respect to everyone-- regardless of their political views.

All: In response to God's commandment, we will strive to treat those who have different views, as we want to be treated by them.

Leader: We acknowledge that the Bible tells us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry."

All: In response, we will seek to do more listening and less talking so that we might learn from others.

Leader: We remember that Jesus said we should forgive the sins against us not just seven times, but "seventy times seven."

All: In response, we will remember to forgive those who say harsh things about us and resist the temptation to respond in kind when we are attacked.

Leader: We know that, as Christians, we are told to work for increased understanding and peace between all people.

All: In response, we will do what we can to stay mindful of the sacredness of each person and practice the Golden Rule in our personal lives, in our community and in our country.

Congregational Prayer of Commitment

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, we are deeply concerned for our country, and the enmity and bitterness we see between our fellow citizens makes us fearful for our future.

Bless us, the people of this community that we, in times of conflict, engage one another without hatred or bitterness, that we listen for your voice amid competing claims, and that we work together with mutual forbearance for the common good.

Gracious God, we pray for forgiveness.

Forgive us when we have failed to show respect for those who have different views and for when we have been too quick to judge and dismiss those we disagree with. Grant us the courage we need to speak your truth, and also the humility we need to work effectively with others.

God of Love, we remember your command to love all others.

In every interaction we have, help us to stay mindful of your command to treat others as we want to be treated. Bless all of us in the coming year as we debate the future of our country. Help us to stay mindful of your teachings so that we may engage each other in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and love. Help our political leaders to find ways to bring us together and not divide us. Help us all in this land to seek ways to faithfully serve each other and promote our common life together. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Prayers of intercession are prayed.

To each petition, the assembly responds:

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

Amen.

Today in our prayers we remember and give thanks for the following people who have died over the past year.

Michael Bennett

Carl and Marian Cooley

Noah Elhard

Carol Downing Towl



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

“City Called Heaven”

(arr. Poelinitz)

Victoria Walker, soloist

Chancel Choir

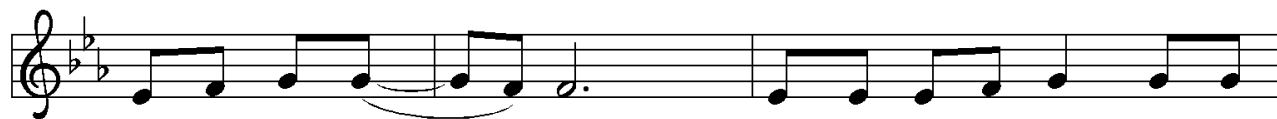
OFFERING RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God our creator,
you give us all we are, all we have,
all we bring, and all we need.**

**Draw us together around your table with all your saints
on earth and in your eternal home.**

**Let us eat and drink your promise of new life,
that we might be your promise to the world,
spoken in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

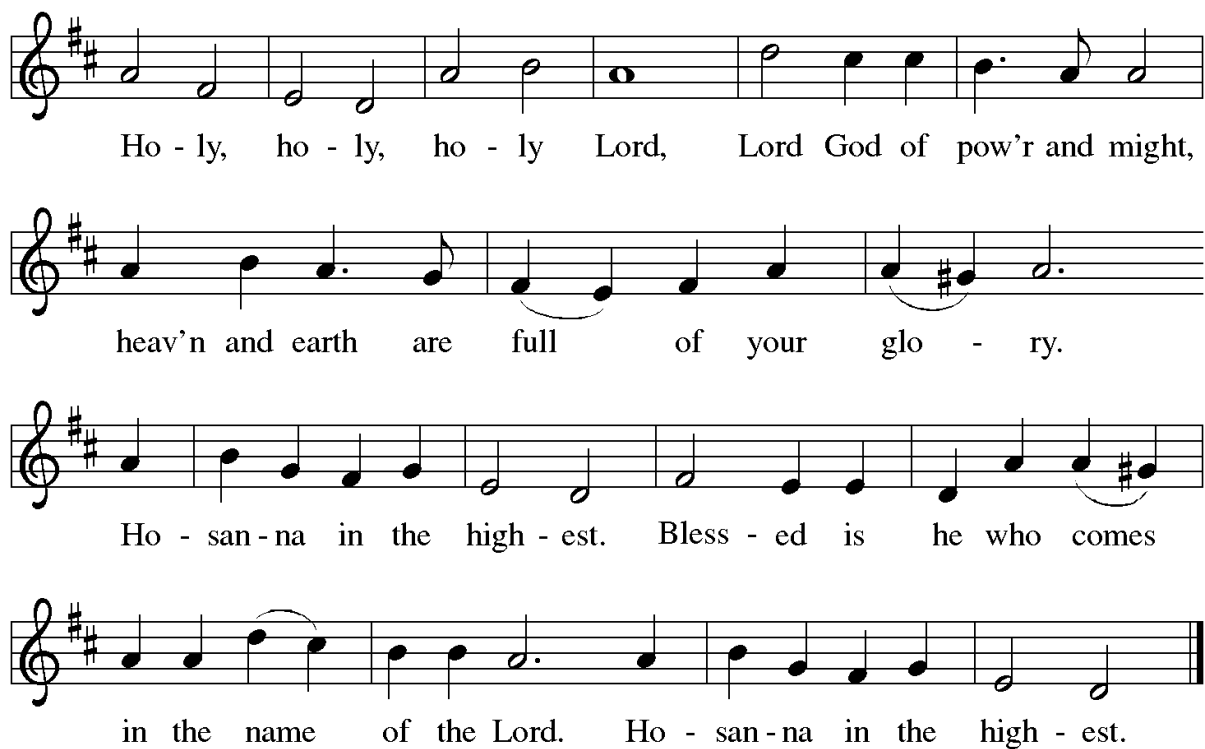
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas,

we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten,

we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present,

we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.

With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor,

and all who walked the way of the cross,

we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.

Amen!

With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen. **Amen!**

With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen. **Amen!**

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness,
we pray for the power of the Spirit.

Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup,
with the presence of the body and blood of Christ.

Form us into a communion of service,
and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal,
and especially with *Carl and Marian Cooley, Noah Elhard, Michael Bennett and Carol Downing Towl,*

lead us to a future we cannot yet see,
and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love,

we shout blessing **blessing**, glory **glory**, wisdom **wisdom**, thanksgiving **thanksgiving**,

honor **honor**, power **power**, might **might**, be to our God forever and ever. Amen. **Amen!**

THE LORDS PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW #423

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW #424

The assembly stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit,
you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world,
written by the same Sender.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,
who loved us and through grace gave us
eternal comfort and good hope,

✝ comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good work and word.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

This Is My Song

ELW #887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Serving Faith November 10

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Altar Care: Brenda Kopf & Rich Weingartner

Acolyte: Paige Lewis

Reader: High School Youth

Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner

Nursery: Connie Nelson

Coffee Hour Hosts: Bob & Connie Nelson

Altar Flower Dedications

Sunday, November 3rd

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Mary Ann Scheuerman in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Scheuerman's anniversary (Bob's parents) and in celebration of Landon's birthday.



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God's work. Our hands.



Faith Lutheran Church's Welcoming Statement:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability - you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.

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