

Sunday, November 2, 2014

All Saints Day



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify an usher if you would like assistance.

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INTRODUCTION

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“For All the Saints”

#422 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

Amen.

Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Generous and faithful God,

**we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown,
that we reject and undermine your steadfast love.**

Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion.

Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy.

Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others.

Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ,

God forgives your every debt, your every sin,

and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

Amen.

Refrain: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice. R

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles. R

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are they who take refuge in God!

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,

for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

and those who put their trust in you will not be punished. **R**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1-12

In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We pray for our congregation's ministries (*new or continuing ministries may be named here*), that we continue reaching out to our neighborhood and community to share the goodness you offer through Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all our faithful departed (*those who have died during the past year may be named*) and the witness we see in their faithful lives. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

APOSTLE'S 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, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace,
and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN:

“Morning Has Broken”

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

Music: Marlys Beaver

Ushers: 8:30 Dick & Sandy Pullen 10:00 Marilyn Andrews, Judy Seifert

Lector: 8:30 Char Berg

Greeters: Ron & Jan Aho

Hospitality Hosts: Barb & Lee Forrester

Thank you for volunteering!

Response to God’s Word Last Week/Month

Attendance:

(10/26/2014) 8:30 am – 119 10:30 am - 43

Month of October 2014

Monthly amount needed

General Offering: **\$14,063**

\$14,758

Facility Fund: **\$ 820**

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 2 thru November 9, 2014

Sunday	11/02	8:30 am Worship/Communion
		10:00 am Worship /Communion
		Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party
Monday	11/03	7:00 pm AA & Alanon
Tuesday	11/04	*VOTE* TODAY* 8:00 am Pastor’s Text Study

Wednesday	11/05	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise
Thursday	11/06	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		10:15 am	Stewardship
		10:30 am	Worship & Music
		1:00 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 am	Bells
Friday	11/07	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	11/09	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

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Communion Sunday Please fill in the green communion card found in the pew in front of you. Visitors and Members are all encouraged to fill it out and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

First Sunday of the Month **THE BLESSING BOX** is to be passed after the regular offering. God has blessed us to be a blessing to others.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox filling is today after second service! There is still time this coming week to donate toys, school supplies, personal care items or cash to cover postage until November 9th. Your generosity of gifts and cash is so appreciated. We will report the number of boxes we assembled next week. What an amazing mission this is helping children around the world learn of Jesus love for them.

Got Fruit? Will Petersen will be taking orders for fruit and meat/cheese gift boxes between services. He is raising money for the Aitkin High School Choir Trip to New York City next June. The fruit is the same as the 4 H group sells; the quality has always been excellent. Delivery will be the 2nd week of December. These make wonderful Christmas gifts and your purchase is supporting a good cause.

Before an Election by Peter Marshall, Version Adapted

Lord Jesus, we ask Thee to guide the people of this nation as they exercise their dearly bought privilege of voting. May it neither be ignored unthinkingly nor taken lightly. As citizens all over this land go to the ballot boxes, give them a sense of high privilege and joyous responsibility.

We ask Thee to lead our country in the paths where Thou would have her walk, to do the tasks which Thou has laid before her. So may we together seek happiness for all our citizens in the name of Him who created us all equal in His sight and therefore we are all brothers and sisters. Amen.