

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

**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**

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### INTRODUCTION

*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.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this All Saints Day, we remember our church members who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday:

Carol Bipes	April 7, 2016	Joyce Rimer	April 9, 2016
Edna Smith	June 29, 2016	Delores Olson	August 22, 2016
William Johnson	September 13, 2016		

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the ✚ Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God’s mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you.**

**We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and ✚ forgives us all our sins.

Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:                   “For All the Saints”                   #422 ELW**  
**(vs. 1,2,6,7)**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:                   “Be Thou My Vision”**

**First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>In 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: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I 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: <sup>17</sup>“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But 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**

## Psalm: Psalm 149

*(Read Responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup>**Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

<sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup>**to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**

<sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Hallelujah!

## Second 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.*

<sup>11</sup>In 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, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In 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; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I 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, <sup>18</sup>so 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup>God 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, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **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.*

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

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

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

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

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice 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.

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

<sup>25</sup>“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.

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

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

**SERMON: “Saints: Trained To See From The Heart and Walk In Our Brokenness”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**“Raise Up O Saints”**

**#669 ELW**

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

For the church and its leaders, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to every corner of the earth, so that all embody the hope of eternal life, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for the seas and their creatures, for those preparing for changing weather, and for those who serve as good stewards of God's gifts, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For peace among nations, for governments and electorates, for all who rule and have authority at any level, that they rule with justice, keeping in mind those who have no power, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abuser and abused, those who weep, those suffering from malaria or any sickness (*especially*), that God lift up people to provide care and consolation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who lead and support music in this assembly, that our song may point us all to Christ; for the newly baptized (*especially those baptized today*), that the Holy Spirit guides them in love and service, following the example of our Lord, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for all the saints, known and unknown, who have died in the faith, that they serve as witnesses to the inheritance granted to us by Jesus Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION**

(The sacrament will be administered continuously. **All are welcome!**)

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "I Know That my Redeemer Lives" #619ELW**  
(vs. 1,2,7,8)

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.**

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Choir  
Greeters: George and Kathy Larson  
Ushers: 8:30 am- Don & Donna Myhres 10:00 am- Dick & Sue Stebbins  
Lector: 8:30 am- Sandy Pullen

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 30: 8:30am 89 10:00am: 20

## **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

November 7 – November 13

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Monday	11/7	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/8	ELECTION DAY 10:00-12:00 9:00 am	Pastor Text Study Quilting
Wednesday	11/9	8:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice Cantata Practice Praise Team
Thursday	11/10	8:00 am 12:30 am 12:30 pm	Romeos Stewardship Meeting Fun Timers
Friday	11/11	VETERANS DAY 10:00 am	Bones
Sunday	11/13	8:30 am 10:00 am	Worship Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** is Saturday December 5th at 11:00 am. It is at church. Mark your calendar and watch for signup sheet.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** We have begun practicing for our annual Cantata on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. All voices are welcome to join us! Just show up.

**THERE IS NO** Women's Devotions on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

**THANK YOU!** To all the men and women of the church who helped with this year's Holiday Bazaar. Thank you for helping setup tables, craft making, baking cookies and treats, working the day of the bazaar, and cleanup. It would not be the success it is without all of you! Also, thank you to Thrivent for providing \$500 in grant money used for lefse griddles & banners, flyers and ads. Proceeds to this point total \$12,600.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Christmas is about sharing the gift of Jesus with the world. You can share joy and hope with needy children around the world by taking part in this shoebox ministry. These are the ways you can help:

1. Bring new, small gifts such as balls, cars, dolls, stuffed animals, school supplies, T-shirts, caps and personal care items (no liquids) to the church by November 13th. Empty (preferably wrapped) shoeboxes are also needed.
2. Fill a shoebox and bring it to church-this is a good project to do with grandkids.
3. Donate money (\$7.00/box) to cover the cost of postage.
4. Help fill boxes after the second service on November 13th.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** We will hold a special congregational meeting on November 20 to vote on whether the church will replace our existing parsonage or proceed into the future without parsonage ownership. The special meeting will be held at 10AM following one service at 9:00 AM.



We are still looking for church members who are interested in becoming a member of the Interim Transition Team. Any member is welcome to be a member of the Interim Transition Team. Please give your name to our church secretary or Pastor Terry no later than Sunday, November 6.

We need 7 people on this team, and so far, we have five signed up. A copy of the Job Description is included in the bulletin.

**COME HEAR THE PRAISE CHOIR** on Sunday, November 13th for a lively journey through the Old Testament. You will sing songs and learn about some of the most notable characters in the Old Testament.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE** We will be having a Thanksgiving Pot Luck and Service on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Potluck at 5:30pm; Service at 6:30pm. All are welcomed.

Friday, November 11, 2016  
*Saluting our Veterans*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Ron Aho	Navy	58 – 64	
Ron Anderson	Army	49 - 53	Korea
John Ansell	Army	2003- 12	Iraq twice
Bob Beavers	Navy	42 - 45	Pacific
Maynard Berland	Army		
Les Bolke	Marines	43 – 45	Pacific
Roy Berg	National Guard	24 years	
Jerry Becker	Army/Guard	58 – 83	Korea
Ernest Burman	Navy	WWII	Korea
Bruce Carlson	Army	69 – 71	Vietnam
Chuck Carlson	USMCR	55 – 63	
Richard Carron	Army	68 – 70	Vietnam
Wayne Danielson	Army	62 – 64	Germany
Marty Dressely	Navy	8 years	
Marlyn Eklund	Army	55 – 58	
Ken Elwood	National Guard	56 - 57	
Tom Forester	Army	64 – 66	Ethiopia
Jack Feyo	Navy	60 – 66	Bearing Sea
Roy Gosselin	Air Force	47 – 49	
Lee Forrester	Air Force	65 – 69	Bermuda
Dick Gripp	Navy	43 – 45	Wake Island
Ron Haglund	National Guard	53 – 61	
Rollie Halvorson	Army	48 – 51	Korea
Doug Hansen	Army	1969	Germany
Owen Heins	Army	50 – 53	
Merrill Honnold	Army	61 – 62	
John Iverson	Navy Reserve	68 – 70	Mediterranean
Ted Jaszczak	Army	57 -59	
Delano Jones	Army	66 – 68	Vietnam
Ron Keil	Navy	75 – 79	Vietnam
Keith Kellen	Navy	65 – 69	Vietnam
Darrell Kelly	National Guard	60 - 64	
Fred Knudsen	Army/Air Force	43 – 46	
Melody Lackner	Army	74 – 76	Germany
Lloyd Lilienthal	Navy	45 – 47	Pacific
Larry Liljenquist	USMC	89 – 93	Gulf War
Michael Lofgren	Marines	66 – 70	
Jim Magedanz	National Guard	66 - 72	
Jim Metteer	Army	69 – 71	Vietnam
Tom Mjelde	Air Force	55 – 59	Korea

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Jerry Morris	Navy	61 – 63	
Troy Nyberg	USMC	4 years	
Dick Norlander	Army	66 – 69	Korea
Wayne Olson	National Guard	57 - 63	
Ivan Peterson	Army	44 – 46	Germany
Sam Samuelson	Air Force	68 – 72	Taiwan
Alfie Sandell	Army	51 – 54	Korea
Jerry Schewe	Army	63 – 65	Germany
Dale Siems	Army	44 – 46	Europe
Ken Skogquist	Army	57 – 63	
George Smith	Army	69 - 70	Vietnam
Butch Stephenson	Navy	64 – 67	Vietnam
Dave Stueven	Army	69 – 72	
Wally Swenson	Army	53 – 56	
Dick Stebbins	Air Force	64 – 78	
Sally Stay	Army	4 years	Iraq

## Deceased Veterans from Bethesda

Spanish American	Martin Gudim	Walt Pedersen	
World War I	Arthur Andren	Ed Johnson	Joe Samson
World War II	Dennis Brooks	Glen A. Johnson	Clarence Peterson
	Peg Schaefer	Leonard Goldman	Donald Johnson
	Sam Reinhard	Lawrence Hjort	Gottfred Long
	Wilbur Gorham	Norm Jorgenson	Swan Roseberg
	Dale Williams	Walt Groehler	Harland Pedersen
	Daniel Samson	Shirley Olson	Richard Moe
	Lloyd Jarson		
Korean War & Other	Gordon Elling	Joann Roeker	Richard Henrickson
	Maynard Bakken	Donald Olson	Lloyd Schaefer
	Don Rimer	Bill Schaefer	Norman Swedberg
	Rev. Winfield Johnson		Delmer Swanson
	Gary Miller	Al Wedig	Howard Westerlund
	Melvin Hamman	Darrel Westerlund	Harlow Dickinson
	Fredrick White	Earl Julien	Bill Johnson

*Thank you all for your service to our country.*



# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PURPOSE: A VOTE TO REPLACE EXISTING PARSONAGE OR ELIMINATE PARSONAGE OWNERSHIP

WHEN: **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016 @ 10:00 AM**

## BACKGROUND:

The church has been discussing what to do with our existing parsonage for over two years. In 2016 a building committee was formed to evaluate alternatives for our existing parsonage. Many options were considered and grouped into three categories:

- Remodel the existing parsonage
- Replace the existing parsonage
- Eliminate the existing parsonage and pay future Pastors a housing allowance in lieu of providing a parsonage

After much research and input gathering, the building committee concluded:

- Due to the condition of the existing parsonage it does not make economic sense to put the required amount of money into this structure to bring it up to desired living standards
- Replacement of the existing parsonage could be achieved for an estimate of \$175,000. This estimate includes the removal of the existing parsonage, modifying the existing foundation and a new modular home that includes the furnace and appliances

## OR

- Eliminate parsonage ownership and pay future Pastors 30% of their annual base salary as a housing allowance

## ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA:

- The congregational vote will be to determine if we replace the existing parsonage, not to determine what type of structure we will replace the parsonage with. To date, the majority of building committee's research has been focused on a modular home replacement with the assumption it is a more economical alternative than traditional on-site building. The congregational vote will be to approve a structure not to exceed \$200,000 to ensure there is sufficient funding should the project exceed the existing \$175,000 estimate. To date, the building committee has learned that a market estimate for on-site building in the Malmo area would be approximately \$125 per square foot. Given the modular home that has been profiled is approximately 1500 square, using the \$125 per square foot cost would mean it would cost approximately \$190,000 to build a comparable 1500 square foot on-site built home. But, this does not include the furnace or appliances which would increase the estimate. Further research by the building committee will need to be completed to confirm these estimates if the congregational vote is to replace the parsonage
- If the congregational vote is to eliminate parsonage ownership, we will pay our Pastor 30% of their annual base salary for a housing allowance. For example purposes, if our future Pastor's salary was \$45,000, the 30% housing allowance would be an additional \$13,500 per year to their base salary
- As has been discussed in previous informational meetings, we will pay our Pastor a housing equity allowance even if we provide a parsonage. This is a market and Pastoral norm and was \$6,000 per year for our former Pastor. This equity allowance should be considered along with the normal operating costs of a parsonage when considering parsonage ownership

## THE VOTE:

1. Prayerfully consider whether you believe it is in the churches long term best interest to continue parsonage ownership or eliminate parsonage ownership
2. Spend time educating yourself on all information available regarding the upcoming vote so you are prepared to make a fully informed vote
3. Show up in person to vote at the Congregational Meeting on **November 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM**