



St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA

Pontiac, IL

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2019

*The people of St. Paul
gather to worship,
reach out and serve the Lord.*

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.

Presiding Minister: Pastor Ruth Hansen

Worship Steward: Mark Mackinson

Musician: Julie Mehlberg

Lector: Rose Mary Erickson

Psalms: Maverick Wilcox

Acolyte: Maverick Wilcox

Ushers: Susan Curtiss & Pat Lund

Greeters: Ginger & Ted Bauknecht

Prayers: Jeanne Rapp

Communion Prep: Mary & Denny Leach

Comm. Assist: Marvin Miller & Mark Mackinson

Hospitality: Jessica Mills & Dawn Boitnott

SS Teacher: Tonya Wilcox

Counters: Cody Leach & Marty Heller

Flowers on the altar this morning were donated by Rosemary Sutton in memory of David Sutton's birthday.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

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

A: Amen.

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

A: Amen

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.

L: 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.

A: Amen.

Greeting

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

A: And also, with you.

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

Prayer of the Day

A: 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Following the message, children are invited to Children's Chapel)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading—Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

L: A reading from Daniel.

In the first year of Babylon's King Belshazzar, Daniel had a dream—a vision in his head as he lay on his bed. He wrote the dream down. Here is the beginning of the account: I am Daniel. In the vision I had during the night I saw the four winds of heaven churning the great sea. Four giant beasts emerged from the sea, each different from the others. Now this caused me, Daniel, to worry. My visions disturbed me greatly. So I went to one of the servants who was standing ready nearby. I asked him for the truth about all this. He spoke to me and explained to me the meaning of these things. "These four giant beasts are four kings that will rise up from the earth, but the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingship. They will hold the kingship securely forever and always."

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

L: A reading from Psalm 149

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

A: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

L: Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

A: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

L: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

A: Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

L: to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

A: to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

L: to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

A: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading—Ephesians 1: 11-23

L: A reading from Ephesians.

We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory. Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel—Luke 6: 20-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
 A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor, because God’s kingdom is yours. Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets. But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort. How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry. How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep. How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets. “But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

L: The gospel of the Lord.
 A: **Praise to you, O, Christ.**



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
 servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Prayers of Intercession

Throughout the prayers of intercession you will hear “We pray to you, O Lord”. Please respond by singing “Hear Our Prayer”.

Hear Our Prayer *Prayer Response*



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Text and music: Paul Andress, b. 1956
Text and music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

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

Remembrance of those who have died

During this time, we remember all who have died. After we read the words of Jesus responsively, you are invited to come forward and light a candle as you desire and are able. You are also welcome, to remain seated in prayer and to join in singing “For All the Saints” as we sing verses 3 through.

L: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

A: and you will find rest for your souls.

L: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

A: And you will find rest for your souls.

You are invited to light candles and sing.

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors.

Offering—



As we continue with our offering, please sign the attendance book located at the end of each pew. Guests and visitors, please include your address and phone number.

Presentation of the Gifts

Please rise, as you are able, while the gifts are brought forward.

Offering Prayer

L: God our creator,

A: **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

L: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

L: 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-er and might,
 heav-en 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

Words of Institution

- L: We proclaim the mystery of faith:
 A: **Christ has died**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

- L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
 A: **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.**

Holy Communion Instructions

The Lutheran Church teaches that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. Christ offers forgiveness of sin and new life in community through this sacrament. You are welcome at Christ's table.

Those who do not commune may come forward with their arms crossed over their chests to receive a blessing. Communion today will be by intinction. You may dip your wafer into either the darker colored liquid—the wine, or the lighter colored grape juice.

Invitation to Communion

L: God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

☞ 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.

Communion Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

Words only

Refrain:

All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior.

All are welcome. All are welcome here.

From the woman who comes crying, leaving tears at Jesus' feet,
To the man who knows the right way but cannot see.

Refrain

From the ones who feel forgotten, those who sense their place is gone,
To the ones who live in hunger, here you belong.

Refrain

Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families,
Tell about the splendid table, God's mercy.

Refrain

1* F Gm C F 2 Gm

1 Fa - ther,
 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
 3 Spir - it,

C F 3 Gm C F

fore you; how I love you.

Baptized and Set Free

1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.

Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
 Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Prayer after Communion

L: 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.

A: **Amen.**

SENT FOR WORK AND WITNESS

Announcements

Blessing

L: Receive the blessing of God, the creator you made you, Jesus, the one who weeps with you, the Spirit, the one who breathes through you, + one God, with you then, with you now, with you forever.

A: **Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Portions of this liturgy are from Sundays and Seasons and used by permission – License #SAS002379.