

OFFERING “Special Music”

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Offering Prayer

L: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

A: Amen.

MEAL

All are welcome at Christ's table. Communion is distributed in front of the altar by intinction. Please dip the wafer into the lighter colored liquid which is grape juice or the darker liquid which is wine. If you prefer not to receive communion you may come forward with your hands crossed over your chest to receive a blessing or you may remain in your seat.

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 offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death; And by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy (music on screen)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: Holy, living and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: Carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

A: Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION MUSIC VIDEO

“I Will Rise” by Chris Tomlin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..

A: Amen.

SENT FOR WORK AND WITNESS

BLESSING

L: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the indwelling One, poured out + bless you, now and forever.

A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN-

“When the Saints Go Marching In” (words on screen) (Vs. 1&5)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ

A: Thanks be to God!



St. Paul Lutheran Church

November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday

Introduction: Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMNS

“Holy Ground” (Words on Screen) (Sing Twice)

“Death Be Never Last” (Words on Screen) (Insert)

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

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

A: Amen.

L: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

A: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

L: These words are trustworthy and true. Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation.

A: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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
Dismissal to Children's Chapel

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading- Isaiah 25:6-9

L: A reading from Isaiah

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

L: A reading from Psalm

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

2 For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord, and who may stand in God's holy place?

4 Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

L: Holy wisdom; Holy Word.

A: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6a

L: A Reading from Revelation

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6a Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

A: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (Words on Screen)

Gospel - John 11:32-44

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Christine McNeal

HYMN OF THE DAY :

"For All the Saints" (Words on Screen) (ELW 422)

APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

A: 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 to the dead. 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.

Memorial Roll Call

A Litany Honoring Saints Called To Heaven From November 5th 2023 to November 3rd 2024

P: We remember before God this day those whom the Lord has called home during the past year, grateful for their memory, and looking forward to a blessed reunion in heaven.

Silence

P: Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes.

C: Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he comes shall find watching. Bell

Wanda Schlueter

March 8, 1935—January 18, 2024

P: Fear none of those things which you shall suffer.

C: Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.

P: Our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: He will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

P: I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

C: Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day.

P: In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you.

C: I will come again, and receive you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

P: We remember this day also all our beloved faithful departed not named here, and whom we now name as we light a candle for them.

Silence

P: We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

C: And so we will be with the Lord forever. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end "God of Grace." and the congregation will respond "Hear our prayer".

SHARING OF 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 by turning to the people near you saying, "Peace be with you."