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Rev. James Heckman, Bridge Pastor

# November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday



## Introduction to Worship

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.

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#### Welcome

**Confession and Forgiveness** (Stand if you are able) All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- C: Amen.

#### Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Holy One,
- C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.
- P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.
- C: Amen.



**Opening Hymn: ELW** 423

# Shall We Gather at the River



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

#### Kyrie



## Prayer of the Day

- L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
- 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.

#### C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

## First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

L: A reading from the Book of Revelation, the seventh chapter.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

## Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- L: <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- **C:** <sup>2</sup>I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- L: <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
- C: <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
- L: <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD<sup>|</sup> and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C: <sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

- L: <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and de- livers them.
- C: <sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
- L: <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- C: <sup>10</sup>The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- L: <sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

## Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

A reading from 1 John, the first chapter:

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



## The Gospel – John 8:31-36

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.

## P: The Gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## C: Praise to you. O Christ.

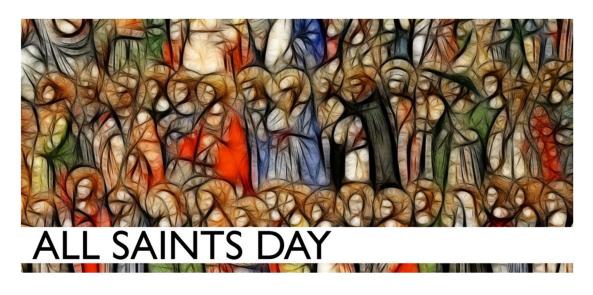


Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

For All Your Saints, O Lord



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893



## **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence.

- P: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness (especially). Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

- P: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you (especially). Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Let us remember those who together with us stood at the foot of the cross, who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, but who have during this past year, taken their final stops as saints of God and gone before us into the heavenly mansions.

Name	Entered into	
	Eternal Life	
*Donald Verne Seipt	December 3, 2022	
Walter Jarvis	March 15, 2023	
Cecelia Kukuchka	March 21, 2023	
*Anne Louise Valent	March 27, 2023	
Dr. Stanley Anderson Aagaard II	April 3, 2023	
Fred Seipt	May 9, 2023	
Joanne Gary	May 25, 2023	
Lani Schlegel	July 2, 2023	
Marilyn Seipt	July 9, 2023	
Michael Barats	August 2023	
*Hal Taylor	August 16, 2023	
*Betty L. Kreitz	August 22, 2023	
Sharon Fogelman	October 8, 2023	

Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

P: Along with the "Omega Saints," who have taken their last earthly steps of faith, we also recall with joy and thanksgiving those persons who have taken their first steps as Saints this year through your gracious act of Holy Baptism. We thank you for the new life you have given them through Holy Baptism. Especially, we ask you to bless:

Name	Baptized
Lucia Marie Otero	September 10, 2023
Jose Manuel Otero	

Porter Paul Genthner	October 8, 2023
Olivia Noelle Frenk	October 15, 2023

#### C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

#### C: Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### C: And also with you.

## OFFERING

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

#### WE ARE AN OFFERING - ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, We give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: We are an offering, we are an offering.

P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

## C: Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

## C: And also with you.

- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## C: 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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C: 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**

P: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

## Hymn during Communion: ELW 712

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



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#### **Prayer after Communion**

- P: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
- C: Amen.

#### Announcements

#### BLESSING

- P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
- .C: Amen.



#### SENDING SONG: ELW 705

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS						
	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARII	S	BAPTISMS	
6					Grace Litzenberger	
8	Serena Ashmore					
9	Lynn Gaun					
10	Martin Luther, Nicholas Phillips, Brendan Snyder					
12	2 Tom Gaun, Mark Harwick, Matthew Mueller, Cathy Mueller					
	THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES					
Sunda	y, November 5	2:00 AM			dard time begins, hope you set	
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		7:00 PN		Council meeting		
Wednesday, November 8		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours		
		11:00 AM - 11:15 PM		Care -A-Lot Visit		
7:00		12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
				Care-A-Lot 40th Anniversary Planning		
				meeting @ Durham		
Thursday, November 9			No Office hours			
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				Altar Guild Meeting		
				Confirmation Class @ Trinity		
	nday, November 13 7:00 PM			Church Council meeting		
	sday, November 14 7:30 PN			Finance Committee Meeting		
	17		M - 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal		
			M - 11:15 PM	Care -A-Lot visit		
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	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, November 16	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Friday, November 17	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting
Saturday, November 18	5:00 PM	Saturday Service @ St. Peter's
Sunday, November 19	10:00 AM	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman
(communion)	After worship	Worship Committee meeting
Monday, November 20	7:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Crop Walk retrospective @St. Peter's
Wednesday, November	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
22	11:00AM – 1:00 PM	Office Hours
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, November 23		Thanksgiving

## HELP TO HELP

**November Outreach** - The November envelope will go to Help to Help, a joint project of Emmanuel church and Rotary in Souderton, who are raising funds to build a school building in Santa Barbara, Honduras.



#### For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

# Keep in your For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Debbie Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Rev. Dennis

Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; The Schutt Family; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

## For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

## For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Sharon Fogelman; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Shawn Stadt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: <u>PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org</u>

#### Helping in Worship

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Guest Pianist	Gianna Nastasi
Greeter(s)	Bonnie Pyne dePortillo
Altar Guild	Linda Sauter & Becky Praster
Acolyte	Colton Wagner
Lector	Ken Anderson
Head / Communion Usher	
Council Counting Team	Barb Naska & Cathy Mueller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz