



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**All Saints Sunday**

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Pastor Mike Pretzer

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## **All Saints Sunday**

### **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.

### **The Gathering**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Hymn**

**"For All Your Saints, O Lord"**

**#427**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**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.**  
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.

**Amen.**

## **Remembering the Saints**

**Hymn of Praise**

**“For All the Saints”**

**#422 vs. 1-3**

### **Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

We Pray: **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.**

## **The Word**

### **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.*

<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

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God’s name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<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.*

<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.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel*

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The 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.*

<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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you , O Christ.

## Sermon

**Hymn Of The Day**

**“For All the Saints”**

**#422 Vs 4-6**

**Apostles Creed**

**pg.105**

**Prayers for Healing, Strength, and Good Health**  
**Prayer of St. Francis**

**Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;**

**To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **The Sending**

#### **Blessing**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

**“Shall We Gather at the River”**

**#423**

### **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church**

*For the week of November 1, 2020*

**Prayer Concerns at Peace Lutheran Church**

**FOR HEALING, STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH:**

**Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)**

**Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)**

**Navah DenHerder**

**Ervin & Florence Heidecker**

**Eric Sellers (Cancer)**

**Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)**

**Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)**

**Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)**

**Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)**

**Beth Fugle (Candy H. Sister- Cancer)**

**Dan (Coyote) Feragen**

**Holly (Cancer)**

**Family of Jean Miller**

**Sharon Meissel (cancer)**

**Lakin Dvorak**

**Marge Gulbranson**

**Jackson Portra & his Parents Jared & Mandy Portra**

**Tim Holdahl**

**Family of Don Mathias**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS:**

**All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregations: St. John's Lutheran in Richardton & St. John's Episcopal of Dickinson partnering ministries: Lutheran Social Services, Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.**

## **Announcements**

### **Peace Lutheran's focus for October: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Kool Gang and Confirmation students next service project is the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This project fills shoe boxes with toys and other fun items and delivers them to children in need around the world. The congregation is invited to join the youth in collecting gift items for the shoe boxes. The pickle jars will also be passed around in October to collect change to help cover the shipping expense of the shoe boxes. (Each shoe box costs \$9.00 to ship.) On Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> the shoe boxes will be packed and delivered to a collection site in Dickinson.

The following is a list of appropriate items that you can donate for the shoeboxes.

A "WOW" Item such as a doll, stuffed, animal, soccer ball with a pump, shoes, musical instruments

Toys such as cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Non-liquid Hygiene items such as toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, combs

School Supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, markers, sharpeners, coloring books, solar calculators

Accessories such as socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights with batteries, hair clips

Please Do Not Include candy, toothpaste, gum, war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, or aerosol cans.

It's Time to Make Lefse Again!

Peace Lutheran will be making lefse this year on November 19, 20, and 21. Set up will be on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 pm. There are signup sheets at the church for members to donate the needed ingredients (potato buds, flour, margarine, salt, sugar, Ziploc storage bags, etc). Please sign up in person, email or call the church

and leave a message. The best times to drop off donations are Tuesdays 1-4 pm, Wednesdays 8:30-Noon and 6:15-8:15 pm, and Sunday mornings.



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