

All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

Today is All Saints Day, a day of remembering and celebrating the lives of Christians who have died and gone to heaven. It is God's Grace, through baptism, that makes us all saints, so we also celebrate those new saints who have been baptized this year. The liturgical color is white, a festive color suggesting light, joy, and the celebration of our Lord.



Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)

10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134

"Celebrating and sharing God's Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others"

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bold type indicates Congregational responses

**Congregation please stand as you are able*

Introduction

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Prelude

Announcements

Bells: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Ringling of the Bell

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Prayer of the Day*

L: Let us 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.

Please be seated.

Dedication of Memorials: Our Stained Windows and an octave of bells

Choir Anthem "Soon and Very Soon"

Robert Sterling

Psalm: Psalm 149

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

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

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

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

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

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

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

to bind their kings in chains

and their nobles with links of iron,
to inflict on them the judgment decreed;

this is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Hallelujah!

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

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

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

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

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“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.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon Rev. Becky Sells

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Hymn of the Day: “Borning Cry” ELW 732

Holy Baptism for John Martin Christensen and Oliver Michael Christensen

Presentation (from ELW, pg. 227)

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidates:

P: Who presents these children for the sacrament of baptism?

*Sponsors respond: **We present John Martin and Oliver Michael for baptism.***

P: *Parents*, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

*Parents respond: **We do.***

P: As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *them* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *they* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents, Do you promise to help *them* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents respond: **We do.***

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *them* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *them* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors respond: **We do.***

P: People of God, do you promise to support *John and Oliver* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

Assembly responds: **We do.**

Profession of Faith

P: *Parents and sponsors*, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Parents/Sponsors: **I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents/Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents/Sponsors: I renounce them.

(All gathered are invited to respond of John Martin and Oliver Michael.)

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at The Font

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism of John Martin and Oliver Michael

P: _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *John Martin and Oliver Michael* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

_____, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

L: Jesus said, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative
and redeeming word to all the world.**

****Prayers of Intercession***

L: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. We also pray for those in our midst who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We especially pray for those on our prayer list and the names of those we lift up to you in our hearts now... Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have been baptized into the church in the last year: John Christensen, Oliver Christensen, Delilah Lueders, Jaxson Rowen, and Lydia Shupp. And we also remember in thanksgiving all those who have died and joined the church triumphant in the last year: Jackie Barnett, Brandi Brewer Rolie Christensen, Samuel Christensen, Dennis Egr, Richard Egr, Marcus Hanneman, Rebecca Hubbard, Geri Kroon, Sheila Larson, Dennis Lichty, Ruth Manning, Maxine Mattheis, Merlin Meyer, Mary Ann Naasz, Orlynn Piehl, Rev. Connie Raess, Virginia Rieker, and Rev. Eldon Thurow, and for all who have gone on before that we remember in our hearts now... Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering

L: We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth.

Offertory

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or may be given electronically at www.lord-of-love.org. Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

****Offertory Prayer***

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

****The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

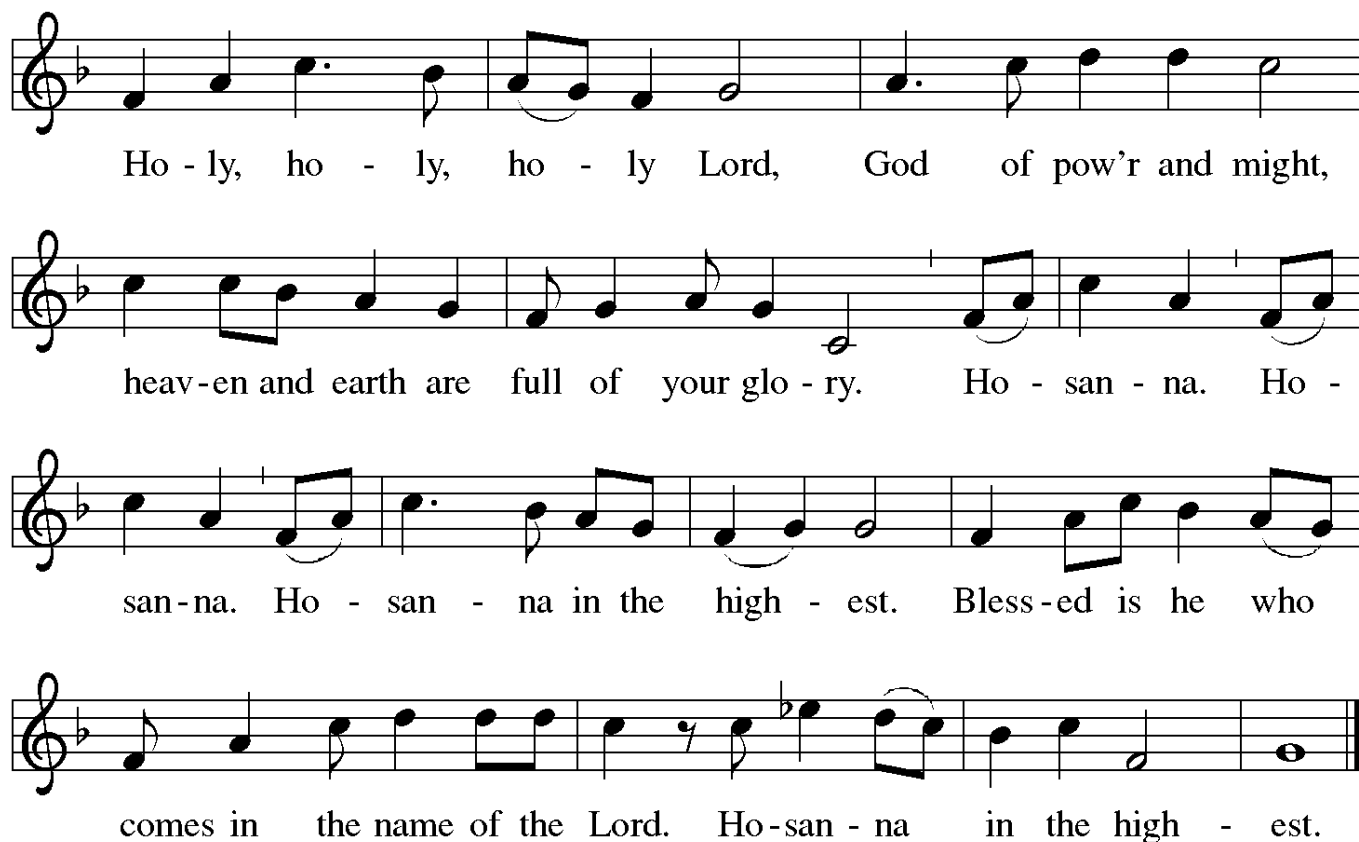
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 the 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 choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

***Words of Institution**

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.

***The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Communion Invitation

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome to his holy table.

Lamb of God

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.

Communion Distribution

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

***Sending Song:** "Children of the Heavenly Father"..... ELW 781

****Dismissal***

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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Newly Baptized

John Christensen

Oliver Christensen

Delilah Lueders

Jaxson Rowen

Lydia Shupp

Those Who Have Died

Jackie Barnett

Brandi Brewer

Rolie Christensen

Samuel "Sam" Christensen

Dennis Egr

Richard Egr

Marcus Hanneman

Rebecca Hubbard

Geri Kroon

Sheila Larson

Dennis Lichty

Ruth Manning

Maxine Mattheis

Merlin Meyer

Mary Ann Naasz

Orlynn Piehl

Rev. Connie Raess

Virginia Rieker

Rev. Eldon Thurow



Have you seen the dazzling new stained glass at the entrance to the narthex?

The stained glass idea was initially inspired by a request from Janet Guthrie, Peg's mother, that upon her death any memorial funds would be used to make a stained glass piece for Lord of Love. On many occasions walking out of the church, I have witnessed God's beautiful sunset enriched in various red, yellow and gold colors. In an attempt to capture those colors, I thought we could place them in two stained glass pieces above the church entrance.

After drawing up the initial pattern of colorful rays, I was asked to include some type of church symbols to the pattern. A cross and dove were added to the pattern. The cross and dove, which use a foiling technique, were made by myself, Paul Murphy. The incorporation of the cross and dove, and the remaining parts of the two pieces were made by Sue Criss, a family friend using a leading technique. The whole process took approximately three months, in part due to delays in the availability of some of the glass that we used. Upon completion of the pieces we had the help of Craig Pennell and Steve Criss (Sue's husband) in placing the pieces above the doors. We held our breaths as those guys put them in place, hoping that our measurements were correct. High fives were given all around when the pieces fit perfectly.

We pray that through this gift by the people that knew Janet and Ed Guthrie, a welcoming light of colors will greet those coming into Lord of Love.

-Paul Murphy

Thank you to all for this beautiful addition to our church home!