

*All Saints Sunday*  
*November 3, 2024*



*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.*

***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.

***Prelude***

***Announcements***

***Ringling of the Bell***

***\*Gathering Song: “Shall We Gather at the River” ..... ELW 423***

**\*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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*All*



1. Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each  
 2. (You) walk with us a - long the way, your  
 3. (Re) - freshed by sab - bath rest this day, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing  
 Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now for  
 wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ's un -



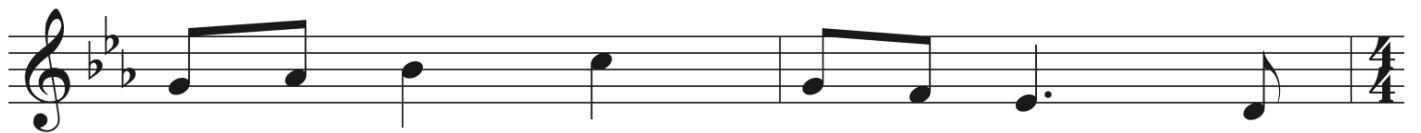
on our life, and all cre - a - tion sings your  
 each new day, our un - known guest, our host and  
 fail - ing way, where peace and jus - tice are at



praise. You formed the moon and fired the sun, you  
 feast. Grant those who share this ho - ly meal the  
 home and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick - ened dust with ho - ly breath, and  
 faith and vi - sion to be - lieve, that  
 sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O



bind - ing us to your dear Son, re -  
 hearts might see what eyes con - ceal: by  
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newed our life, de - stroyed our death. 2.You  
 grace your pres - ence we re - ceive. 3.Re  
 bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

***\*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.*

**Choir Anthem “People Get Ready”** ..... Kirby Shaw

***First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9***

L: 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.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
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.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a***

L: 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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;

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.”

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.” Then he said to  
me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”.

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**\*Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**\*Gospel: John 11:32-44**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon** ..... Rev. Becky Sells

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**Hymn of the Day:** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ..... ELW 886

**\*The Apostles’ Creed**

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

L: L: Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you provide food and home for all life. We give you thanks for the recent moisture and for the harvest being gathered. Please watch over those still harvesting. Heal places recovering from storms and fire and move us to be good neighbors to those in need. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. Abide with your faithful ones in love. We especially pray for those on our prayer list and the names of those we lift up to you in our heart now...Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for those who were baptized into new life in you this year. We especially remember Angelika Kuhn, Noelle House, Elaine and Isabella Dowd. We also give thanks for your beloved children who joined the church triumphant in the last year. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### ***Dedication of New Gifts***

#### ***\*Peace***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share signs of peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or given electronically at [www.lord-of-love.org](http://www.lord-of-love.org). Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar during this song.

Communion servers, please come forward during the offertory song.



1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of  
2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread for  
3. Send us now with faith and cour - age to the



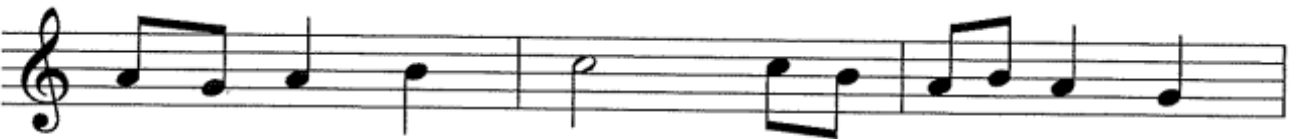
an - gels, heav - en's bread; for these gifts we did not  
hun - ger, wine of peace; ho - ly Word and ho - ly  
hun - gry, lost, be - reaved. In our liv - ing and our



la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-



flow - ing, life out - poured, giv - en as a liv - ing



to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.



***\*Offertory Prayer***

P: Let us pray.

**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. Amen.**

***\*The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

***\*Words of Institution***

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath. Generations bless your faithfulness: through the waters, across the wilderness, by night and day, out of exile, into the future. We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

On the night 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 remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering, upon this bread, within this cup, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, Holy God, for your mercy, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your Church, without end.  
**Amen.**

### ***\*The Lord's Prayer***

P: Gathered around the table by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.*

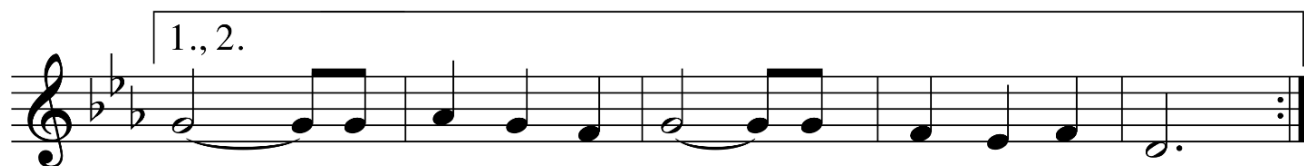
### ***Communion Invitation***

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome.

### ***Lamb of God***



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### ***Communion***

#### ***\*Post-Communion Prayer***

P: Creator of our days and nights, we give you thanks for this gift of life. Increase our faith and open our eyes that we might recognize Jesus in all whom you call us to love and serve. Abide with us when we struggle and doubt and be our hope and highest joy, until at last with all your saints we dwell in your unfailing Light.

**Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

P: Holy God, Blessed Trinity, strengthen your faith, increase your hope, deepen your love, ✠ and give you peace this day and always.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:** “For All Your Saints, O Lord”..... ELW 427

**\*Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

***Ringing of the Bell***

***Postlude***

**Unfailing Light Liturgy**

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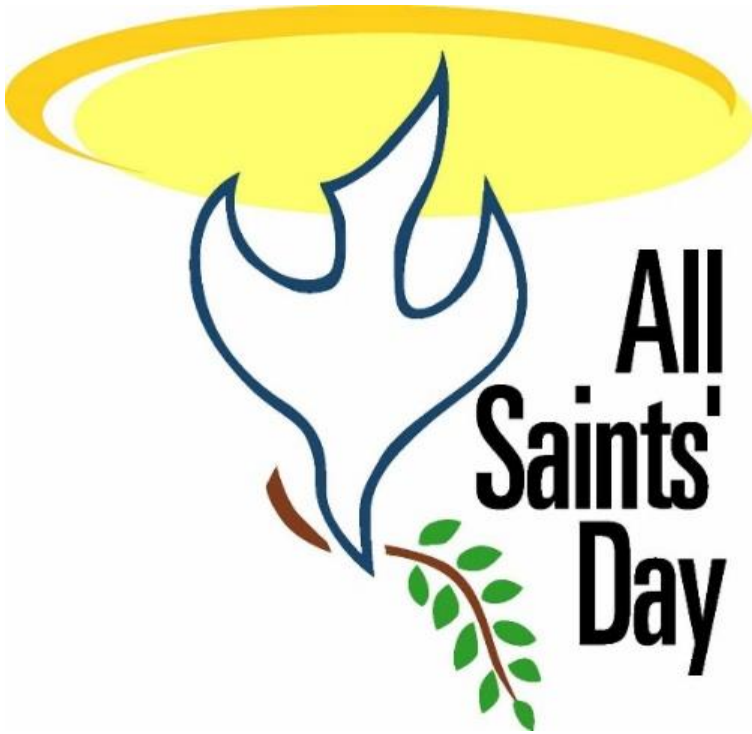
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**Newly Baptized**

Angelika Lynn Kuhn	05/05/2024
Noelle Sue House	06/09/2024
Elaine Marie Dowd	06/16/2024
Isabella Nicole Dowd	06/16/2024

**Those Who Have Died**

John Montgomery	11/06/2023	John Humphrey	06/24/2024
Ruth Mickelson	11/27/2023	Steve Karasti	06/27/2024
Paul Dieter	04/06/2024	Clifford Lund	07/02/2024
Nancy Custard	04/16/2024	Lorie Humphrey	08/03/2024
Jerry Montgomery	04/24/2024	Jeff Peterson	09/21/2024
Peder Eide	04/26/2024	Betty Thompson	10/04/2024
Rene Guerra	04/27/2024	Jeanne Lewis	10/12/2024
David Doman	06/09/2024	Gene P. Dal Porto	10/24/2024
John Edwards	06/13/2024		