

November 7, 2021 Holy Communion

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Have mercy on us, O God. **We confess that we have sinned against you** and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – LBW 553 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng! (located at the end of bulletin)

Greeting

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.**

Hymn of Praise:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS

First Reading is from Isaiah, Chapter 25:6-9

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he 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.

⁹It 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. *The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God*

Psalm 24 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein. ²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. ³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place? ⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false. ⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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." ⁵And 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."

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God

The Gospel according to John, the 11h Chapter (11:32-44) *Glory to you, O Lord!*

³²When 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44The 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!

HYMN BEFORE SERMON – LBW174 For All the Saints (verses 1 – 4) (located at the end of the bulletin)

SERMON - Rev. Rick Neu

HYMN OF THE DAY – LBW174 For All the Saints (verses 5 – 8) (located at the end of the bulletin)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Holv 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

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away (*especially John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, Ludwig Nommensen whom we commemorate today*). Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

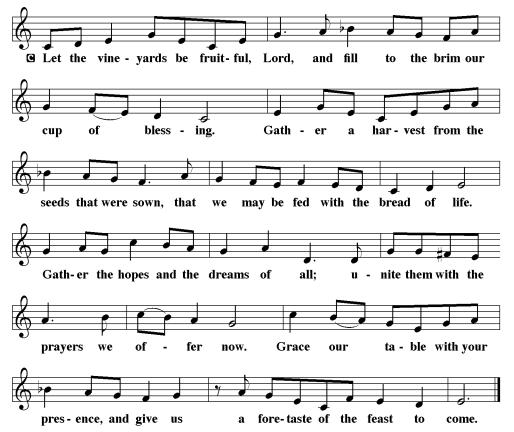
God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us (Alex Trebek, John Ormsby, Lawrence Reilly, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Linda Morse, Joseph Turso, Rev Walter Wangerin, Logan Prior, Kirk Hoatson, Betty Dustin, Lee Deyette, Paul Gordon, Ken & Barbara Greenslit, Patricia Baldasaro, Henry Smart, Samuel Hutchins 3rd DVM, Margaret Urquart Hutchins, Malik Ashraf Ali, Jameela Ashraf Ali and Therese Higgins). Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD (SPOKEN, NO HAND SHAKING)

The Peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

OFFERTORY – Reception of tithes and offerings (offerings can be placed in the plate ahead of time, then the plate will be brought up and placed on the corner of the Altar during the Offertory Hymn) – Let the Vineyards sung:



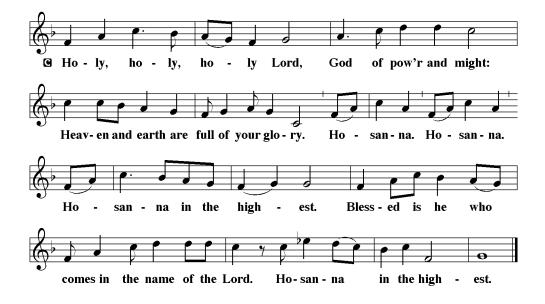
Offering Prayer

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 him thanks and praise**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the wat to everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (next page):



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one. 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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

THE FRACTION

Invitation to Communion (verbal instructions to be given by Pastor)

Pastor: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

C Lambof God, you take a - way of the world; the sin have Lamb of God, you take a - way of the mer-cy on us. the sin world; have mer-cy on Lamb of God, you take a - way the us. the world; sin of grant us peace.

AGNUS DEI (NEXT PAGE)

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

Blessing

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

Closing Hymn – WOV689 Rejoice in God's Saints (located at the end of the bulletin)

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Today is a day to remember. By remembering the saints we "re-member" them, and we continue to make them members of our family, the body of Christ. The prayer of the day speaks of us being "knit together" in one communion.

We remember:

- Alex Trebek
- John Ormsby
- Lawrence Reilly
- Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
- Linda Morse
- Joseph Turso
- Rev Walter Wangerin
- Logan Prior Pat Amell's friend (to suicide)
- Kirk Hoatson husband of Laura Amell's cousin Sue (from COVID)
- Betty Dustin and Lee Deyette long-time friends of Lea Hatch
- Paul Gordon Lea Hatch's Uncle
- Ken & Barbara Greenslit Lea Hatch's Uncle and Aunt
- Patricia Baldasaro long-time friend of Joyce Sweeney
- Henry Smart
- Samuel Hutchins 3rd DVM
- Margaret Urquart Hutchins
- Malik Ashraf Ali
- Jameela Ashraf Ali
- Therese Higgins

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5 Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array, as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day. *Refrain* 6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

7 Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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Rejoice in God's Saints



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