

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
All Saints Sunday
November 7, 2021, 10:30
Service of Holy Communion**

PRELUDE**GATHERING****THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

We are gathered today in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Let us pray. Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life; we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life; we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope; we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“For All the Saints”

(vs.1-2) #422

1. **For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!**
2. **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

Let us pray...We give you thanks, Almighty God, that those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We praise you for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors...(video & names)...and these other loved ones we name in our hearts.

We give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we have forgotten, or never knew, but who showed us the meaning of life in Christ; for we ask this in his name, Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SONG*"For All the Saints"*

(vs. 3-5) # 422

3. **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
4. **And when the strife is fierce the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
5. **The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE NEWLY-BAPTIZED

Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty 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. We praise you for those newly baptized who have become members with us in the body of Christ...(video & names)...and these other loved ones we name in our hearts.

By the love of Jesus Christ, you draw all people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing our recently-baptized brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SONG*"For All the Saints"*

(vs. 7-8) # 422

6. **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
7. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

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.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Sinner, Saved by Grace"

arr. Mary McDonald

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Then 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 as their God; 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. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 11th 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."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Give Thanks for Saints"

#428

- 1. Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak: on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die how forcefully they speak the strong, who once were weak!**
- 2. Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight: who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land, and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.**
- 3. Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone: they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true, for God's concerns they own God's love through them is known.**
- 4. Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today: though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized. Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.**

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

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.

Petitions end: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: GROWING IN GENEROSITY

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

“Accept O Lord the Gifts We Bring”

#691

1. **Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.**
2. **The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.**
3. **Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Shall We Gather at the River"

#423

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

"By All Your Saints"

#421

1. By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forever more be blessed!
For you arose victorious that they might wear the crown
and share the light of glory reflected from your throne.
2. Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song
for these passed on before us, we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.
3. Give praise to God Almighty, and worship God the Son,
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone.

TABLE BLESSING

At the conclusion: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion: Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

At the conclusion: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

#424

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, praise the glad strain: "alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, arch angels, virtues, angel choirs:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest: Aalleluia! Alleluia!"
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE