

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 7, 2021
All Saints Sunday
Lectionary 32, Year B

All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

Today, by reading their names and by ringing a bell and lighting a candle for each, we remember those of our congregation who have died and who have been baptized during the past year. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them. This will proceed spontaneously and at will; there will be no ushers directing you. Please maintain social distancing. Following the lighting of the candles, we proclaim the message of hope and life eternal through Jesus Christ. May all the saints, past and present, endure forever in God's grace!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: 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.

HONORING & REMEMBERING

Dearly Beloved of St. Olaf Lutheran Church who have been baptized and who have died since last All Saints' Sunday along with loved ones names who have been submitted, one large candle symbolizes all those who have died of Covid-19 in 2021

***LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE**

During the lighting of candles, we will sing. Feel free to come forward to the altar railing during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend. We encourage children to participate. Remember the power of the resurrection!

(Please be seated)

HYMN

“For All the Saints”

ELW 422

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

C: And also with you.

***Kyrie**

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***Canticle of Praise** (Come let us join...)

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***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.)

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God’s holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all ¹ that is in it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it up- ¹ on the seas
and established it up- ¹ on the rivers. R**

³Who may ascend the mountain ¹ of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's ¹ holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and puri- ¹ ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by ¹ what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing ¹ from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of ¹ their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek ¹ you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O ¹ God of Jacob. R**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory ¹ may come in.

⁸**Who is this ¹ King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- ¹ y in battle!**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory ¹ may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this ¹ King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the ¹ King of glory. R**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

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.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel: John 11:32-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

C: **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."

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Emily Wikner

SERMON

Scott Otto

HYMN of the Day

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

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Apostles' Creed

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**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

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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

C: **Amen.**

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you. (feel free to do an 'air' high five or a peace sign).**

Offering

Thank you for joining us in worship. At this time we will receive the offering for the mission and ministry at St. Olaf Lutheran Church. Our congregation relies on the generosity of God's people to sustain the work of our Lord. You can give by mailing a check to the church or on our Paypal link paypal.me/stolaffd

*** 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.

***Invitation to Communion**

Bishop Lorna Halaas has given Scott Otto authority to preside over the Lord's Table during 2021.

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***Great Thanksgiving**

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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***Words of Institution**

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***Great Amen** p. 207

***Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

***Communion**

HYMN	“Shall We Gather at the River”	ELW 423
	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW 471

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.

HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve”

ELW 551

***Dismissal**

P: Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Scott Otto
Children’s Sermon Emily Wikner
Reader: Howard Hartman
Fellowship Hosts: Needed
Organist: Jason Swedlund
Greeters & Ushers: Randy Puls, Terry Pavel, Eileen Carroll,
Mark & Tammy Oester
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Mark Oester
Robert Younie

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Boden Lee Seehusan
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