

All Saints, Year B
November 3, 2024
Pastor Kim Swenson



The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING

Worship Volunteers
Assisting Minister: Cindy Michalski
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Welcome



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



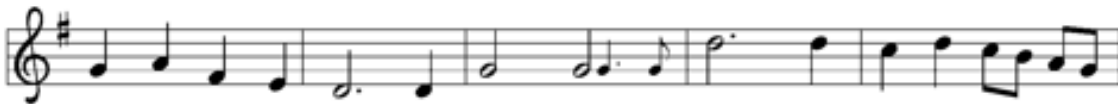
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



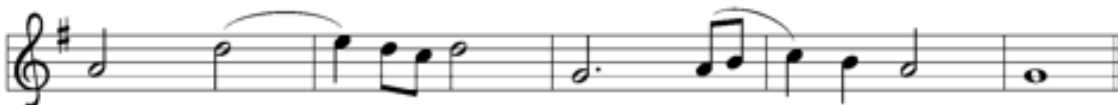
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
 servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Gathering At the Font and Litany of Saints

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we gather around the waters of baptism on this All Saints Sunday knowing that we are not alone.

We gather here with all your saints.

Our communion includes those who experience you in ways familiar to us and those who experience you in ways that seem foreign.

We are part of your people everywhere.

Our number includes those who once worshiped you in this place and have gone on before us and those yet to be born.

We stand among your saints who cannot be counted here in our pews today.

We recall those who have been baptized into our Bethel family since we last celebrated All Saints Day:

Landon Ray Hietpas

Peyton GERALYN White

Thank you for the waters of Holy Baptism and the cross that marks us as your own.

Remembering our baptism into the communion of saints, we stand in solidarity with all who have come to your storied waters at the font of grace, claiming their faith in the Triune God with the words of the baptismal creed.

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.

We confess that we don't always live as if we believe in the communion of the saints. We become self-absorbed and lose sight of the larger picture. We value ourselves as individuals, apart from community. We delude ourselves into believing we have no need for the wisdom of those who have gone before us. Forgive us for the narrow view of our place in your creation, for our lack of regard for our ancestors and our successors, and for the limits we try to impose on your extravagant love.

Open our mind and hearts this day to recognize your love as it is poured out and not just upon us, but upon all your saints, in every time and place.

Risen Christ, today we remember with fondness all your saints who have been called to their eternal home, especially those from our church community who have died during this past year:

Ronald Wesoloski	Roberta Krouth	Florence Niemuth
Leon Dunst	CJ Johnston	Donna Hansen
Carol Hohne	Sophie Kay Elton	Melva Heise
Richard LaPlant	Lanis Roggendorf	Donald Sigl
Glen Smits		

Thank you for the waters of Holy Baptism and the cross that marks us as your own.

Gracious God, we gather at the water that flows from your throne of grace, and enter into this time of worship, we rejoice that you are the God of all saints, the One who forgives sins and brings us from death to life. **Amen.**

Hymn

Death be Never Last

ACS 1030



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.



Refrain
Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

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The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, Almighty God, **you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Bethel Choir

The Great Cloud

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 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.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24 (read responsively by verse)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**²for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**⁶Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is the King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹Then 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. 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." ⁶Then 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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God.**

Word for All Ages

Gospel Acclamation *God's Word is Our Great Heritage* **Cranberry 509**



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Gospel: John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to John. **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.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

For All Your Saints, O Lord

Cranberry 427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Prayers of the People

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

O Lord our God, you sustain your church in every time and place. Inspire preachers and teachers of your word, so that we may always proclaim your love to our children and our children's children. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You lead us into lands flowing with your good gifts. Deepen our connection to the lands we inhabit and share with our fellow creatures, that all may delight and be nourished by the fruits of the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You establish statutes and ordinances for the well-being of your people. Guide public officials and the leaders whom we will elect this week in the way of love, for there is no commandment or law greater than this. Grant discernment to all voters and safety to election officials. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You show us your love in Jesus our healer. Draw near to those who are ill, hospitalized, or undergoing rehabilitation or treatment. Reveal your love and healing presence through nurses, doctors, aides, and chaplains. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You hold us close all the days of our life. Instill in children and adults alike a desire for learning. Guide the faith formation ministries of this congregation, that we are emboldened to share our faith, whether at home or away. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

You are the God of our ancestors. With thanksgiving we remember all your saints. Inspire us by their lives of love for you and for their neighbors. 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.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, **O God,**
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving *with explanations from the Nicene Creed from Luther's Small Catechism*

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.

Mighty God, Gracious Lord, Generous Creator
You abundantly give us everything we have and everything we need: Shoes
and clothing, work and home, family and friends,
food and drink, all the necessities for this body and this life.
You protect us from danger and preserve us from evil.
**And all this is done out of pure goodness and mercy
without any merit or worthiness on my own part.**

For this we owe God thanks and praise. **This is most certainly true!**

Into our world of sin you sent your only Son
begotten in eternity, yet true human being
born of Mary and yet Lord of all.

Jesus purchased and freed us from sin, from death,
and from the power of the devil
not with perishable things like gold and silver
but by his own holy and precious blood.

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.

Christ is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.
**Christ has done all this in order that I may belong to him,
live under him in his kingdom, and serve him
in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.**
This is most certainly true!

Since we cannot by our own understanding or strength come to believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to him,
Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit to call us through the Gospel.
Enlighten us through her gifts, make us holy,
and keep us in true faith along with the whole Church.

**Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and place until the last day
when the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life!**

All glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church now and forever.
Amen. This is most certainly true!

The 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**



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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* Cranberry 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray, Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

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Dismissal

The worship has ended! **Let the service begin! Thanks be to God!**

Fellowship hour continues in the lounge.

Funding for Mission & Budget

Monthly Receipts through 10/29/24	\$10,138.60
Monthly Budget Expenses:.....	\$18,743.00
YTD Receipts through 9/30/24.....	\$ 182,762.00
Yearly Budget.....	\$ 224,917.00

The Bethel Weekly

Fellowship Hour: Please, if you are able to help on a future date in November, sign up in the hallway.

Money Counter: There is an opening on Team A which meets March & April and September & October. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please contact the church office.

Poinsettias: Orders are due November 21st. Order forms can be picked up in the lounge or the office. The poinsettias are \$10 each.

Salvation Army Senior Meal: is November 18th. Sign-up sheet for items to bring is in the hallway.

Thanksgiving Worship: Is Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30pm with pie fellowship following. Please see sign-up sheet for worship volunteers and pies.

Advent Fest Crafts & Fellowship: is December 1st. Please plan on staying after worship for fellowship, snacks and crafts.

Handbags for Hope: In conjunction with the Resurrection Food Pantry, we are asking all the ladies to bring in any unwanted purses. Donations are also needed of travel size hygiene items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, lip balm, etc. to fill the purses prior to distribution. Suggestions can be found on the front of the bin in the lounge.

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