



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
All Saints Sunday
November 7, 2021
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

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 .

**(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)*

Announcements

Gathering

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

Prelude....A time for silent reflection

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart₁

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.

Gathering Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

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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.

***KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We especially remember today members of St. Paul's who have passed away during the last year; Ronald Koebernick, Dale Graunke, Nola Garey, Gary Bever, Frank Wendt, Dean Switz, Lorna Granger, and Pam Eaton. We recall with joy their faith in God, for we have the sure and certain knowledge of God's grace and love for them.

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

We sometimes forget how fortunate we are to live in a country where we have religious freedom. Many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world do not share in that fortune. Today we lift those who are persecuted not only for their faith in Jesus Christ, but also for their willingness to endure harassment, brutality, imprisonment and death to advance the gospel. We encourage you to take time to read the bulletin insert.

Afghanistan Refugee Assistance

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse are the lead agency in providing information with regard to the needs of the refugees at Ft. McCoy. We will collect items each Sunday and deliver them to the Sparta Armory.

- Winter Coats
- Shoes

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Norwalk Friends of the Community will be hosting the 24th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 14. The dinner of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls and cranberries will be served from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM at the Norwalk Fire Station, 113 W. South Street. There is no charge.

P: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

***Canticle of Praise**

“This is the Feast”

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***Prayer of the Day**

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.

Word

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

Amen.

FIRST READING

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.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
 the world and those who dwell therein.
²**For 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?
⁴**Those 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.
⁶**Such 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.

Sending

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

*Benediction

Sending Hymn "For All the Saints" (verses 1-3, 6-7) **ELW #422**

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Miranda Arndt; Communion Servers: Karen Arzt and Barb Bever

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Steve Zirk, Gary Von Ruden, Sue Ann Degenhardt, Curt Brieske, Randy Steinbrink, Annette Udulutch, Gloria Meltesen, LuAnn Bever-Denter, Deb Steinhoff Laufenberg, Harvey Menn,

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale

CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 14	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	First Communion Class	11:15 am
Wed., Nov. 17	Confirmation	6:30—8:00 pm

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ[^]

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

P: 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.

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

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

"Lamb of God"

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*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.**

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

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.

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.**

GOSPEL

*Gospel Acclamation

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*GOSPEL READING

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

John 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.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Soon and Very Soon"

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Apostles' 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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great.**)

OFFERING

Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.

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.**