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All Saints Sunday

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.

GATHERING Welcome/Announcements

As God's children we are

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

You are invited to practice God's Love and Mercy by turning to those around you, greeting one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or something similar.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom
Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
O God, our merciful redeemer,

**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for † his sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.
Amen

*Gathering Hymn

“For All the Saints”

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*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.

*Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
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. Amen.

WORD

A reading from 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

The 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 ever lasting 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.

A reading from Revelation 21:1-6a

.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.” ^{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 Acclamation

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The holy gospel according to John 11:32-44

Glory to you, O Lord

²When 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

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

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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 (Lord, in your mercy, hear our Prayer)**

Offering

***Offertory**

"Give Thanks"

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***Offertory Prayer**

**Creator God,
you made everything, and you provide for every need.
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,
fill us with your love;
let that love flow through us to others;
and join us to the saints before us
in a holy and boundless communion;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

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

“Lamb of God”

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*Prayer after Communion

**Sovereign God,
in this meal you give us a foretaste
Keep us faithful to you,
that we, with all your saints,
may at length celebrate
the marriage feast of the Lamb,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

*Sending Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People *Pastor:* Karen Sparling *Organist:* Nalani Bever
Greeters: Barb and John Ornes *Reader:* Greg Bever
Communion Server: Arlis Ballwahn *Altar Committee:* Barb Bever and Dawn Birkholz
Ushers: Leonard Arndt, Jerry Von Haden,, Greg Bever, Steve Branday

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Matt Zirk, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ron Clark, Carol Osteboe, Mildred Radke, Lorayne Denter, Marjorie Muhr, Ed Bauer, Jerry Eckelberg, Ron Doll, Rod Hermanson, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Don Schreier, Linda Bauer, Rick Brandau, Linda Finnigan, Bob Manson, Dawson Champlin, Judy Bever, Mike O'Rourke, and Tracy Schwartz.

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Calendar for November 4 – November 11

Today	*International World Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church *Prayer Vigil being held at English Lutheran, La Crosse	5:00 PM
Nov. 7	Confirmation	6:30 PM – 8:00PM
Sat. Nov 10	Brush Creek Lutheran Soup and Salad Supper	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Sun., Nov, 11	Church Council Sunday School Worship	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM
	*Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Norwalk Community Center	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
	*Veteran's Day	All Day