

November 1, 2020 All Saints Sunday Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth Swept up in God's Story

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Lead, Kindly Light

Dale Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

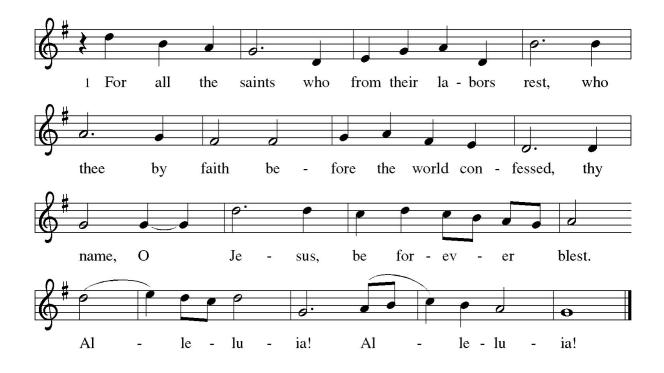
CHURCH CHALLENGE

This week the kids learned about baptism, saints, and All Saints Sunday. How often is the word 'saint' in today's service? Let's also take a moment to think of someone who has been a saint to you. In what ways do you want to be like them? How will you do what they do/did?

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints

ELW 422



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!

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!

GREETING

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

MANY: And also with you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: When we are honest with ourselves we know our lives contain elements of messiness, brokenness, suffering, and confusion. There are specific events where we have been hurt and where we have hurt others, by actions we have done and left undone. We feel guilt and shame. There are times when we don't feel called and there are times when we don't feel equipped for our callings in family, community, congregation, work, and school.

Let us pause to open our hearts and lay our messy stories before God.

Silence for reflection...

We are not climbing a spiritual ladder. We don't continually improve until we are so spiritual we no longer need God. We die in our sin and are made new. The movement in our relationship to God is always from God to us. God is always coming nearer to us. God loves you, cares for you, and is always with you. We are claimed by God's grace alone and called to lives of service for the well-being of our neighbor and the world God loves.

MANY: AMEN!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Refrain, Verse 3, refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and service, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for all your beloved. In your name we pray,

MANY: AMEN

WORD

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:15-27

People were bringing even infants to him that Jesus might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

A certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother." He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life. **MANY: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice in God's Saints

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

ELW 418 tune: ELW 825

 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

 Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood: our world is their parish, their purpose is God. 3) Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own: they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares: what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God. I believe in God, the Father almighty, MANY: 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 Jesus rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 THE PEOPLE & REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ELW 814 ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Silence





ONE: Merciful God, you love us more than we can ever understand and you accept us as we are. Teach us to respond to your love by loving others. Bring us closer to you and nurture our relationships. Where there is conflict and sorrow, bring reconciliation and joy. Lord, we ask you, **MANY:** *(sung, as above)*

ONE: God of Justice, we ask you for leadership and guidance. As our nation moves to elect leaders, may the results echo Jesus' mission, "to bring good news to the poor." Send us out to be the hands and feet of your gospel. Make us instruments of your peace and justice as we go about our daily lives. Lord, we ask you, **MANY:** (*sung, as above*)

ONE: Holy One, help us remember that we have been claimed! Through the waters of baptism you have called us to participate in your holy work and ministry on earth. Grant us the eyes to see and the faith to follow the path set before us. **MANY:** (*sung, as above*)

ONE: On this All Saints Sunday we name before you those saints dear to Peace Lutheran who have died this past year. We remember these sisters and brothers with joy and thanksgiving and look forward to the day when we will join them in your eternal home, embraced in your care.

Eddy Johnson	January 18, 2020
Don Reschke	February 11, 2020
Lloyd Mueller	March 24, 2020
Pat Mielke	April 10, 2020
Luther Forde	May 18, 2020
Evonne Carlson	July 2, 2020
Jeanette Reschke	July 13, 2020

Joe Akers	
Jack Bacon, Sr.	
Val Bacon	
Lyle Colligan	
Harry Dahl	
Elaine Dahl	
Stephanie Joy Coltve	t
Erdmann	
George Floyd	
Irene Groen	
Trisha Haapoja	
Clair Gilbertson	
Burnell Johnson	
Ruby Johnson	
Jeff Johnson	

MaryAnn McDonnell Sue Mitchner Art Nelson Rosabelle Nelson Harold Noren Ron Noren Viola Noren Mike Paider Laurie Rusten Mary Rusten Paul Rusten Susan Sullivan Fred Urness Mae Urness Chris Yarger

ONE: God, we ask you to keep watch over these loved ones in your heavenly care. We come before you now in prayer, remembering those who have passed on but are still close to our hearts.

You are invited to light a candle in remembrance of family and friends who have died.

ONE: We thank you God, for these your servants. Help us to honor their memory with lives of grace and compassion. Help us to walk in their footsteps of faith and hope, remembering that we are all sinners and saints. Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **MANY: AMEN**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all. MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING

Death Be Never Last

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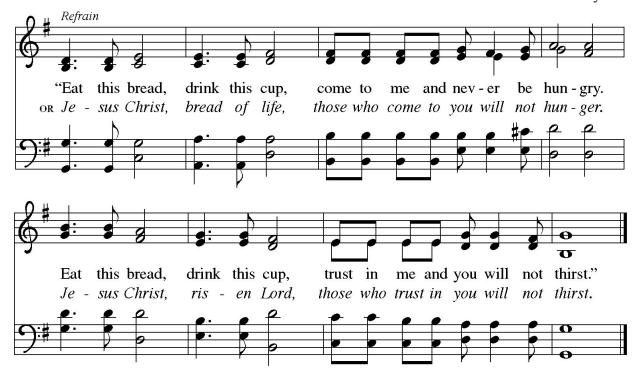
PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, **MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,** your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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ELW 472, France Taizé Community



COMMUNION BLESSING

ONE: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

MANY: AMEN

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Kjell- ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN



DISMISSAL ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord. MANY: Thanks be to God!

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