



November 7, 2021
 All Saints Sunday
 Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
God Speaks to Elijah

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Den store hvide Flok

arr. John Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VETERANS' DAY PRAYER

ONE: Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our SAVIOR and Lord. AMEN

+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...

ONE: We are not climbing a spiritual ladder.

MANY: 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.

ONE: 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!

Refrain, verse 3, refrain

MANY (refrain):

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
 For if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses / Estrofas

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from
 pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est
 ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -
 me, I am blind with - out thy Light to
 hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to
 press. I am put - ting all my trust in
 see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant
 see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

D.C.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray. Powerful God,

Although you can make your presence known in a mighty wind, or an earthquake, or a fire, you often speak to us in the sound of sheer silence. Help us to *hear*.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-13

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets of Baal with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Elijah was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his robe and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

verse 1: CHOIR

verses 2-4: ALL



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way; as the Light of light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, comes, the pow'rs of hell to
 as with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



scend - ing comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

BLESSING OF QUILT MINISTRY

APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

**MANY: 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 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

MANY:

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

ONE: Graceful God, you move toward the entire human family in love. Empower us to move beyond bias and prejudice to love like Jesus. Where there is racism and conflict, bring reconciliation and joy. Lord, we ask you,

MANY: (*sung, as above*)

ONE: Just God, we come to you, asking for leadership and guidance. Bless leaders around the world and in our nation that their actions would 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 live out our faith in our daily lives. Lord, we ask you,

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.

Dean Kleinschmidt	May 1, 2021
Ed Lovitt	November 2, 2020
Vern Miller	October 10, 2021
Jack Olson	April 5, 2021
Muril Pederson	October 27, 2020

Jack & Val Bacon	Ted & Margaret Larson
Dorothy Beck	Marilyn Miller
Harry & Elaine Dahl	Angeline Nelson
John Dzrazil	John Nelson
Steph Coltvvet Erdmann	Aunt Betty Nokleby
Clair & Berma Gilbertson	Ozzie, Anita & Gayle Stern
Burnell Johnson	Leon Strand
Craig Johnson	
Jeffrey Johnson	
John Kuzma	

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.

*The congregation is invited come forward and light a candle
in remembrance of family and friends who have died.*

ONE: We thank you God, for these your servants. May we cherish our memories of them through 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

Kjell- 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

Softly and Tenderly

arr. David Cherwien

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Let us pray. Saving Lord, help us remember that life is a gift! Everything we are, everything we can see, smell, taste, touch, and hear is given to us by a God who loves us.

MANY: Accept these offerings we bring before you. Teach us to be good stewards of the blessings in our lives, serving and honoring our neighbors. Let our work and our play be acceptable in your sight. In your name we pray. AMEN

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them to the Lord.

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

MANY: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG

For All the Saints

ELW 422

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3) Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude V

Charles V. Stanford

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ELW 490 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Text from the Liturgy of St. James, French folk tune PICARDY.

ELW 814 Take, Oh Take Me As I Am

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ELW 422 For All the Saints

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Serving today:

Preacher

Organist & Pianist

Lector

Musicians

Zoom & Livestream Coordinators

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

Anne Phillips

Jeannette Colligan

Adult Choir

Stefanie Fiser Kleven, Steve Johnson, Scott Rusten,
Bob Samuelson & Jason Tofteland



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

TODAY

9AM Worship

All Saints Sunday

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Today is All Saints Sunday and we will commemorate the lives of our congregation members who have died in the last year along with other beloved family and friends.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

The last group of quilts made by the Peace Quilters are draped over the chairs in the Sanctuary today. Join us as these quilts and those who have created them are blessed during worship.

VOCATION BIBLE STUDY You can still join!

Love is lived out in many ways, but listening to someone's story and sharing our story is one of the key ways we "put on love." This year's Vocation small group Bible study and worship series will focus on Peace's mission to care, connect, and celebrate. Small groups meet in-person after Sunday worship and on Wednesday nights after dinner.

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. All are invited, you do not need to be a member of a committee to attend.

PEACEFUL NIGHTS

Peaceful Nights programming and dinner will be on the normal schedule this week. The dinner menu for November 10th will be pulled pork sandwiches.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE FELLOWSHIP

Join us for worship on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and live-streamed. As in years past, we invite all to stay after worship for fellowship and pie! Go to peaceofplymouth.org and click on "SIGN UP" to sign up to bring a pie.

GENEROSITY 2022 - PLEDGING is a powerful way to say, "Thank You" to God, and an important faith practice. You are invited to pledge via a paper card or you can email finance@peaceofplymouth.org

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 21

In celebration of music's importance in the church, Peace participates in "LSM Sunday" on November 21. LSM stands for Lutheran Summer Music, which is a four-week immersive summer camp for high school students. While there, choir, band, and orchestral musicians get to play in large and small ensembles, take private lessons and electives, and attend morning and evening prayer services, all while living in a college dorm. It is a fantastic program that is part of the education and training of future (and present!) church musicians.

As part of LSM Sunday, Peace is hosting the string duo "The OK Factor," featuring Olivia Diercks and Karla Colahan, who was a student at LSM when Stef worked there about ten years ago! We are excited to share some of the joy of LSM with the people of Peace! Be sure to join us for this special Sunday of worship.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WANTS YOU!

It's time again to celebrate the birth of Jesus in our annual Christmas Pageant. How would you like to be involved? In person or virtually? As a spectator, actor, musician, or helper? There are many roles to fill and all talents are welcome. Please tell Stefanie Fiser Kleven what you would like to contribute by filling out the form (found at the Welcome Desk) and returning it to her by Wednesday, November 3. This year's pageant is on Sunday, December 12, during worship at 9:00am; all the rehearsal dates can be seen here as well.

IOCP FUNDRAISER

The IOCP Sleep Out is the community's annual eight-week series of events and experiences to raise awareness and \$3 million to prevent homelessness and create opportunities for everyone in our community to stabilize, strengthen and thrive.

The Sleep Out is how our community has celebrated and tapped into the power of collective compassion.

Gifts received by Nov. 18 will be matched up to \$200,000. **Are you ready to make a difference? Go to iocp.org/donations to help support the campaign**