

Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Churches

Faithful Through Generations

November 7, 2021



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.

PRELUDE

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS *(Bulletin Insert)*

OPENING HYMN

"For All Your Saints, O Lord"

ELW#427

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.**

L: 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.

C: Amen.

GREETING & KYRIE

ELW p. 98

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen, amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is The Feast”

ELW p.101

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. *Refrain***

**2. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain***

**3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
*Alleluia. Refrain***

L: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

THE FIRST READING (*Bulletin Insert*)

Isaiah 25:6-9

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

THE SECOND READING (*Bulletin Insert*)

Revelation 21:1-6a

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.102

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (*Bulletin Insert*)

John 11:32-44

*The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“The Robe is Ready”

Pastor Dan Nordin

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

ELW#686

***THE APOSTLE’S 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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. 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 again 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 CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p.107

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*THE PREFACE

***THE SANCTUS**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.. **Amen.*

BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.*

SENDING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW#881

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

(*Please Stand)