All Saints' Sunday

November 6th, 2022 Stewardship Sunday

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude – "Autumn Leaves," by Nancy Faber

Marilyn Dichsen

Children's Sermon

Call to Worship – "For All the Saints" ELW 422

Lighting of candles as we remember our loved ones who have died or been baptized in the last year.

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 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!

At this time, we light candles and read the names of our beloved saints who have been called by you as Children of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. 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!

At this time, we light candles and read the names of our beloved saints who have died this last year and rest in you.

- 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!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We come to our Almighty God and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

P: God of love,

- C: We give you thanks that by your grace, through the righteousness of Christ you make us all saints. Yet, we also live as sinners, falling short of your glory. May your grace flow to us this day, that it may lift us up when we fall, support us in our struggle, and sustain us with the hope of everlasting life.
- P: Beloved people of God, God's grace does flow to you this day, and by God's grace you are forgiven, renewed, and loved into fullness of life. Live as saints, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15a Reader: Carol Kilver

1Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

Reader: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Song of the Day – "Rise Up O Saints of God" ELW 669

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

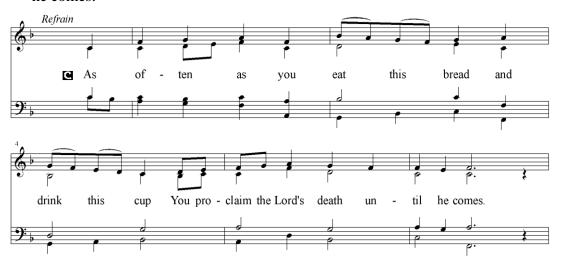
Prayers

Stewardship Time

Sandi Watts, organ

Words of Institution

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



P: On the night of his betrayal, ... This do so you remember me." *Refrain*After supper, ... This do so you remember me." *Refrain*

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.

"Abide with Me" ELW 629

- 1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
 The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3. I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

"Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

- 3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Refrain
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

"Rejoice in God's Saints" ELW 418

- 1 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.
- 2 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!
- 4 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Closing Prayer

For Those Who Walked with Us

By Jan Richardson

For those who walked with us, this is a prayer.

For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.

For those who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving.

For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness and the crevices of memory, in the landscapes of our dreams, this is a benediction.

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song – "Lift High the Cross" ELW 660

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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The altar plants are given today by the Dichsen family on the 12th anniversary of Pastor Adam's father's death

News Updates

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 6, 10:30am: Sunday School

Monday, November 7, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, November 9, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, November 10, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 12, 5:30pm: Progressive Dinner

Sunday, November 13, 10:30am: Sunday School

5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Monday, November 14, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Tuesday, November 15, 6pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in the Library

Wednesday, November 16, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10am: Discipleship Group in the Library

12-1pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in the Library

6pm: Women's Fellowship Night in the Great Room

Thursday, November 17, 6pm: Council Meeting

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

All Saints Sunday November 6

Today, on All Saints Sunday, we remember all the saints of God, specifically recalling members and loved ones of members of our congregation who have died or were baptized in the last year.

Progressive Dinner – November 12

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the first Faith Family Progressive Dinner on Saturday, November 12th at 5:30 pm. Groups of 5-8 will meet at one house for appetizers, move to another house for dinner, and then all groups will meet together back at church for dessert together. This event is for adults, but childcare will be available at church for those who need it. It will be a great way to get to know new people at Faith or spend time with those you know well. Sign up **by Sunday, November 6**th at the coffee sales counter outside of the sanctuary, and please indicate if you're willing to be an appetizer or dinner host.

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10am on WEDNESDAY, November 16, in the Faith Library as we continue our study series about Jesus and nature. This month, we'll explore our relationships with God's creatures. Please join us for some wonderful fellowship and Bible study. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

November 30: "The Extension Chords" (with Jean Welch)

December 7: Tyler Carpenter on Marimba

December 14: Jacksonville High School Madrigals

December 21: Anna & Bethany Ferraro

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5.

We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup. If you would like to pitch in, **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales** or contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com).

Music Rehearsals

Exaltation Ringers meet on Thursdays from 6-6:30 pm, and **Chancel Choir** meets on Thursdays from 6:45-7:30 pm. We would love to have you join us - if you're interested in either of these groups, please contact me at jrwelch53@msn.com or 217/652-7009. The choirs offer so much - not only do they add glorious praise to God during the worship services, but the fellowship between the members is also a gift. Hope you will join us!! *Jean Welch*, Director of Music

Nursery Attendants needed

We would like to start having Nursery Attendants available for our 9:30am Sunday morning services again. Is anyone interested in helping (18 years old and up)? We would ask that you be available by 9:20am in case parents bring their children early, and then you would stay until they come back to pick them up. Please sign up in the binder on the podium by the east doors.

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea: Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container

provided by the display (\$6.50 regular; \$7.50 decaf & flavored; \$3.00 tea; \$2.50 chocolate bars; \$5.50 hot chocolate—milk & dark; **New Item**: \$5.50 coffee pods). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "coffee" designated in the memo area.

Synod Faith Formation and Prayer Group Opportunities

Our synod is offering some new opportunities to grow in your faith and reach out to the unchurched in our communities. Join us in prayer on the first Friday of each month on Zoom as we pray for the people and places engaged in starting new ministries and outreach. Visit www.csis-elca.org for more information.

Jacksonville Symphony Chorale

The Jacksonville Symphony Chorale is holding rehearsals for their Christmas concert on **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the McGaw Fine Arts Building (room 124) on the Illinois College campus. They are blessed to again have the JHS choir joining them under the direction of Stephanie Soltermann! If you would like to sing with the chorale, contact Terri Benz (217-370-2472), or just show up at the rehearsal.

Community Thanksgiving Service Choir

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches invites all singers to participate in the Community Service of Thanksgiving Choir on Sunday, November 13. The choir will be under the direction of Terri Benz and will rehearse on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00pm and on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00am. All rehearsals will be at Centenary United Methodist Church. Feel free to contact Terri with questions at 217-370-2472. The service on November 13 will be held at 2:00pm at Centenary UMC and will include a tribute to veterans and a Thanksgiving meditation.

Eastern Europe Crisis Response -- Ukraine

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. **Give through your congregation**; make check out to Faith with "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" in the memo line.