



All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

WELCOME TO ZION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Jill Sousek ~Piano*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBRANCE

There are many who have walked the journey of faith before us, showing us the way with their lives. **We gather in worship to give thanks for their witness and to remember the newborn saints among us on this All Saints Day.**

As they were called to lives of faithful service, so we are invited each day to respond to God's call saying, "Here I am, send me, send me. **We gather for worship to ask for guidance and courage for our journey of faith.**

With thanksgiving we remember those who have loved and served Christ in the church on earth, and are now at rest from their labors —

† Kathy Bruhn	† Norman Davis	† Easton Gondeck
† Chester Gooding	† Dorothy Hagemann	† Scott Hansen
† Richard Hanson	† Anita Hartman	† Gary Holtz
† Jean Kralozvetz	† Gary Kuhn	† Donna MacDonald
† Marguerite Moesch	† Robert Schroeder	† Steven J. Schultz
† Daniel Strauss	† Thomas Wegner	

For those countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time, **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For those whom we remember best as our teachers, for giving us values and goals. **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who lived with us, loved us, shared our trials and still allowed us to become who we are. **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who were sensitive enough to offer us words of comfort when we were anxious. **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who taught us to love mostly by loving us, expecting nothing in return, **We give thanks, O Lord.**

For the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary, **We give thanks, O Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #422 — *For All the Saints*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

W O R D

FIRST READING — *Micah 3:5-12*

Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry “Peace” when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, “Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us.” Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

SECOND READING — *1 Thessalonians 2:9-13*

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God’s word, which is also at work in you believers.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL — *Matthew 22:1-12*

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE SERMON — *Pastor Scott Ludford*

HYMN #427 — *For All Your Saints, O Lord*

APOSTLES’ CREED

We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 THE CHURCH

... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The petitions conclude... through Jesus Christ, our Savior. / **Amen.**

THE PEACE *Assembly is invited to share God’s peace.
Due to the cold/flu season, we will forgo hand shaking at this time.*

THE OFFERING

COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC — *Jill Sousek ~Piano*

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN #423 — *Shall We Gather at the River*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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