

### A Prayer Upon Enter- ing Church

Gracious  
God, how  
great is Your  
love and  
mercy to-  
ward us mor-  
tals! Not only  
do You do us  
good, send-  
ing us help,  
hearing our  
prayers, hav-  
ing mercy on  
us, and over-  
whelming us  
with many  
blessings  
during our  
life, but You  
have re-  
served even  
more and  
glorious  
treasures in  
heaven for  
us—O God,  
what great  
gifts will be  
ours!

~ J.F. Starck



## The Feast of All Saints

*Omnium Sanctorum*+ November 5, 2023 + 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** "[T]he Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next." So wrote C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity* nearly 70 years ago. It still is true. The hope of glory, the joy of a new creation, resurrected bodies, saints joined in resplendent array, and an undoing of all that is wrong with this old world compels the follower of Jesus Christ here and now. A flagging faith, without zeal and barely flickering in the darkness, needs to be recaptured and enchanted by the world to come, a world that invades the here and now.

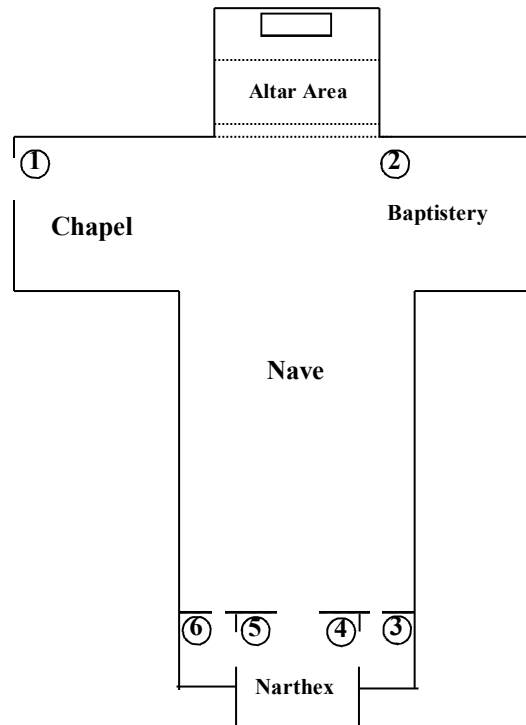
## Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast and the flowers at the altar are sponsored by the Fandrey family in honor and thanksgiving for Adeline Fandrey's 90th birthday. *The Fandrey family invites you to stop downstairs after the service to enjoy a piece of 90th birthday cake for Adeline and to wish her a happy birthday!*
- The sponsor charts for Bulletins for the remainder of 2023 are available for you to sign up. The chart is by the stairs near the northwest entry. Praise be to God that all remaining dates for Radio Broadcasts and Altar Flowers in 2023 have been sponsored! Dates open for sponsorship in 2024 will be available later this year.

## To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





## PRELUDE

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” ... Donald Busarow, Paul Manz,  
and Robert Hobby

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand and turn towards the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” ... LSB #822

## GREETING

P: 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.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



*And now  
arise, O  
LORD God,  
and go to  
Your resting  
place, You  
and the ark of  
Your might.  
Let Your  
priests,  
O LORD God,  
be clothed  
with salva-  
tion, and let  
Your saints  
rejoice in your  
goodness.*

*~ King  
Solomon,  
2 Chronicles  
6:41*

*This is the nature of the saints; they glorify Christ and witness of his reality with their whole life. And it is something that exists as a capacity and a beginning for each of us who believes and grows as faith increases. It will never be so complete a growth that any saint will ever cease also to be a sinner. Therefore there is no clear line of demarcation between saints and ordinary sinners who believe in Jesus...*

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT**

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

...The one condition is that we believe. He who does not believe does not belong to God's holy ones, either in heaven or on earth. One does not become one of the blessed in heaven by dying. That we attain only through true faith in Jesus.

~ Bo Giertz,  
*Preaching from the Whole Bible,*  
 1957 A.D.

*The 149<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of thanks for the blessing that God is gracious and merciful to His people, that they know they have a gracious God, and that they rightly should rejoice. They have this blessing or grace – which is rightly called the forgiveness of sins – that God will not avenge how evil and sinful they are.*

*~ Martin Luther, Summaries of the Psalms, 1531 A.D.*

### **FIRST READING** Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALMODY** Psalm 149

L: Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

C: **Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;\*  
let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!**

L: Let them praise his name with | dancing,\*  
making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!

**C: For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;\***  
**he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.**

L: Let the godly exult in | glory;\*  
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

**C: Let the high praises of God be | in their throats\***  
**and two-edged swords | in their hands,**

L: to execute vengeance on the | nations\*  
and punishments on the | peoples,

**C: to bind their | kings with chains\***  
**and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,**

L: to execute on them the judgment | written!\*

This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the LORD!

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

**EPISTLE** 1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*What we will  
then be, this  
John  
acknowledges  
that he does  
not know. It  
is worth re-  
membering.  
Not even an  
apostle could  
answer all  
questions.  
Christendom  
rests upon  
revelation,  
not upon  
philosophical  
speculations.  
We know  
what God has  
let us know  
in His Word.  
There is a  
limit and be-  
yond that  
limit we must  
answer as  
John: It is not  
yet revealed.*

*~ Bo Giertz,  
New Testa-  
ment Devo-  
tional Com-  
mentary,  
1984 A.D.*

*The hands that hold us are the hands pierced on Calvary. They hold us while the wired-up body lies in intensive care and the machinery keeps some heart-beat going and we wonder whether the person is still there. Whether the body is inert or wrenching, we stand in reverence before what may be passing between that person and the Lord...*

*Please stand.*

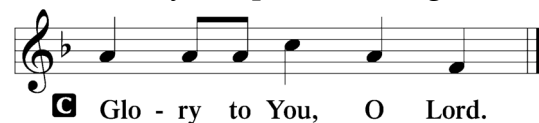
## VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

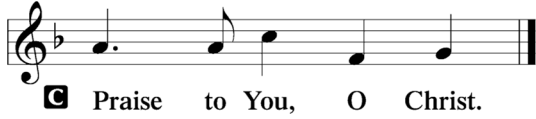


Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,**

*...He knows.  
With our  
prayers we  
draw closer.  
We hope that  
person is in  
the hands of  
the Lamb who  
was slain for  
him, for her,  
for you.*

*~ Norman  
Nagel, Ser-  
mon for All  
Saints'  
Day,  
1981 A.D.*

*This final proposition of the Creed [I look for the resurrection of the dead...] serves as a rule of faith for the way we conduct our lives as Christians. We live as those aware that God's work in the world is not yet finished, that the transformation of humanity itself and of creation is not yet complete, and that each of us and all of us still face judgement and resurrection. Specifically, we know that the body has a future in the new creation...*

**who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"For All the Saints"*

... LSB #677

*Stanza 1: Choir*

*Stanza 2: All*

*Stanza 3: Men Only*

*Stanza 4: All*

*Stanza 5: All*

*Stanza 6: Women Only*

*Stanza 7: All*

*Stanza 8: All*

### **SERMON**

*"To Know, to See, and to Hope in Him"*

### **REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

*(Please refer to page 19 in this bulletin.)*

*After the Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, please kneel.*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

**P:** . . . Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY** "Father Welcomes"

... Robin Mann

*Please stand.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: **we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*...Just as God has honored the human body through creation in the image of God and then through the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus, so God will honor the body through its glorification. This means that Christians must regard the body as a significant instrument for God's work.*

*~ Luke  
Timothy  
Johnson,  
The Creed,  
2003 A.D.*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

### SANCTUS ("Holy")



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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

### ACCLAMATION

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

### AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

### DISTRIBUTION

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tre-*

*It is now God's will that we should be His holy host in the world... This is why He bids us to go to church, to hear the Word, to read the Word, for it is the Word that creates faith. This is not a small minority of special interests. This is completely serious and applies to every family and every man. Do you not know that you are not your own? You have been purchased. You are called and holy. So then live as befits God's own children.*

*~ Bo Giertz,  
Sermon on  
Matthew  
5:13-16,  
1956 A.D.*

**A Prayer  
Before You  
Go**

O my Redeemer,  
You have redeemed me by Your holy blood, with Your innocent suffering and death, from sin and from the power of the devil. Let Your blood avail for me now, that I may stand justified by it before Your judgment seat... Give me Your perfect righteousness. Lead me to everlasting bliss.  
Amen.

~ J.F. Starck

*mendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

- "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" ... LSB #621
- "Jerusalem, O City Fair and High" ... LSB #674
- "Jerusalem the Golden" ... LSB #672

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

... LSB #940

**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

... Jeffrey Blersch

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

<u>Presiding:</u>	The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde
<u>Preaching:</u>	The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson (Pr. Gjerde to Bethany at 10:30 am)
<u>Organist:</u>	Kantor Irene Beethe
<u>Flute:</u>	Jacob Roseman
<u>Choir:</u>	The Zion Sunday School & Confirmation Choir
<u>Vocalists:</u>	Vicky Radunz, Jessica Ray, Cyndi Reuter, Betsy Utecht
<u>Lector:</u>	Jewell Holdorf
<u>Radio:</u>	Paul Fandrey
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Tyler Pagel; Hunter Renken; Nik Strand
<u>Communion:</u>	Rob Kittel; Grace Mueller
<u>Elder:</u>	Keith Watson
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sally Christoffersen; Landis Holdorf, Frank Rodemeier; Tammie Rodemeier
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Bonnie Glasel; Kay Krall

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### **Origins of the Feast of All Saints**

When did the Church start observing the feast of “All Saints”?

Christians had begun choosing days to commemorate the faithful departed by the 300s A.D., suggesting that such festivals probably started much earlier, in the 200s A.D. Both St. Ephrem (d. 373) and St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) mention these festivals in their sermons.

Such days of commemoration developed initially as a result of so many Christians dying from persecution. Remembering the faithful departed flowed naturally from the proclamation that Jesus is risen, and His saints in Him shall rise.

The most popular dates for these commemorations were May 13 and November 1. By 1100 A.D., November 1 was more universally acknowledged. Today, All Saints is typically observed either on November 1 or the Sunday immediately following.

Using a single, universal date for the festival allows the whole company of believers to remember the whole company of the departed faithful, all together. Thus we give visible testimony to the “one, holy catholic and apostolic Church” that endures forever.

The Lutheran Church teaches that commemoration of the saints is good a) to encourage the Church with examples of God’s grace, and b) to give moral examples of duty and good works. Thus the practice continues among us to this very day.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



Today our congregation pauses to give thanks for the memory of the blessed members of our parish family who were summoned by our Lord to Himself from Zion Lutheran Church since last All Saints Day, November 1, 2022. May we too *“be faithful unto death”* and with all those around the throne of Christ, *“receive the crown of everlasting life.”*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Phyllis A. Lillie	July 28, 1931	October 31, 2022 (age 91)
Beverly C. Polley	August 18, 1942	November 13, 2022 (age 80)
Richard M. Dubiel	December 31, 1942	November 23, 2022 (age 79)
Carol L. Knutson	January 10, 1944	November 26, 2022 (age 78)
Arnold “Arnie” F. Luechau	January 22, 1939	December 21, 2022 (age 83)
Shirley A. Kurth	September 1, 1929	December 28, 2022 (age 93)
Delores M. Wendorf	November 21, 1929	February 3, 2023 (age 93)
Elaine E. Mueller	February 25, 1927	February 28, 2023 (age 96)
Madelyn “Maggie” J. Otto	September 5, 1935	March 13, 2023 (age 87)
Jean A. Zahrt	February 23, 1934	April 16, 2023 (age 89)
Earl W. Uecke	October 5, 1923	April 18, 2023 (age 99)
Emil “Bud” C. Machel, Jr.	May 10, 1926	May 1, 2023 (age 96)
James “Jim” A. Lewis	February 28, 1929	June 2, 2023 (age 94)
Pearl R. Ott	September 28, 1940	June 3, 2023 (age 82)
Charlotte M. Kummerow	September 13, 1927	June 21, 2023 (age 95)
LaVerne E. Flagel	July 10, 1927	July 6, 2023 (age 95)
Dolores “Lorrie” E.A. Leck	December 12, 1928	August 12, 2023 (age 94)
Lorence “Larry” H. Parsch, Jr.	October 26, 1938	August 16, 2023 (age 84)
Elaine A. Hoff	April 24, 1931	September 10, 2023 (age 92)

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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