ALL SAINTS’ DAY

The Blessedness of the Saints

AS WE GATHER

On the Feast Day of All Saints’, we pray that we would be numbered among those who rejoice in the blessings of the fuller presence of God in His eternal kingdom. With thankfulness, we recall those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who now rest from their labors. On this special day, we remember the blessed saints of times long past and those of recent times as well. As we think of their blessed state, we also rejoice that we, too, are among the blessed, living out our daily lives as the baptized children of God in this time and place. By God’s grace in Christ, we have a promised place among the saints and can joyfully claim this day as ours!
YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, O God;
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.

CHORUS: So, remember Your people, Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob;
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along. CHORUS

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.

Remember Your people, Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing: Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.
PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SONG

ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN!  Maher

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God, it's all you need.

CHORUS: And all the people said, “amen.” Whoa.
         And all the people said, “amen.”
         Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
         And all the people said, “amen.”

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world, He sent His son to save us all. CHORUS

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. CHORUS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.

Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.
Pastor: “I have heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.’ ‘Blessed indeed’, says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’” In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of your promises...For those of our congregational family who these past twelve months have died in Christ:

Jacob (Bill) Achziger Father of Leonard
Frank Aguilar Husband of Karlene, Father of Estella & Frank Jr., Isabella, Paris & Hope
Georgia Burba Member & Friend
Doris Carlson Mother of Jennifer March
Darlene Schenk Mother-in-law of Lauren Ryan
Joyce Wagner Mother of Ron, Brian, & Matthew

Pastor: For those who have gone before us,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Pastor: For those in our extended congregational family who these past twelve months died in Christ:

Matthew Achziger Grandson of Edna
Larry Backhus Brother of Alan
Lawrence Boeding Sr. Father of Larry
Roger Bly Grandfather of Bri Fort
Mary Crimi Mother of Marie Skinner
Phyllis Dowell Mother of Betsy Gilbertson
Hunter Evans Niece of Shelly Dierking
Rose Finn Mother-in-law of Valorie Flickinger
Kay Ganzel Friend of the Congregation
Don Howell Grandfather of Carter Murray
Jim Jacobs Uncle of Kim Langness
Mitchell James Son of Maureen James
Fred Kirschner Grandfather of Ian
Charlotte Lucero Mother of Ken
Joe Mickey Friend of the Congregation
Irene Nakamura Aunt of Ann Kaneko
Joyce Nakamura-Tanoue Cousin of Ann Kaneko
Marie Nelson Sister of Charlotte Wilkinson
Doug Osborne Brother of Linda Marquez
Keishawn & Malachi Rader Cousins of Robbie Andrus
Tom Richey Father-in-law of Heather Utecht
Ruth Rabohm Grandmother of Kim Langness
Lori Ross Cousin of Denise Lucero
Stacey Branan Taylor Cousin of Deb Shiflet
Ava Tunheim Goddaughter of Brian & Jodi, Cousin of Annaliese & Jonas
FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17
(God is worshiped by multitudes in heaven.)

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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 spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1–3
(We are called God’s children now through His love.)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Congregation, please rise for the Gospel.
Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.
SONG OF THE DAY  

ANCIENT WORDS  

DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

CHORUS:  Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart; O, let the ancient words impart. CHORUS X

O let the ancient words impart.

SERMON  

“The End of Tears”  

Pastor John Larson

Text: Revelation 7:9-17

CREED (The Second Article)  

Text found on page 322 in the front of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor:  The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People:  And also with you.

OFFERING  

SOUND OF THE SAINTS  

Audio Adrenaline
Youth Band Only
The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.

**PREFACE**

Pastor:  The Lord be with you.  
People:  And also with you.  
Pastor:  Lift up your hearts.  
People:  We lift them to the Lord.  
Pastor:  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People:  It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

*Colossians 3:1*

*Psalm 136*
Pastor: 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 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 it, in remembrance of Me.”

**LORD’S PRAYER** Matthew 6:9–13 Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)** Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

**CHORUS**

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures. **CHORUS X2**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.
O COME TO THE ALTAR

Chris Brown

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

CHORUS: O come to the altar  The Father’s arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there’s no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling  CHORUS X2

Oh what a Savior Isn’t he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Oh what a Savior Isn’t he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen  CHORUS X2

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you’ve found

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

Psalm 27:13; 28:8–9; 37:28; 116:5, 15

Pastor:  God cares about His people and calls them as His saints in every
generation. We thank God for that blessing as we speak words of
encouragement from the psalmist.

People:  For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are
preserved forever.

Pastor:  Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People:  Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Pastor:  I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the
living!

People:  The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His
anointed.

Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and
carry them forever.
BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN

“For All the Saints” LSB 677 Verses 1-3, 8

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT Pastor John Larson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES Michael Zehnder
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST Diana Gaide
YOUTH BAND/AGAPE Ashley Boeding, Brooke Boeding, Larry Boeding, Lilly Brinkman, Kayden Erling, Will Kopriva

ELDER 8:00 Michael Lawrenz
10:30 Scott Luethy
LECTOR 8:00 Mike Reimnitz
10:30 Margo Pasha
ACOLYTE 8:00 Gabe Gutierrez
10:30 Anna Wishon
USHERS 8:00 Clyde Wiggins, Members of the Congregation
10:30 Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation
SERVER 10:30 Margo Pasha
ALTAR GUILD Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault, Gloria Mielke, Laurel Shurtleff
FLOWERS Charlotte Wilkinson in celebration of November birthdays.

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We Remember...

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Edgar & Laura Pointer
Ernest & Tillie Grau
Keith & Theresa Anderson
William & Mae Hermsmeyer
Bill & LaVerda Hitztaler
Don & Jeanne Sharp
Bill & Janie Hitztaler
Bill & Barb Holthaus
Ray & Shirley Shelton
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John Crimi
Anna Kogel
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Mother of David
Sister of Joyce Gallagher
Father of Joyce Gallagher
Parents of Lorine Grau
Parents of Del
Parents of Judy Hermsmeyer
Parents of Norm
Parents of Dave
Parents of Sherry Hitztaler
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Parents of Lori Rolling
Parents of John
Brother of John
Father of Marie Skinner
Parents of Dave
God Parents of Marie Skinner
Cousin of Marie Skinner
Mother of Jodi Tunheim
Children of Clyde & Ruth
Grandson of Clyde & Ruth Wiggins