

Immanuel Lutheran Church

All Saints' Sunday

November 7, 2021

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Christ Triumphant

The Church Triumphant



Saints Received in Baptism

+Blaine Daniel Widmer	+Gehrig Joel Widmer	+Elliot Allan Lang
+Julian Antonio Dennis-Murguia	+Marcus Alan Gutierrez	+Emma Louise Detweiler

Saints Received into Eternal Life

+Rex Booth	+Judy Fallsfeather	+Wilma Scott	+Robert Knerr
+Shirley Bengston	+Doug DeWolf	+Alice Gallerick	+Beverly Hanson
+Frieda Nowland	+Crystal Grange	+Carol Mulcox	+Phil Croft
+Harlan Ranshaw	+DeAnna Newlin	+Linda Cox	+Kathy Venzke
+Del Matheson	+Mary Lynn Helscher	+Larry Cox	+David Carpenter
+Mary Barnett	+Harold Henry	+Rose Simmering	+Dean DeWolf
+Craig Voss	+Margery Krantz	+Roger Frakes	+Kennedy Parkin-Stover
+Deb Quinlin	+Jody Tanner	+Lois Buchholz	+The Reverend Brian Gentz
	+Mark Kendall		

Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Immanuel Lutheran Church is an inclusive congregation extending God's love and grace to all people. There is a welcome place for you here!

***9 a.m. Worship
In Person / Live Stream / Conference Call***

***God's Grace and Peace to YOU through our Lord and Savior
Jesus the Christ!***

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Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.



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.

*All those who are able please stand

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Hear God's love!

C: We hear God's love by proclaiming Jesus' victory over sin and death, for the world and for us, through the sacraments, scripture, preaching, liturgy, and song.

P: Hear God's love!

C: Holy God, open our ears to hear and our hearts to be transformed by our Lord's words and actions of love to and for the world. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as Pastor Howard begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: 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.

P: 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.**

***REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS**

Pastor Howard begins at the Baptismal Font

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. ... We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.



Pastor Howard lights six candles one each for +Blaine, +Gehrig, +Elliot, +Julian, +Marcus, and +Emma.

C: **Let our lights shine before others that we they may see Christ through us as we glorify our Father in heaven.**

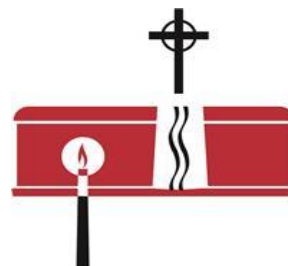
Pastor Howard returns to the chancel.

P: Let us remember all the saints before God. ... Christ says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

C: **and you will find rest for your souls.**

P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

C: **And you will find rest for your souls.**



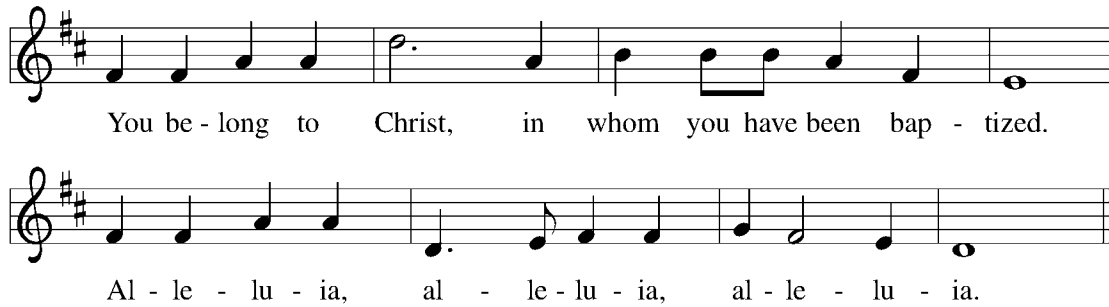
LIGHTING OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Pastor Howard lights a candle in memory of the Saints who have gone to their everlasting life. Remembrance candles, of each worshiper nearest the aisle, will be lit and the flame is passed down the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted but is always held upright when giving light to another.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #212

You Belong to Christ



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*GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints, from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. ... Amen.

CHOIR

Blessed Are the Dead

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book,
Setting 3, page 142



*GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

P: The holy gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Sing with All the Saints in Glory



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
- 3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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***NICENE CREED**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ, we confess our faith:

C: **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 worshiped 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.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.



P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace through the posture of bowing to the Christ in each of us.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



OFFERING

We give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. For those worshipping inside the sanctuary we will receive your offerings in the plates located at the back of the sanctuary. For those who are worshipping online, you are invited to mail your checks to Immanuel, sign up for automatic withdrawal, or give online through our website: luthwash.org

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Holy God, ... your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**
***DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And Also 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 our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy, living, and loving God, ... and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit; let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

P: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints. Eat Christ's Love!

COMMUNION: *We celebrate Holy Communion today; Christ's banquet: a gift of Christ's presence, a gift of forgiveness, gift of life for YOU! You receive the prepacked sealed grape juice with a sealed wafer on top as you entered the sanctuary. When Pastor Howard says, "The body of Christ, given for you." you may open the wafer and eat. When Pastor Howard says, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." You may open the grape juice and drink. You may bless the non-communing members of your family with the words "Name, you are a beloved child of God."*

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Response: Amen.



***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, ... all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



*BENEDICTION

P: Christ has no body

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

But yours, ...

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #422
verses 1, 6 and 7

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; ..
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, ..



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.

King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***DISMISSAL**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. You have heard love.

C: We have heard Christ's love!

P: You have eaten love.

C: We have eaten Christ's love!

P: Filled with Christ's love,

C: we will share Christ's love with our neighbors! Thanks be to God.

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