



Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

All Saints Sunday  
November 3, 2024 – 9:00am

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**OUR MISSION:** We are God forgiven and mission driven.

**OUR VISION:** To be that Lake Mills Place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

**Sunday—9:00am Worship Service**

**Preaching: Pastor Judy Wozniak**

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Reader:** Becky Helgeson

**Sound:** Al Skellenger

**Live Stream:** Brad Evenson

**Acolytes:** Gavin Levorson, Tucker Koch

**Liturgical Choir:**

**Communion Servers:** Dolly Gregor, Gary Heimdal, Becky Helgeson, Gavin Levorson, Tucker Koch

**Worship Coordinator:** Willie Skellenger

**Ushers:** Lyle & Orloue Thomson, Al Sterrenberg

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## INTRODUCTION

*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.*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### BELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(\*\*\*Please stand as you are able.)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

*(\*\*\*Please be seated.)*

## **REMEMBERANCE OF THE SAINTS**

These saints of Salem Lutheran Church who have joined the Church Triumphant, are remembered as the bell tolls the joy of Jesus' triumph over death.

*A bell tolls as names of those who have died in the past year are read.*

*Roger Peterson*

*Violet Kvale*

*Roxanne Rasmussen*

*Dean Ulve*

*Joan Christian*

*Mae Helgeson*

*Adrian Halvorson*

*Eileen Mestnik*

*Wayne Sprecher*

*Barbara Nickson*

*Lloyd Okland*

*Cathy Charlson*

*Dennis Hill*

*Jeffrey Mosby*

*Sylvia Heimdal*

We pray:

Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your saints who have finished their life in faith and now rest from their labors.

**Amen.**

*Water is poured into the baptismal font*

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were born anew to a living Hope.

**By water and the Word we were united to the Church, the community of saints on earth.**

These saints of Salem Lutheran Church, joined the Church through waters of baptism and continue to live in the legacy of those who have gone before us:

*The chime tolls as the names of all who have been baptized in the past year are read.*

*Vivian Mary Bloomingdale*

*Juniper Rosa Gonsalez*

*Cullen John Osheim*

*Sullivan Allen Hengesteg*

*Korbyn Orvil Mosby*

We pray:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising us up to new life. Bless these saints who have been added to your earthly community through the waters of baptism. By the baptism into his death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

**Amen.**

(*\*\*\*Please stand as you are able.*)

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW #423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray* Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(\*\*\*Please be seated.)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

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### WORD

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#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM

Psalm 24

*We will speak today's psalm responsively beginning with the lector.*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein. <sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place? <sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation. <sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-lasting doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-lasting doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

## SECOND READING

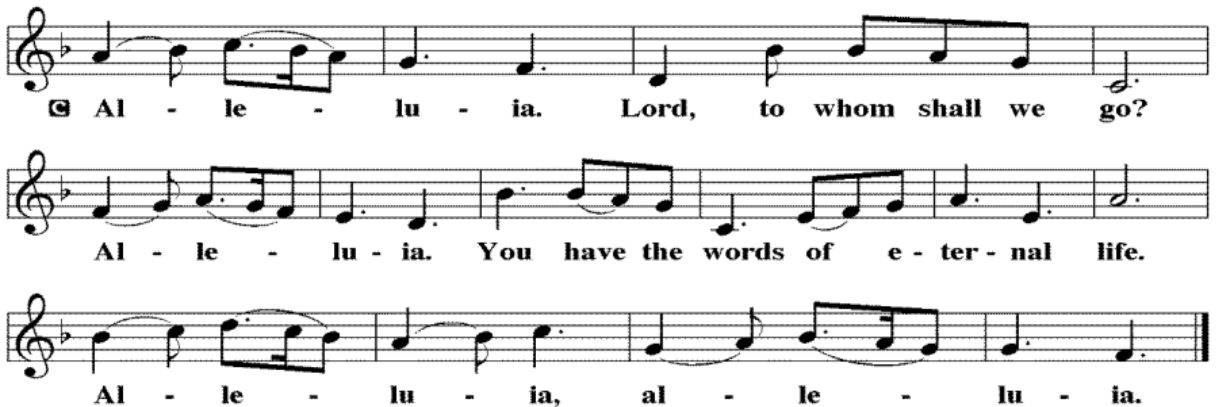
Revelation 21:1-6a

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

(*\*\*\*Please stand as you are able.*)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go* **WOV p.31**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

## GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

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

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the

Jews said, "See how he loved him!"<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(*\*\*\*Please be seated.*)

## SERMON

(*\*\*\*Please stand as you are able.*)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW #628



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 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.**

*(\*\*\*Please be seated.)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources (*local bodies of water may be named*) and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with

wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (*especially*). Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality (*specific ministries may be named*). Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). With (*Martín de Porres and*) all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**PEACE**--The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you.**

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## MEAL

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### OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*(\*\*\*Please be seated.)*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

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.

### **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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*(\*\*\*Please stand as you are able.)*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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### **SENDING**

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### **BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

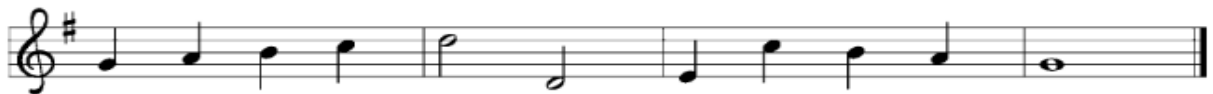


who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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