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**All Saints Sunday**

**November 3, 2024, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN For All the Saints ELW 422**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Jesus We are Gathered ELW 529**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

6 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.  
7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
  the covering that is spread over all nations;  
 8 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.  
9 It will be said on that day,  
“See, 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**

1 The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,  
 the world and those who dwell therein.  
2 **For the Lord has founded it upon the seas**  
 **and established it upon the rivers.**  
3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
 and who may stand in God’s holy place?  
4 **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,**  
 **who do not swear on God’s being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**  
5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord  
 and righteousness from the God of their salvation.  
6 **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,**  
 **of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**  
7 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
 that the King of glory may come in.  
8 **Who is this King of glory?**  
 **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**  
9 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
 that the King of glory may come in.  
10 **Who is this King of glory?**  
 **Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

1 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. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 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 and be their God;  
 4 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.”  
  5 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.” 6 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.**

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**GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

32 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.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”  
38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 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.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 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.” 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 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.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling ELW 608**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**A black and white drawing of a person holding a lamb

Description automatically generatedwho was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and 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 INTERCESSION**

…Merciful God,

**receive our prayer**

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 Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in November*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be the* ***Wood County Elves Program****. We are collecting in November so the money will be available in early December. Funds are especially needed to purchase household items, hygiene products, and fulfill last minute wishes.*

**OFFERING SONG We are an Offering**  **ELW 692**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A book on a table

Description automatically generatedLord 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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,

but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets

to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;

our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant

to preach good news to the afflicted,

to break bread with the outcast and despised,

and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,

we await the day when Jesus shall return

to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,

to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and

martyrs of every age,

that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,

we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**A group of glasses on a table

Description automatically generatedOur 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** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Behold, God is making all things new.

Take your place in the new creation.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned,

the Crucified One, now risen,

the Indwelling One, poured out,

☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Oh, When the Saints ACS 950**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, November 3 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * All Saints Sunday * John 11:32-44; The raising of Lazarus |
| Tuesday, November 5 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, November 6 | 9:00 am | Executive Committee Meeting |
|  | 12:00 pm | Bible Study (discuss Season 4 Episode 8 of “The Chosen”) |
|  | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship  Confirmation Class |
| Thursday, November 7 | 11am-2pm | Purple Angels Lunch and Fellowship |
| Sunday, November 10 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost * Mark 12:38-44; A widow’s generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes |

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SOS shelves are very low and they have been very busy. They are frequently serving 6 - 8 more families and individuals each afternoon they are open. The food list: Mac’n Cheese, Boxed Rice Meals, Canned Pasta Meals, Tuna, Canned Chicken. **Canned Stews, vegetables, and soup are especially needed**. There is a container in the entry for donations.  Thanks for your ongoing support. 

*We are looking for a couple people to become Offering Counters next year.*

*Please reach out the office 715-387-2731 or* [*gslcwi.office@gmail.com*](mailto:gslcwi.office@gmail.com)*.*

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| November 3 | Dave & Kami Weis | Christine  Tipping | Kami Weis  Nancy Leonard | Robin  Beeman | David  Schneider | November:  Dave & Shelly  Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| November 10 | Stuart & Christine Tipping | Richard Kopitzke | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Heidi  Binder | Kami  Weis |
| November 17 | Ed & Ruth Raatz | Andrea  Hovick | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Pam Mundt | May Hill |
| November 24 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Jon Hill | Matt & Margo Berrier | Dan Mundt | Jon Hill |

***The announcement from Green Team***

Thank you to the Green Team members of Tammy

Neumann, Jennifer Rickinger, Dave and Shelly Schneider, Chris Tipping, and Leslie Mader for their efforts this year with the Community Garden plots.  Good Shepherd

sponsored two garden plots which were tended by Green Team members.  The harvests were shared with the Good Shepherd congregation, community groups that use our church, and Soup or Socks food pantry. If anyone else has interest in joining the garden group next year, please speak to a Green Team member or the church office.

Bible Study is returning!

We will have an 8 week Bible study discussing Season 4 of The Chosen. Bible study begins Wednesday,

September 11th at 12:00 pm. The

series is available to stream for free at The Chosen’s [website](https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/season%204) or in The Chosen app.

A group of people standing in a line

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