

## **All Saints Sunday**

#### **Ascension Lutheran Church**

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#### All Saints Sunday November 3, 2024

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

"All My Trials Lord"
Michael Hassell

(Stand) Invocation

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

C: Amen.

#### Commemoration of The Faithful Departed

P: Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful departed are in joy and blessing, we give you hearty thanks for your lovingkindness to all your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and especially for those who once graced our fellowship and have been received into your presence this year past:

> Robin Sands January 7, 2024 Samuel Malachi March 15, 2024 Agnes Brown May 22, 2024 Abidemi Ojurongbe September 27, 2024

And those whom we name in our hearts.

P: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12: 1-2

C: Amen.

*Hymn* ELW 424

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" Text © Oxford University Press

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
 Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
 Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
 Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs,
 Arch angels, virtues, angel choirs:
 "Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye matriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia!

# **Salutation and Prayer of the Day** P: The Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, cleanse us by the power of Your redeeming blood that in purity and peace we may worship and adore Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### (Sit) The First Lesson

Revelation 7.9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood 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>singing, "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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### The Second Lesson

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### (Stand) Verse For All Saints



#### The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

R: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory 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>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."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit) **Sermon** 

"The Flow-Through Principle!"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

# (Stand) **Hymn Of The Day** ELW 427

"For All Your Saints, O Lord"
Text: Richard Mant; Tune: William H. Walter

- For all your saints, O Lord,
   Who strove in you to live,
   Who followed you, obeyed, adored,
   Our grateful hymn receive.
- For all your saints, O Lord,
   Who strove in you to die,
   Who counted you're their great reward,
   Accept our thankful cry.
- 3. They all in life and death,
  With you, their Lord, in view,
  Learned from your Holy Spirit it's breath
  To suffer and to do.
- 4. For this, your name we bless
  And humbly pray anew
  That we like them in holiness
  May live and die in you.

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty

Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.



#### (Kneel/sit) **Prayers**



A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(after each portion of the prayers.)

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude.)

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.

(Stand) **Sharing of the Peace** P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All may greet one another with a sign of peace.

"Peace be with you"..."God bless you"...."God loves you"....

(Sit) The Gathering of Gifts

Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshiping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

(Stand) **Presentation of Gifts** ELW685, v.1,4,6.

"Take My Life"

- 1. Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2. Take my silver and my gold,
  Not a mite would I with-hold;
  Take my intellect, and use
  Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
- 3. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

#### Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

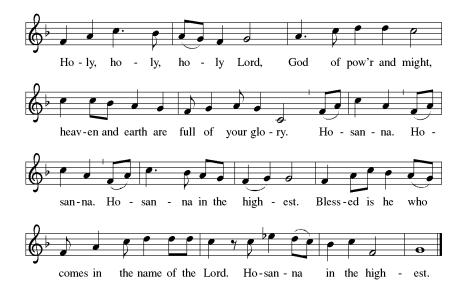
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. 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. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he returns.

#### C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us
from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

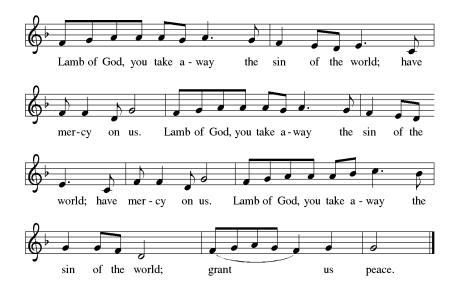
#### Communion Distribution

Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized adults who share this belief with us are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Children who are members of other congregations who have been baptized and take communion at their church are welcome to commune with us. Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Those communing may receive the wafer in their hand and you may receive the wine by individual cup. The ushers will direct you to communion.



# (Sit) *Communion Hymns* "Lamb of God"



"Shall We Gather At The River" ELW 423

CCLI Song # 93731

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angels feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Refrain

- 3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Refrain
- 4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with melody of peace. Refrain

"In Our Day of Thanksgiving" Text: William Henry Draper, 1855-1933

1. In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer for the saints who before us received the reward; when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed, but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

- 2. In the morning of life, and at noon, and at evening, they were gathered to heav'n from our worship below; but not till God's love, at the font and the altar, had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.
- 3. These stones that have echoed their praises are holy, and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod; yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims, and still they were seeking the city of God.
- 4. Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them, whose journey is ended, whose perils are past; they believed in the light; and its glory is round them, where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.

#### (Stand) Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

#### Post Communion Canticle

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Post Communion Prayer

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: 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.

C: Amen.

### Recessional Hymn

ELW422 Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

"For All The Saints"

- 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, All who by faith before the world confessed, Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2. You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; You, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight; You, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!
- 3. Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
  Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
  And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia!

  Alleluia!
- 4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one within your great design. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 5. And when strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again and arms are strong Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6. The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **Sending**

A: Go in peace to serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"For All the Saints" Sine Nomine Arr. Phil Lehenbauer

#### SERVING US IN WORSHIP

PastorJon DiefenthalerAssistantMorris Hymes, Jr.

MusicianBen HarrisReaderDianne Yohe

**Greeters** Barbara & David Thom

Altar Guild Wells Family, Ernestine Bivins,

Vivian Licorish, Dianne McGill

**Ushers** Dan Fulford, Jr., Carl Wilhoit, Darrell Dockery

**Counters** Vivian Licorish, Morris Hymes, Jr.

#### Adult Bible Study Schedule -Esther

October 20- Video session 1- in choir room November 3- A Contest for a Queen (day 1 and 2) Aggie Brown Jones leader

November 17- Preparing for a King...

December 1-An Unsung Hero December 15- Video session 2

(The other lesson titles will be determined based upon our

progress.)

January 12,26

February 16

March 2,16

April 13

May 4,18

June 1,15

#### Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study will begin again on September 1 and will be meeting in the music room following service.

We will be studying the book of Esther. If you are awaiting a miracle that has not come, feel inadequate, threatened, or pushed into overpowering situations, this is the study for you. We will explore the history of the Persian empire, the diaspora, and the plight of Israel during this period. We will look at other scriptures in both the old and new testaments that support and expand our understanding of Esther's story. We will learn how Esther's story has contemporary applications for our lives today. To include the most people possible, we will be meeting on Sundays when choir is not in rehearsal.

Meet Your Confirmation Students.

Malia Best and Michael Pineda have begun their confirmation studies. As you may know, this is a time of study and growth leading to the affirmation of faith. For Malia, this journey will also include her First Communion. Please surround Michael and Malia in your prayers as they prepare and study during these months. When you see them at church, invite them to share what they liked about worship or what they learned in the Scripture readings and message. Ask them if there is anything in their lives for which you can be praying. We are the family of faith that God has given them, let's support them.

Malia Best will be a sophomore at DuVal. High School. She enjoys writing and science. Her dream is to become a pediatrician. She looks forward to spending more time in the Scriptures and in worship.

Michael Pineda will be a sophomore at Flowers High School. He enjoys playing the drums, soccer and video games. He dreams of becoming a pro-football (soccer) player. He will be working with his dad this summer. Michael looks forward to learning more about the faith.

Sally J Hiller, Deaconess



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Prayer List

*In order to keep the prayer list current the Board of Elders will edit the* list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Marj Nilsson @301-442-6253

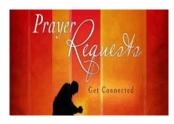
marjorienilsson@hotmail.com.

#### Sunday (a)6

To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday (a) 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601 Sunday (a) 6 Enter this code: 773-431-475 #

For further information, call Alice Gaither at (301) 459-4194!



#### Ascension Lutheran Church Prayer Request

Please put your prayer requests in the Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.

Ginny Raft, former Ascension teacher, missionary and Daughter of former members Ruth and Russell Ford.

Jannie Goldston and family, upon the recent passing of her brother Dewitt L. Moore, from Upper Marlboro, MD.

The Family of Rose C. Cherry (Peace Lutheran Church) upon her recent passing.

The Ojurongbe /Osho Family, upon the recent passing of Abidemi "Demi" Ojurongbe

Ernestine Hayes, Prayers for healing.

Jannie Goldston, prayers for healing.

Mary Tipton and family, upon the recent passing of her brother John Tipton

Bonnie Garrett, Sister-In-Law, of Rob Garrett, prayers for healing

Jenny DeMaio, Prayers for healing.

Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Lewis Powell, Prayers for healing

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Lois Fulford, Prayers for continued healing.

Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.

Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

#### Ascension Shut-Ins:

John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming; Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.

# scension Weekly

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#### **Information & Notices**

Nov. 3, 2024

#### **Services**

#### **Divine Worship**

Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Communion is celebrated in most services.

#### **Holy Baptism**

Arrangements for Baptism can be made with the Church Office.

#### Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension members are arranged with the Church Office

#### **Please Note**

Adult Bible Study: Bible study meets on Sundays after worship, at 10:30 am.

#### Staff:

Gwen Neal Office Mgr. Ben Harris Parish Musician

Office open Mon-Fri., 8-4:30 Closed Holidays.

Please allow us to share Church News with you via email. Send your email address to the Church Office at ascenluth@aol.com.

#### Sunday, November 3,

**All Saints Sunday** 

Worship 9:00 am

Bible Study

6:00 pm Sunday @ 6

#### Sunday, November 10, Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 am Worship

6:00 pm Sunday @ 6

#### **Altar Flowers Presented By**



Please Note that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.

# Ascension Lutheran Church: Becoming Caring Servants who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse people

#### **Call Committee Prayer Vigil:**

Our designated prayer time for the Call process is 7 pm. Please remember to set some kind of an alarm for this time daily for the remainder of the call process. I know many of us are already praying, so let's have this one time daily when we do it all together.

For the Call Committee and Pastoral Candidates, please pray for...

\*The Lord's Guidance

\*The Lord's Discernment

This is not an exhaustive list so please add any other prayer that comes to mind

Thank you!
Ascension Board of Elders

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



#### Corlette Watson (DaSilva), Zoraida Nelson

William & Marlene Schlichtig Keith & Sarah Wallace Demaurice & Karen Smith



#### SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Nov. 10

Assistant Adam Kampia Musician Ben Harris Message Dawn Doakes

Reader Dianne Yohe
Greeters Dianne McGIll

Altar Guild Cheryl Townsend, Carolyn Plue,

Mary Tipton, Bose Osho

**Ushers** Calvin Lee, Ronnie Townsend, Cris Bonner

**Counters** Andy House, Adam Kampia, Dwight Mitchell