

LARGE PRINT

Worship Celebration

Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023 + 9 AM

LIVING

is Christ

AND DYING

is gain.

PHILIPPIANS 1.21 (NRVSUE)

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*, BWV 642 J. S. Bach

+ Call to Worship

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.
With hearts and hands and voices,
let us praise the Lord.

+ Hymn *For All the Saints* (vs 1-2,4,6) UMH 711

Celebrating God's Saints

Let us give thanks for these siblings in Christ
who now rest from the labors in God's love:

<i>Stephanie Aten</i>	<i>June Demmerle</i>	<i>Richard Segrist</i>
<i>Joann Boggs</i>	<i>Jack Irey</i>	<i>Allan Swanson</i>
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*And all these others whom we have known and loved
and now name in our hearts before you....*

Almighty God, we give you thanks
for these your servants and saints whom we remember today.
Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ.
Bring us, with them, to those things no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
which you have prepared for all whom you love.

***Give us faith to look beyond sight,
to feel beyond touch, to listen beyond hearing,
and knowing that we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
enable us then to run with perseverance the course
that is set before us,
looking to Jesu, the author and finisher of our faith.***

In the mystery of your love, in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit,
we are one with all your saints.

***Bring us at last to your eternal peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson - Revelations 7.9 -17 (NRSVUE)

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ 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.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson - Philippians 1.18e-26, Romans 12.15(NRSVUE)

¹⁸ Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my salvation. ²⁰ It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way but that by my speaking with all boldness Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

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Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Find Us Faithful* Jon Mohr, arr. Tom Fettke

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty (almighty God),

Creator of heaven and earth:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you—

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Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* UMH 545

Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* UMH 614

Prayer following Communion

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.*

*Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn *Forward Through the Ages* UMH 555

+ Benediction

Postlude *March of the Saints* Josh Kraybill

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

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Morning Prayer:

Thank you, Lord,
for waking me up this morning
giving me a new start
and another day to live for you.
The light of day reminds me
of the overwhelming love
you give to us-
such that you even call us
your children.
Let me live this day in gratitude,
showing your love
in all that I say and do;
for the sake of your son Jesus,
in whose name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

God of heavens,
I cannot count the stars you have
strewn across the sky,
nor can I measure the grace you have
poured out upon me.
Thank you for the gifts of this day, for
they show me your generosity.
Thank you for its challenges,
for in them
I find your wisdom and strength.
Bless all those I have met today,
and forgive me for the ways
in which I have caused harm.
Keep me in your care this night;
and if I do not awaken in the morning,
receive me into the glorious company
of all the saints.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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