GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship on this All Saints Sunday. Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- The flowers by the altar are given in memory of Mary Langford by her family. Thank you!
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning, and a candle, if you wish, to light in remembrance with us for the saints who have gone before us.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

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.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

P: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

C: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

L: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. 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.

C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (414)

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 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

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3 Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on. Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

4 Holy Father, holy Son,

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.**

WORD

FIRST 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. A reading from Revelation, chapter 21:

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

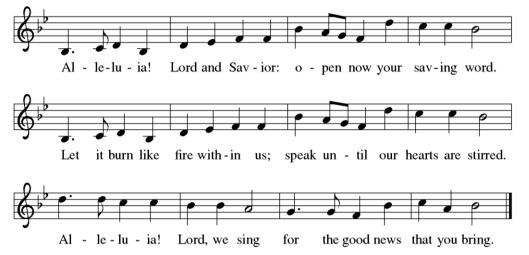
for the first things have passed away."

⁵And 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." ^{6a}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 ACCLAMATION



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.

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

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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

Pastor Heather Wigdahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All the Saints (422 vs. 1,3,5,6)

- For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

day:

the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

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 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 Dale Seppa, Bill Miller, Kandis Miller, Char Ovren, Deb Johnson, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, Ardelle McAlpine and Erica Peterson.* 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. 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. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. 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.**

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

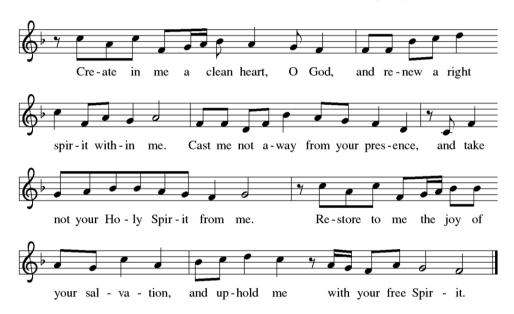
OFFERING

Abide with Me

OSL Choir

OFFERTORY

Create in Me (186)



ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

As we prepare our hearts and minds to come forward to receive holy communion today, we also take this time to reflect, and give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. We remember our ancestors in faith, prophets and priests, ministers and teachers who have taught us the ways of God. We remember renewers and servants of the church who have called us together around the gospel of salvation.

We remember <u>all</u> who have shared their <u>life</u> and <u>faith</u> among us, especially those who have died in this past year. Today we remember...

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Candle is lit as name is read: Elizabeth Moe Reginald Anderson Shelly Clements Orval Gabriel Jr. Janice Page Betty Beguhn Gene Quilling Alan Smith Joan May Pauline Knutson Cindy Paulson Paul Girolamo Bo Gabriel

We remember those who were baptized this past year, the newest of disciples among us, whom God has names and claimed as God's saints in the world. We light candles in their honor now.

God's promises of love surround God's saints, now and forever.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

As we gather around this table, we remember our Lord's invitation,

When 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

We pray together, the prayer Jesus has taught us:

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.

HOLY COMMUNION AND CANDLE LIGHTING IN REMEMBRANCE

All who wish to light a candle in memory and thanksgiving are invited forward.

--The ushers will direct you forward, *first*: to light a candle, and *then* to receive bread and wine or juice. The juice is light in color, and a gluten free option will be available at each station.

-- When lighting your candle, please push it down firmly into the sand; and please fill from the back of the bowl first.

--All are welcome forward: to light a candle in honor of the saints in your life, AND to receive the meal of love and promise our Lord Jesus offers to us.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray, Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. You have blessed us with saints who have gone before us, who have showed us YOUR love through their own. Send us out now, as your saints in the world, to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (632 vs. 1-4)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Sep	September
Income	\$205,510.97	\$28,781.84
Expenses	\$208,927.86	\$26,552.21
Over/short	(\$3,416.89)	\$2,229.63

To support the work and ministry of OSL, select one of the options below:



PRAYER CONCERNS

Dale Seppa (Joel's father); Bill Miller, Kandis Miller, Char Ovren, Deb Johnson, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, Ardelle McAlpine (Donna Lark's sister), Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

IN SYMPATHY

To the family of Bo Gabriel who passed away October 29; memorial service Friday, Nov. 15th at Olson's Funeral Home

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

Gospel of Luke

Join Pr. Sarah in the Conference room on Sunday, November 10th during the education hour for a Bible study on the Gospel according to Luke in preparation for the start of the new church year.

It's not too late to join us. *Life Lessons from Mark* Bible study continues this Wednesday at 6:00pm in the conference room. No preparation needed for the first session—just come!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

The wait is over! A new church directory is in process. We have begun collecting photos with many time slots available to fit your schedule. The email you received lists dates and times available for you to sign up. If you did not receive an email, please contact the church office. Walk-ins are welcome!

FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS 9am—3pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs 11—5pm, Wed

Nov. 3, Sun	All Saints Sunday Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday school, 10:15am Directory photos (10:15-2pm)	
Nov. 5, Tues	Directory photos (4:30-8pm)	
Nov. 6, Wed	Directory photos (4:30-8pm) Adult Bible Study, 5:30pm Confirmation, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm	
Nov. 7, Thurs	AMers' Bible Study, 9am Directory Teammeeting, 2pm	
Nov. 9, Sat	Bridge to Hope Quilt Tour, 9:30am-3:30pm	

Congratulations to Thomas Miller and Mabel Lynch on receiving their very first Bible last Sunday during worship!

Blanket Drive



With the anival of some cooler weather, we are again collecting NEW blankets of any size to help keep our neighbors warm. Blankets will be collected between now and Thanksgiving

and distributed in part with our Thanksgiving meal baskets. Drop blankets off in the designated tote in the Friendship Room.



Thanksgiving Meals & Blanket Drive It's turkey time! Look for the turkey board this Sunday and grab a feather for a needed food item. Bring to OSL the week of November 10-14. In addition we are also collecting new blankets, any size. Drop off all items in the Friendship room.

Cash and carry KWIK Trip car wash cards are available in the Friendship room today. \$36/card.