

GATHERING

PRELUDE For All the Saints – OSL Bells

WELCOME *Keith*

- 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.
- Welcome to our OSL Choir and Bell Choir and thank you for sharing your gifts with us this morning.
- 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 *Keith*

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 Jerusalem, My Happy Home 628

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| <p>1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
 when shall I come to thee?
 When shall my sorrows have an end?
 Thy joys when shall I see?</p> <p>2 O happy harbor of the saints,
 O sweet and pleasant soil!
 In thee no sorrow may be found,
 no grief, no care, no toil.</p> <p>3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks</p> | <p>continually are green;
 there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
 as nowhere else are seen.</p> <p>4 There trees forevermore bear fruit
 and evermore do spring;
 there evermore the angels sit
 and evermore do sing.</p> <p>5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
 God grant that I may see</p> |
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thine endless joy, and of the same

partaker ever be!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY *Sarah*

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

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ. A reading from Ephesians.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**GOSPLE Luke 19:1-10**

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller**HYMN OF THE DAY O God, Our Help in Ages Past 632: 1, 2, 3, 6**

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| 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home: | 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same. |
| 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure. | 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home. |

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Reader*

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the earth and the sea, draw near to those impacted by Hurricane Melissa. Be at work through aid and relief agencies to help communities rebuild. Comfort those who have experienced loss and give them hope for the future. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care (*especially Johnny Foster and Erica Peterson*). Comfort those who mourn, especially the family of Shirley Bengtson. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed especially those who have died in the past year. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Keith*

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS *Keith*

MEAL

OFFERING I Heard the Voice of Jesus – OSL Choir and Bells**OFFERTORY Let All Things Now Living 881 vs.2**

2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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OFFERING PRAYER Sarah

Let us pray,

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE *just title slide Sarah*

We continue our worship today by giving thanks for the lives of the saints in all times and places. We remember our ancestors in faith from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe. We remember prophets and priests, ministers and teachers who taught us the ways of God. We remember the renewers and servants of the church who call us together around the gospel of salvation.

We remember those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. We remember those whose lives ended in violence, those who have been separated from their families. We remember all those who have shared their life and faith among us at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and who have died in this past year. We remember...

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE *new slide with title and names Sarah*

Bovaird Gabriel
James Sperstad
Phlayne Olson
Dorice Nelson
Gilmer Hagen

Richard Ebbinga
Lori Lemke
Marie Aakre
Bennett Krueger
Jerry Hughes

We also remember children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands, wives, and parents whose lives have shaped our own, who now live fully in God's presence and eat at God's banquet

table. Today we come to this communion table to receive a foretaste of the feast they enjoy in full. And we remember that,

*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 Sarah

Let us 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 Sarah

All are invited forward to light a candle in memory and thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, AND to receive the meal of love and grace our Lord offers to us.

-- The ushers will direct you, first: to light a candle, and then to receive the bread and wine or juice

As we light our candles and commune this morning, we hear a gift of special music from our OSL Bell choir.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER Sarah

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

Let us pray,

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION Keith

May the love of God the Creator strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✠

and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN For All the Saints 422:1, 2, 6, 7

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| 1 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! | 6 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! |
| 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought
fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true
light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 7 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! |

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

DISMISSAL Sarah

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Crown Him With Many Crowns – OSL Bells