



All Saints

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 1, 2020



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Festal Song — arr. Stephen P. Folkemer

Jiyoung Lee

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Text: William J. Irons. 1812-1883; Music: William Bradley Roberts, b.1947

*Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.*

WELCOME

Pastor Jim Kruse

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PM: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, know and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PM: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For All the Saints

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!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have
mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: 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: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for 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."

AM: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

AM: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

SERMON

Who Are These, Where Did They Come From?

Pastor Jim Kruse

See if something like this has ever happened to you.

A few years ago I was flying home from visiting my brother in Colorado. I was sitting quietly waiting for the announcement to start boarding the plane when a voice came over the load speaker, “We have overbooked the seating in Coach. If there is anyone who would like to upgrade to First Class for a small fee, please see the agent at the counter.” I had never flown in First Class, and I did not see much of a rush to the counter, so I wandered over to check it out. A few minutes later I was holding a boarding pass for a First-Class flight from Denver to Seattle.

I knew almost immediately that the man sitting in the window seat was accustomed to this more luxurious level of travel. There was something about his clothes and his bags and the way he did not look up from his reading to acknowledge me that let off an aura of familiarity to the setting. But mostly it was just the way he just sort of comfortably settled into his seat that said, “This is my place in the world. You are welcome to your seat, but don’t get used to this station in life.”

It was not until we were well into the flight and had exchanged a few pleasantries that I suddenly realized that this man was someone I should know, a celebrity of some sort. And so I spent the rest of the flight sitting in silence, wracking my brain, trying to figure out who he was. We walked off the plane together and toward the exit, me knowing that he knew that I knew that he was somebody, and him knowing that I did not know who he was. And when I met my wife just outside the security checkpoint doors, I asked her, “Who is that?” And she told me who it was. And I said, “Oh, that’s right. I was sitting next to him on the plane.”

In keeping with the spirit of the moment, I am not going to tell you who it was. That is not really the point. I am only going to ask, “Has something like this ever happened to you? Have you ever been out in public and someone from TV or from local or national fame crossed your path?”

I usually do not recognize famous people out in public. Some people are really good at doing that. They have a kind of radar for celebrities. But I am not one of them. Mostly, I guess, everyone looks pretty much the same to me. I mean, everyone looks different than the next person, but no one looks any more special than anyone else. But I think a part of me wants to believe that each one of us is special enough that, given the right time and circumstances, each one of us would stand out in a crowd. I like to imagine, when I am out and about in the world, that the whole crowd is a crowd of special, unique, famously undiscovered people.

This is what it sounds like to me, on this All Saints Sunday, when the writer of First John writes to the early Christian community, “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. . . . We are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.”

And again in the Revelation of John, when John does not recognize the great multitude of saints gathered in heaven, the Great heavenly Elder has to say to John, “Why, these are they who have gone through the great ordeal and have washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb.”

The saints of God—those who have gone before us and those who will follow behind us, as well as those who live among us, even we ourselves—do not stand out as saints when they walk around in the world. We live our lives as ordinary people, blending in with one another, living the life God has given us to live, accomplishing extraordinary feats of parenting, clerking, teaching, encouraging, dog-walking, three meals-a-day making, and safely transporting. We are the saints of God, clinging to life by the grace of God, being who we are by the powerful imagination of God, and trusting that the promise of life for all time under God’s care, continues even as we leave this world to return to our Maker.

In a few moments, during the prayers, you are going to hear read a list of names. And if you have the bulletin in front of you, you can read them now. It is the custom at Our Savior on All Saints Sunday (as it is in most congregations) to name out loud those who have died during the last year and been honored in our ministry here. As I look over this list, no one stands out as more important or more memorable than any one else. Some of these people I knew, most of them I did not. But you did. Someone did.

Some of them may have sat next to you next to you in the pews here at Our Savior Lutheran every Sunday. A bunch of them may have been on committees and accomplish the work

here. Some of them may have been are sick or frail for a long time, and are only remembered today by a handful of family and friends. All of them, in their own way, are precious Children of God's making: unforgettable, irreplaceable, undeniable, and unrepeatable.

We are who we are, not just because we know God, and love God, and trust in God's love. We are who we are because we knew Barbara and Evelyn and Don and Dee. We are who we are because we knew David and Gustavo and Talton and Louise. We loved them and they loved us. We are who we are because God loved us through them and we loved God by loving them back.

More and more the church of Christ, the gathering of the Saints of God in this world, looks like the descriptions given us this morning by the words of The Revelation of John and the First Letter of John. More and more we come out of a world that does not know us for who we are, "Children of God." We come to this place from busy lives, ordinary lives, doing extraordinary things, blending in with the crowd. We come from nowhere to praise and thank our Lord and God, who became like us in our ordinariness; poor in spirit, mournful, meek, and merciful; pure in heart, hungering for righteousness, praying for peace.

We gather as best we can during this time of isolation and electronic connections, to remember and praise the "way of God": the way that came to life in actions and voices of the prophets of old, the way that lead Jesus into suffering and death on a cross, the way that finds its culmination with the Christ of God reigning over all things. And then we go out, the Saints of God, undercover, infiltrating our homes and schools and work places with this same compassionate love. Once in a while someone will recognize us, a living saint, "that was Marlene, there goes Jerry, did you see Peter?"

But most of the time, the best we can hope for is the question of John, "who are these, robed in white, and where did they come from?" with the knowledge we are what we are, children of God waiting to be revealed.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

Text:; Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958; Music: Swedish folk tune
Interlude / ending "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need", Music: North American Traditional

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

OFFERING

As you consider how your life has been sustained emotionally, physically and financially, during the challenging events of 2020, please take this opportunity to give your gratitude to God through your generous financial support of the ongoing ministries of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

OFFERING PRAYER

PM: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Light.

C: Amen.

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, who was conceived by 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 THE PEOPLE

God of the generations, God of the saints in every time and place.

+ We thank you for your whole church who boldly proclaim the good news of your salvation. Enable us to reach your saints of all tribes and peoples and languages. Send your Spirit among all your children. And inspire all to be peacemakers who work for justice rebuild.

God of all creation, we praise you for the gift of this planet.

+ Sustain us in our efforts to care for your creation, that we might preserve it as a gift for the saints who come after us.

+ We pray for those who are living through the challenges of natural disasters. We are mindful of the powerful storms that have brought destruction to the southeastern states. We hold in our hearts the victims of wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington. Grant safety and endurance to all people as they recover and rebuild.

We pray for our world, nation, and local communities.

+ We pray for those who hunger for the necessities of life. Bless our efforts to support our neighbors and seek provide programs to help them. Helping us to find sustainable solutions to end hunger in our community and around the world.

+ We pray for our local, state, and federal governments as we engage in our election process this week. Encourage us to cast our votes with wisdom and hope. Help those we elect to exercise their office with care for all citizens. And sustain those who are not elected to continue in their calling to public service.

+ Give encouragement and peace to us as we make the necessary adjustments to our lives in the midst of these challenging times. Lift up all parents, children and teacher as they work to balance work, home schooling, and parenting. Grant us strength, patience, wisdom and grace.

+ God of Mercy, open our eyes to our prejudices and empower us to eliminate racism. Help us recognize those in our community who provide community services: medical workers, firefighters, and police. Grant us wisdom, endurance, and safety.

God of compassion, you weep with those who mourn, and you rejoice with those who celebrate.

+ We pray for those who are facing ongoing challenges and health concerns: Mary, Ron, Carol, JD, Marlene, Nancy, Carmen; Doyle and his family, Jeremy, communities across the country, Dave, Guests of the Community Meals Program, Sonja, Nicole, Josee and Jeannie.

+ We continue to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 crisis: grant peace to those who have lost family and friends; provide healing for those who test positive; protect and sustain care providers and chaplains; guide the work to improve testing and work toward a vaccine; sustain those who have lost their jobs and their businesses; and help us to be wise when we go out in public and catch up with friends.

God of all life, we thank and praise you for the faithful witnesses of all your saints.

+ We remember today all the faithful departed who are with the Lord forever, *especially*: [the names of departed saints will be read out]. Help us also to be faithful to you, that we might live out our baptismal promise in the world.

For what and for whom else do the people of God pray this morning?

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

BLESSING

PM: The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

POSTLUDE *When the Saints Go Marching In* — arr. Rebecca Groom Tevelde Jiyoung Lee

Commemorations for the Week

All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639, Tuesday, November 3

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries, Saturday, November 7

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Serving in Worship:

Worship Leader:	Pastor Jim Kruse
Assisting Minister:	Mary Ann Hult
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Readings for Next Sunday: Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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Additional worship resources:

Reading: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Suggested Hymn for Listening: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Prayer is putting our faith into action. We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslcssaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks.

Jerry Nack preparing for upcoming surgery for spinal stenosis. (Kate Gagnon)

Mary healing, wholeness, comfort and a clear sense that God is in control. (Marilyn Carlson)

Ron Gerde healing for recent medical issues. (Brother to Bob Gerde)

Carol Johnson ongoing medical issues, and mourning the recent loss of her husband & her brothers. (Mary Fricke)

JD Golick diagnosed with stage 3 stomach cancer, completed one cycle of chemotherapy. (nephew to Patty Gerde)

Marlene Pickering discernment in medical decisions to alleviate pain. (Mary Fricke)

Nancy Cumming peace as she awaits an opportunity to move into Timber Ridge. (Mary Fricke)

Nancy Anderson comfort and healing. (Cheryl Neeb)

Carmen Saavedra hope with new medication. (Cheryl Neeb)

Washington, Oregon and California Wildfires firefighters and those affected. (Marilyn Carlson)

Doyle Watson his caregiver and their families, all positive for COVID 19. (Marilyn Carlson)

Jeremy healing broken legs after a motorcycle accident. (brother to Diane Murff)

Safety and peace for communities being torn apart during these difficult times. (Karen Hansen)

Dave Carlson continued healing and following kidney transplant surgery.

Guests of the Community Meals Program safety, health and peace of mind. (Connie Fletcher)

Sonja 3 years old undergoing treatment for cancer. (granddaughter of Henrik & Patty Christopherson)

Nicole DeCamp healing and strength. (Ken DeCamp and Cheryl Leiter)

Josee Jordan peace of mind as she faces health challenges. (Dianne Tanner)

Jeannie Lindquist continued healing and strength.

Healing and peace of mind: **Henrik & Patty Christopherson** (Dianne Tanner); **Vern Lindquist**; **Mike Golick** (Patty Gerde); **Marian James**; **Gregory** (nephew of Joanne Suttmeier); **Doug Patur**; **Katie Moeller**; **Margot Inman**; **Ken Acker** (son of Lucy Acker); **Marilyn Carlson**; **Taufik Hidayat**

(Ken Konigsmark); **Don Wilkinson** (husband of Gwynn Wilkinson); **Rebecca Thomas**; **Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson); **Dorothy Soland**; **Randi Strom**; **Jeanne Kuipers**; **John Pass**; **Florence Kinnune**; **Carol Harbolt**; **Sandy Aldworth**; **Jen Winslow**; **Larry Pruitt**.

Undergoing cancer treatment: **Amy Aldworth** (daughter-in-law of Sandy Aldworth) **Les Carlson** (father of Dave Carlson); **Harold Mandt** (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Keith DeCamp** (brother of Ken DeCamp); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl); **Doug McVety** (Helen Nychay); **Al Batt** (Connie Fletcher); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt); **Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Joe Martin** (father of Stacy Smith); **Christy Williams** (Bill Bergsma); **Dana Mancini** (Jan Setterlund); **Greg Petersen** (Wes Collum); **Barry Donker** (Joan Parish); **Germaine Korum** (Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Kathryn Aitcheson** (Gerrie Hendrickson); **Yuko Takiguchi** (Teiko Soland); **Barb** (Janette Singley)

Living with cancer: **Liz Kidd** (Bob Beck); **Duane Jacobson**; **Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Mark Becker** (uncle of Paula Seeger); **Barbara Krogh Jarvis** (sister of Steve Krogh); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis); **Mira Bergsma**

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Talton Johnson** (husband of Carol Johnson); **Jean Stanley** (sister-in-law to Alice Lewis); **Delores "Dee" Bakamus** (Dar Boni); **Marlene Braun** (sister to Cheryl Neeb); **Nikki** (niece to Doug & Dianne Tanner); **Richard "Dick" Birdsall** (Dianne Tanner); **Germaine Korum** (Lyle & Alice Lewis); **Bob Gray** (Doug & Dianne Tanner)

Members and friends serving in the military; fire & police departments, & emergency rooms: **Mike** special ops, unexpectedly called up. (nephew of Dave and Marilyn Carlson)

Global Missions and Missionaries: For peace in Hong Kong. (Global Missions). Congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: **Pepe** at Las Brisas, **Merci** in San Antonio and **Harold** at Las Lomas. **MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School** in Tanzania.

