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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music **“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”** ELW #531
 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” ELW #774

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Song: **“On Eagle’s Wing”** OSB #155

**1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my Rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
not the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near, you it shall not come. Refrain**

**4. For to His angels He's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All may make the sign of the cross ✠ in remembrance of their baptism

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.

(Water is poured into the font as the congregation gives thanks.)

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. You led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the Promised Land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but saints with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

***Greeting**

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.

***Prayer of the Day**

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.

‡GOD’S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever — forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,**

⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

¹⁷I pray 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, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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.

²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation: "Open our eyes, Lord"**

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Luke 6:20-31**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Brett

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

✠WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD✠

***Song of the Day:**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW #697

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**1. I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

**2. Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain***

**3. When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain***

***Profession of Faith: The 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 Church**

ELW #178

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Glory Bound”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

**As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... "now and forever. Amen." The congregation responds by singing the refrain from "In the Singing")

"In the Singing"

ELW #466

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ spreads a table before you.
Gather here with all the saints.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

"I Am the Bread of Life"

ELW #485

1. "I am the Bread of life.

**You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.**

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

2. "The bread that I will give

**is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,**

you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

3. "Unless you eat

**of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,**

you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

4. "I am the resurrection,

I am the life.

**If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain***

5. Yes, Lord, I believe

**that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,**

who have come into the world. *Refrain*

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
‡ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

“The trees of the field”

W&P #138

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the fields
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the fields will clap their hands.
The trees of the fields will clap their hands.
The trees of the fields will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.**

Repeat all

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
Thanks be to God.

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All Saints Sunday: This is the day we remember that because of Jesus' gift to us on the cross, we are all saints, beloved children of God, in the eyes of God; but on this day we also take the time to remember those saints who have died from this congregation since last All Saints Sunday and have now joined the church triumphant:

Nancy Steele, Juanita Gibbs, Reuben Gorr, Steve Kaufman, Alice Braaten, Gloria Gorr and LaDonna Schmidt

We have candles at the front of the Sanctuary for you to light in remembrance of your loved ones. After receiving communion, you are invited (but not required) to pick up and light a small candle from the large candle standing near the candle stands, and then place your small candle in the candle stand preferably from the top row down for safety's sake.

✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Ruth Harris, Randy Schafer** (recovering from stroke), **Cindy Cole** (recovering from surgery—Carolyn Jensen's sister), **Marti Wegelin, Joyce** (severe swelling in feet—Susan Martin's cousin), **Katie Hess** (car accident—Angela Bonow's daughter & Jim & Andi Dorn's granddaughter), **Mel Knoedler** (recovering), **Mary Jane Brown** (stroke—Deb Brown's mother-in-law), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero's father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeff Van Patten, 11/6; Marti Wegelin, 11/6; Judy Keller, 11/9;
Joyce Fulk, 11/11; Marcy Miller, 11/12

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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NOVEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Baking Supplies

BACKPACKS: Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT:

Collection of Thankofferings

The Calvary Quilters make quilts each Tuesday to send to needy countries once a year, via the Lutheran World Relief organization. The CLCW provides the hardworking quilters with a luncheon once or twice a year and contributes to the shipping costs for more than 300 quilts made annually. November has been set aside to collect the Thankofferings from the women and men in our congregation. We ask for you to put your Thankofferings in an envelope and then the offering plates on any November Sunday.



JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (chicken noodle soup/veggies/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

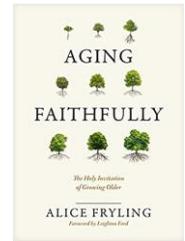
EPIC Today, November 6th

Dinner and a movie! Come join us at 11:30am for a nacho bar, and then we will watch "God's Not Dead" and have a discussion following. Please come and join us all 6th-12th graders!



NEW Sunday Morning Study starting November 6th

You are invited to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM from November 6 - December 4 as we go through "Aging Faithfully" by Alice Fryling. As many at Calvary Lutheran enter later seasons of life, questions of life and faith take on new meaning. Aging faithfully doesn't 'just happen,' but there are wise guides who have modelled the way into this uncharted land. The group will be facilitated by Pastor Brett.



If interested, please sign up on the sheet outside the office so we can make sure to have enough study books.

"Fall Festival" Drive



Calvary Lutheran Church invites you to join in a "Fall Festival" drive supported by the Worship Committee during the month of November.

As the days get colder and the wind picks up, many in our community simply struggle to stay warm and safe. In partnership with CAPWN, you are invited to bring personal hygiene items to worship during the weeks of November 6 - 20. There will be large boxes in the entrance of the sanctuary where you may drop off the following items: socks, stocking caps, gloves, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving razors, shaving cream. Join us in celebrating God's abundant generosity as we seek to bless our neighbors.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This Sunday – November 6

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Ayden Tompkins & Micaela Hess

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – November 13

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Marissa Wright

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Chris Thomas,
Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: DaKota Newsom & Rhyan
Buckley

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday

9 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. – EPIC Movie & Nacho Bar

Daylight Savings Ends

Monday, November 7

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Chris Thomas'
home

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day

NO Women's Study

NO Quilting

Wednesday, November 9

11:30 a.m. – Exec Comm

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, November 12

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, November 13

9 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER 6, 2022
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



We give thanks for all the saints.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Daniel's vision
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:11-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Thursday	Psalms 34:1-10	Honor the Lord
Friday	Philippians 4:10-23	Paul sends thanks and greetings
Saturday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we thank you for the saints who have come before us and those who serve with us through Christ Jesus, who reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Praise the Lord for all the saints, past, present, and future, and for this gift of food that sustains us as your beloved children through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be given a spirit of wisdom as you come to know the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:17)



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NOVEMBER 6, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
When the Poor Ones



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you hear the word, "saint," who or what do you think of and why?
- As a follower of Jesus, you are a saint. How does knowing this impact your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Ephesians 1:11-23.

This is a letter from Paul to the Ephesians. They are people who have heard the gospel and believed. They have been "marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit" (v.13), a reference to the act of baptism that they received. It marks God's pledge to us for a divine inheritance as "God's own people" (v. 14). This is what it means to be saints, people called out and set apart to trust God's promise of eternal hope through Christ. Each year we celebrate All Saints Sunday, a time to recall those loved ones who have died and have been embraced forever in God's promise of eternal life, and received "the riches of his [God's] glorious inheritance among the saints" (v. 18). It is also a time to be reminded that we, too, are saints and God's own people now, people equipped by the power of the Holy Spirit to love all people and all the world through the crucified and risen Christ. It is a message that comforted those who have died in the faith and that comforts us and energizes us today.

Discuss: Who do you remember with thanksgiving for their life of faith in Christ?
Pray: God of our future, we thank you for the hope that is ours and that you have promised to all your saints through Christ our Lord, the one who in love conquered death. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how do you show gratitude for all the saints in your life?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set aside time in your home to light candles in remembrance of Christian friends or family who have died. Light the candles, spend a moment in silence, and then name those saints you are thinking about and tell stories and share memories about them. Before extinguishing the candles, pray: Lord God, we thank you for [names you talked about] and ask that you comfort those who mourn, through our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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