



Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:
Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Dahl
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November 4, 2018

9:15 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* Lois Dahl

CALL TO WORSHIP *Jesus Loves Me* Preschoolers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *For All the Saints* #422
(st. 1-3)

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

On this All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who also showed us the meaning of life in Christ Jesus.

We give thanks for:

~**compassionate teachers of children**

~**benevolent caregivers**

~**singers of God's praises**

~**stewards of our earthly gifts**

~**leaders and wise counselors**

~**thoughtful companions**

~**courageous homemakers**

~**generous and gracious providers**

~**advocates of the world's needy**

We, too, seek to do your will: guide us.

We, too, desire to be your servants: strengthen us.

We, too, long to know you clearly: teach us.

And, in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy. Amen.

HYMN *For All the Saints* #422
(st. 4-7)

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

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Revelation 21:1-6a

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

#174

GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED SAINTS

Pearl Henriksen

Carol Esbjornson

Bonnie Grund

Jerry Tedrow

Sheila Hess

Mitchell Eckhoff

Claude Hughes

Jim Schemmel

REMEMBRANCE OF NEWLY BAPTIZED SAINTS

Kaylee Johnson

Liam Lavoie

Thomas Wetterling

Brezliyn Swanson

Henry Kuipers

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE

Beautiful Savior

#838

(During the singing of the hymn, you are welcome to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved ones.)

RESPONSIVE LITANY

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, **we remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind, and the calm of its stillness, **we remember them.**

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, **we remember them.**

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, **we remember them.**

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, **we remember them.**

In the midpoint of the year, and at its beginning and end, **we remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength, **we remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart, **we remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share, **we remember them.**

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, **as we remember them.**

Gates of Prayer

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

(In gratitude for what God has given us, we offer something of our lives to God and as part of our joyous service to the world.)

NOISY COIN OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

#677

OFFERING

He's Always Been Faithful

Cathedral Choir

THE TABLE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. Children receive a blessing. Please inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer. The cups in the middle of the communion tray are grape juice. Upon returning to your seat, enjoy silent prayer or singing.)

When Peace Like a River

#785

I Love to Tell the Story

#661

Jesus, Remember Me

#616

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

Together we pray: **Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

#536

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Lois Dahl