

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ardmore, Pennsylvania
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All Saints Day

Prelude

Land of Rest

Gerald Near

(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

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.

HYMN # 422

For All the Saints (vs. 1-4)

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
 servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

Reader/ A reading from Revelation.

After 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And 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, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I 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.

For 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.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Jessica Lennick, soprano

Ain't-a That Good News
Spiritual, arr. E. Boatner

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tancredi

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE

(Following each petition, soloist sings refrain: We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.)



+In union with the holy ones of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to God the Most High: **Refrain.**

+With your children baptized this year: Charles Jameson Greenly: **Refrain.**

+With all the sick and homebound: **Refrain.**

+With your servants who have died in the faith during this year:

+With Lynn McCall, Sara Dimitri, Bob Perry and Lorraine Gricevics:
Refrain.

+With Isabel Montgomery, Dorothy Linderman, George Zucker and Olga Watson: **Refrain.**

+With Helen McCloskey, William Henderson, Sr., Derek Lauffer, Betty Lash and Rick Sander: **Refrain.**

+With those who have gone before us and now are at rest...**(Silence)**

*(Worshippers are invited to remember those faithful departed who are dear to them, naming them aloud or in their hearts): **Refrain.***

+In the cross of Christ, O God, we see your gracious rule over all creation. Hear the prayers we offer in hope and bring us with all the saints to everlasting glory. **Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you without leaving your pew.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry which has allowed us to continue giving to organizations like Caring for Friends and Bear Creek Camp. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.



Meal

(If you are joining us live at home, join in communion with your own bread/cracker and wine/grape juice. Place them out now and consume them at the time of distribution. If you are gathered with others, offer the elements to each other with the words “The body of Christ, given for you” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you are physically alone, say the words to yourself as you consume the elements).

DIALOG

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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The celebrant continues...)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The left side will commune first, at the ushers' instruction followed by the right. Please take a prefilled cup from the tray in the aisle. The pastor will place a wafer in your hands. Please consume the elements only once you have returned to your pew. You may put your empty cup in the recycling bin when you exit the sanctuary.

Prayer for those receiving First Communion

Those Receiving First Communion

*Dylan Wesley Curtis
Jayleb Michael D'Antonio
Steven Laurence DeWarf*

*Ella Marie Gill
Wyatt James Schmeiss*

Solo at Communion
Jessica Lennick

Pie Jesu
Gabriel Fauré

(Sung in Latin) Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them rest eternal.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ our Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 422

*For All the Saints (vs. 5-7)
found on pg. 3 of the bulletin*

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)

Arthur Hutchings

Saint Paul's Weekly Calendar

TODAY- Sunday Worship, 10:00 am

- **11/4 Evening Christian Fellowship-** Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm
- **11/5 Women's Christian Fellowship-** Zoom meeting, 1:00 pm
- **11/8 Holy Communion, 10:00 am**
Confirmation meeting- Zoom Meeting, 6:00 pm

Today

The church will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for anyone who would like to pray and light a candle in remembrance of loved ones.

Thrivent Caring for Friends 100 Dinner Challenge

Join our Thrivent Action Team to cook 100 meals for Caring for Friends. Share a recipe and share the meal to meet the 100-meal challenge. Each week we will feature one recipe in the announcements and the challenge meal count. Contact Joy Baxter (joybaxter@gmail.com or 610-789-2408) or Jody Betz (alfabetz@msn.com) to get the Thrivent Card to purchase food.

Share the recipe, pix, and number of meals with Jody Betz and Lisa Lexa. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our local homebound.

Meal Update: 18

This week's recipe: Sweet potato and black bean chili
(copies in the narthex)

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

Save the Date

St. Paul's Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 14, 2021

Thanksgiving plans changed?

Are you interested in:

--a dish-swap at St. Paul's? People could bring pre-portioned dishes to St. Paul's to share, and everyone could take home a little bit of everything.

--Zoom check-ins throughout Thanksgiving day? If you're unable to be in-person with family and friends, we can still check in together digitally.

Please let the office know if you're interested in either idea, as we make plans for how to support our members this holiday!

Caring for Friends

Missing the large family gathering around the table for turkey this year? Instead of sharing your holiday dinner with family, share it with your homebound neighbors. Grab a huge turkey, make big batches of sides, and pack up the leftovers for the CFF freezer. Five tray packs are in the narthex and additional supplies in the shed. Thanks for your kindness and compassion.

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans) and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Dan Joseph, Tom Keyser, Beth Kramer (niece of Barbara Dieter); Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Lisa McCabe, Sister Mercedes (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Irma Payan, Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissingner); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Judi Zucker, Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); and Fin Parker.

(Please notify the church office to add a name to the prayer list.)



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