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November 1, 2020  
All Saint's Day

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

## **Gathering**

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN      *For All the Saints*      (*Vs 1, 3, & 7*) ELW 422** **(Please rise as you are able)**

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!

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

### **WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P      Great Creator, You made us in Your image  
**C      Help us to live into the fulness of Your image in our lives**  
P      Holy Spirit, You reflect Your image in us  
**C      Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves**  
P      Loving Christ, You teach us that Your image is within us  
**C      Keep us to Your ways of love, justice, and faithfulness**  
P      In this time of worship, may we rejoice that You are always present  
**C      You are here, now, forever, with us. Amen.**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C:      Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

P 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **FIRST 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.*

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>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."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

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

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **MESSAGE**

### **ALL SAINT'S REMEMBRANCE**

In Joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us.

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place:

Wayne Smith, Gary E. Dunbar, James Robert Teppo, Gail Stouffer, Donna Callahan

We give thanks for the newly baptized who have been washed in the waters of new life: Avery Dunbar, Emmy Santikko, Brady Santikko.

As we give thanks and remember those who have gone before us, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SONG OF REMEMBERING      Help Us to Be Like Them Lord      Choir**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends with the response:*

P      Lord, in your mercy.

**C      Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## Meal

### OFFERING

#### OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all goodness,

**C generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessing. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

### ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY

P We gather at this table, God's table

**C The table has been set long before we were born**

P There are places for all who have gone before us.

**C We take their hands as we approach to be received**

P You are welcome at this table, Christ's table

**C The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generation**

P We lift up the memory of loved ones we no longer see

**C We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God, for God is present with us**

P This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration

**C This is the table for all the saints of God. Come, for all things are ready.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.**

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Lord Jesus,

**C in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

## Sending

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

P May the God of all creation in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**C Amen.**

### SENDING SONG      **When the Saints Go Marching In**

- 1. Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
oh, when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
when the saints go marching in.**
- 2. Oh, when the new world is revealed,  
oh, when the new world is revealed,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
when the new world is revealed.**
- 3. Oh, when they gather round the throne,  
oh, when they gather round the throne,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
when they gather round the throne.**
- 4. And on that hallelujah day,  
and on that hallelujah day,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
on that hallelujah day.**

### DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence.)*

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod (*especially*). Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year (*here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read*). In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **"CALLED TO WORSHIP, SENT FORTH TO SERVE"**

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# November '20

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 Worship Services available via YouTube Check your email for a link to our YouTube service.	2  7:00 Al-Anon	3 Office Closed  9:00 TOPS	4  9:30 Bible Study	5	6	7
8 Worship Services available via YouTube Check your email for a link to our YouTube service.	9 10:00 WELCA Bible Study  Grief Support 1:00-2:30  7:00 Al-Anon	10 Office Closed  9:00 TOPS	11  9:30 Bible Study	<p><b><u>Pastor Carol's Days</u></b> Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays</p> <p><b><u>Secretary's Hours</u></b> Mon, Wed, Thur. &amp; Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>		

**Next Week's Readings: Amos 5:18-24, Ps 70, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Matt 25:1-13**

We will continue to stay in touch electronically by Email, Facebook and our website ([ironriverlutherans.org](http://ironriverlutherans.org)) We are posting worship services on YouTube and are sending out regular mail for those who do not have electronic connections.  
 Let us continue to keep in touch with one another by phone, text, and emails and continue to lift in prayer all who are being affected by this virus.



Ray Kangas, Dianna Teppo, Lynette Smith, Lorin Wicklund, Rodney Lahti, Jane Jensen, Ken & Linda Watters, Jim DeRosia, Nancy Anderson, Gregg Levine, Darren Forsythe, Todd VanTil, Mark Hokkanen. *Remember those in nursing homes and assisted living who cannot have family, friends or volunteers visit them during this sad time.*

**Grief Support Group, Monday November 9**

This group will be meeting on Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at church in the fellowship hall. All are welcome, no matter what type of grief or feeling of loss you may be experiencing, to come join in the conversation. We are practicing safe distancing and mask wearing. Please share this information with anyone you feel may be suffering loss.

**WELCA Bible Study** Women’s Bible Study will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**Connections with Creation**

Throughout the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus emphasizes that if people want to participate in the reign of God on Earth, right and merciful action is more important than proper doctrine or public demonstrations of prayer and fasting. In compassionately serving others in ways that create justice and equity, God’s people live into God’s saving and healing mission. The eco-justice movement recognizes that environmental health and socioeconomic justice are interrelated. Unjust societies often burden the most economically insecure communities with hazardous waste, polluted air and water, and garbage dumps. These environmental factors contribute to higher rates of asthma, childhood lead poisoning, and other chronic illnesses that negatively impact quality of life. Working for justice means being aware of the connections between how we treat the natural world and how we address economic and racial disparities in our communities.

**Are you leaving for warmer climates?** Please make sure to Evelyn know if you are heading to your winter homes for the season. Evelyn and Pastor Carol cannot stress enough how important it is to have your correct contact information! Please keep us updated.

Thank you!!



**November’s Mission of the Month -  
New Day Advocacy Center  
(formerly the New Day  
Shelter)**

**WHO WE ARE**-Established in January of 1983, New Day Advocacy Center is a safe haven for victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault. We are a non-profit organization, which provides emergency housing and food to victims and their children. Beyond performing crisis intervention and support services. New Day Advocacy Center is an important grassroots effort toward affecting the social change that is necessary to prevent and ultimately reduce family violence and sexual assault in the communities that we serve. We do this by providing an enhanced service provision; Self-Sufficiency Programming, Sexual Assault Intervention Program, Children's Programming, community education, training to professionals, and presentations to age specific (K-12) non-violence curriculum to classrooms in the area schools.

**New Day Advocacy Center is our Mission of the Month. New Day is a place that offers shelter and assistance to those in dire need suffering from domestic abuse. New Day is located in Ashland. To check out more information please go to their website [ndshelter.org](http://ndshelter.org). I want to encourage you to help with this support by adding a contribution to Our Savior's Mission of the Month. This has been harder to do when we are not together and passing around the Noisy Offering buckets. I hope you will keep this month's mission and all of our monthly mission projects going strong with thoughtful donations. This keeps us connected to issues both locally and in the greater church, Northwest Synod of WI and the ELCA. Thank you for your support as we keep this part of our Ministry of Our Savior's active and strong!**  
Pastor Carol

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thursday, November 26, 2020  
Iron River Community Center  
**PICKUP ONLY, 11am to 1pm**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

To Enjoy a  
**FREE**  
Traditional Thanksgiving Meal

Made Possible by the generous support and donations by area churches, individuals, and businesses.

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