



Ascension Lutheran Church

All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1, 2020

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Open the Eyes of My Heart (Paul Baloche)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord **Holy, Holy, Holy (3x)**
Open the eyes of my heart **I want to see you**
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Lord, pour out Your power and love
As we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy"

PRAYER

P: Holy God, we have come to worship you. We come as we are. We come with our fears. We come with our differences. We come in search of sanctuary. We come to hear your Word and eat at your table, so that we may go tell others of your love. Center us now for this time of worship – in faith, in love, and in the promise of your hope for all the world.

C: **Amen.**

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

P: For those who lit our lives with joy.

C: **For those who touched our lives with tenderness.**

P: For those whose loss fills us with longing.

C: **We remember their names and give thanks for their lives.**

P: We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves, looking with acceptance on all that we are, and cherishing us without condition or constraint.

C: **We remember their names and give thanks for their lives.**

P: We celebrate those who have stood alongside us, holding us in the heights of happiness and the depths of despair where words of joy or rescue fall silent.

C: **We remember their names and give thanks for their lives.**

P: We celebrate those who would not let us stand still, edging us gently into the open space of new understanding and exploration.

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P: We celebrate those who have traveled before us, showing us their persistent courage and tenderness – how to live in love, and die in faith and hope.

P: Let us pray...God of all life and of what comes beyond the life we know, we come to you in our need. We come in our brokenness. We come to you with gratitude. We come with loose ends that we have not been able to tie up. We may not know why it is we have come or why you have led us here, but we know that you have promised never to turn us away.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God who loves us all and sends us into the world to love each other invites us to remember all those saints who have stood by our side, holding us in times of joy and sadness, listening to us when we needed an ear, speaking out for us when we needed a voice. In this holy space, we remember their names...

Carl Malchow
Carolyn Inglefield
Vicki Marien

Lee Passolt
Pat Dallmann
Al Dahl

Burton Weymier
Ellie Dollak

P: May we know the slow mystery in which mourning becomes a dance, turning us toward the gladness that wants to meet us in our grief. May comfort come to enfold us, not to take away all sorrow but to infuse it with tenderness, **with rest, with every grace it has. May we give ourselves to the rhythms of joy, even when our steps are stumbling, even when we are most fragile and faltering. May we know the dancing that comes in the dying, moving us in time with the heart that has helped us always, even when we could not hear its beating, even when we could not bear its love. And so we light candles this day to chase the shadows of our grief aside. Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING **Children of the Heavenly Father** (arr. Lorie Line)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING **Lord of All Hopefulness** (v. 1, 3, 4)

ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: **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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

All Saints Day

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

For All the Saints (v. 1, 2, 6)

ELW 422



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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

PRAYERS & MUSIC

God of Wonders (Byrd/Hindalong)

Please sing after each petition: **God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
 The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy
 Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION**We Believe** (Hooper/Fike/Ryan)**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING**Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones** (v. 1, 4)

ELW 424



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - a - phs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**I Know That My Redeemer Lives** (setting by Michael Burkhardt)**FAITH CONNECTION***Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.***Donate Today or Give By Text or Online**

- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

Budget Information Session

Preview the 2021 budget before the Annual Meeting. Sunday, Nov. 1, at 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Worship: Monday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 3, at noon. Attendance is capped at 60. Please sign-up online on our website or call the church office.

Annual Meeting Nov. 8: Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. We will vote on candidates for church council and the 2021 budget. RSVP required. Signup on our website or at <https://tinyurl.com/mtgrsvp2020>

Sunday Worship: RSVP online for Sunday's outdoor worship. <https://tinyurl.com/ALCworshipRSVP>

Mt. Meru Coffee

This special coffee available for sale at the Welcome Tent on Sundays or at church during the week. We have coffee inventory plus are taking orders. Regular/decaf coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$10; Peaberry coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$15.

Harvest Blessings

Thrivent has granted us \$250 in seed money to buy food for the Cross Food Pantry. Please help us match the grant by purchasing food items or making a cash donation during the month of November. See the details in the November newsletter. This project is a way to show our gratitude for all God has given us by sharing with others.

Blessing Bags

Help us help the homeless this winter by making Blessing Bags. Details are in the November newsletter on making a simple bag that can be given to homeless people in our own community. See the sample at the Welcome Center.

Mission Outreach Committee

This group meets via zoom on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, if you would like to help plan mission ministries for 2021.

HOPE Center Dinner and Auction

Denim & Diamonds is being held on Nov. 19 at the Brookfield Conference Center. The evening includes silent auction and cocktails, dinner and live auction. Register online <https://hopecenterwi.org>. There is also a web based virtual link if you cannot attend. This is the primary fund raising event for Hope Center.

Prayers

Submit a prayer request online ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers), by email to Tamie@ascensionelca.org, or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Healing

- For Linda Elder's son-in-law Mike, transplant recipient and possible covid
- For Barb VanVoorhis' mom in a nursing home in Sheboygan as the facility goes on lockdown for covid.
- For Linda Elder's son, hospitalized with a serious infection in his leg
- For Erik Lewis, head injury

Thanksgiving

- For Beth Hoffmann's successful knee replacement

God's Care

- For all affected by the coronavirus: those who have died, who are hospitalized, who are sick and all caregivers and emergency personnel

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