

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

November 3rd, 2024 at 9:30 AM

All Saints Sunday

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(www.faithlutheranreno.org) or find us on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>



*I am making
all things
new*

REVELATION 21:5

Welcome! We are a family of faith, and glad you are here! Congregation responses appear in bold throughout the bulletin. We are in Setting 6 of the ELW Hymnal.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

In Our Worship: All Saints celebrates the people of God, living and dead, the body of Christ. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled and all tears will be wiped away in new creation.

Serving Today 11/03/24: Greeter, Dorothy B / Acolyte, Pesis Family / Reader, Dorothy B / Asst Minister, Sharon S / Cantor, Matthew R. / Ushers, Zach W & Erica W / Altar Guild, Trish D & Eileen W / Tech Support, The FLC Tech Team / Counters, Linda Z & Sigrun C / Coffee after Worship, Communications Team

- GATHERING -

PRELUDE

Barcarolle op. 60 (excerpt)

-Chopin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of mercy, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints , vs. 1, 2, 6, & 7*

ELW #422

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.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

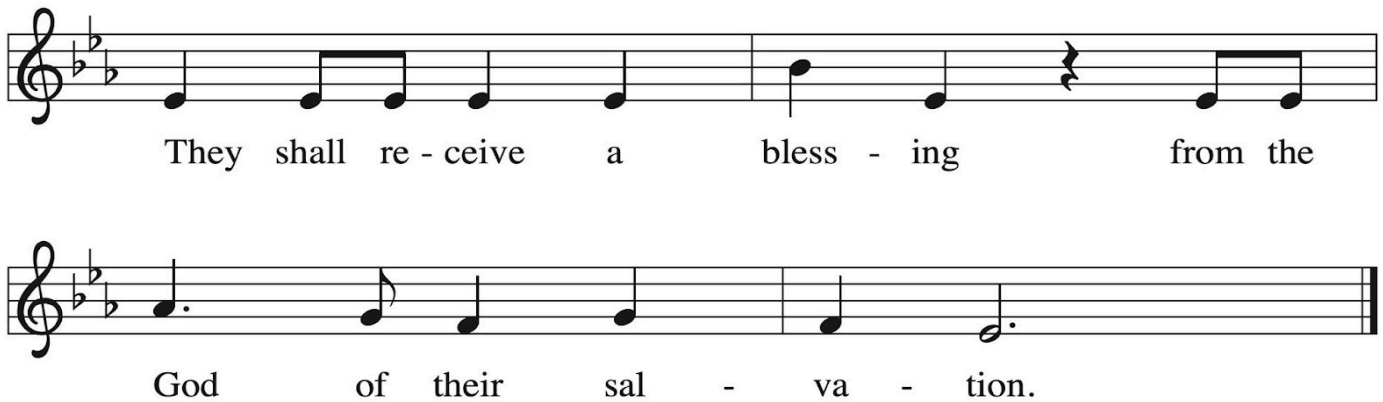
FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24

Refrain



They shall re - ceive a bless - ing from the
 God of their sal - va - tion.

The earth is the LORD'S and all | that is in it
 the world and those who | dwell therein.

**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
 and established it up- | on the rivers. R**

Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
 and who may stand in God's | holy place?

**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
 who do not swear on God's being,
 nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
 and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this | King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this | King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Committed to a Way

Rev. Shaun O'Reilly

ALL SAINTS CANDLE-LIGHTING

As we enter into a time of prayer, we begin with candle-lighting and remembrance. As the music plays you may come and light a candle as a way to acknowledge, and remember, a saint from your life. And that the light of their life still lives with us.

Faith's Saints that have died since last All Saints Day:

Cindy Burroughs Paul Campbell Faith Johnson Pat McDuffie Sharon Walker

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

ELW #426

PEACE

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

- MEAL -

OFFERING**PRESENTATION HYMN***As the Grains of Wheat (refrain)****ELW #465**

*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

OFFERING PRAYER**GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, and SANCTUS**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... ... and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION AND HYMNS

AGNUS DEI (pg. 174)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

We Who Once Were Dead

ELW #495

- 1** We who once were dead now live, fully knowing Jesus as our head. Life is overflowing when he breaks the bread.
- 2** We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us strength to fight; death is all around us. Jesus, be our light.
- 3** He became our bread; Jesus died to save us. On him we are fed, eating what he gave us, rising from the dead.
- 4** Let us share the pain you endured in dying; we shall then remain living; death defying, we shall rise again.
- 5** Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living, made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead.
- 6** This is your design; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you. This shall be our sign.

Let Us Break Bread Together***ELW #471**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**- SENDING -****BLESSING**

You are committed to a way;

Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall,

In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope,

accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving.

The blessing of God Most Wonderful,

whom the saints have trusted as

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

will be with you now and ever more. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN***When the Saints Go Marching In******ACS #950**

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.

3 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.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

4 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**denotes favorite hymn of the congregation*



*Flowers today are given by Jean Carter
in honor of her husband Pat Carter's birthday.*

- Activities at Faith -

- **Thank you!** For all the giving to the Elmcrest Trunk or Treat! Eileen and Judi reported a fun evening, lots of interactions, and invitations to our community too! Special thanks to Judi and Eileen for being our hands and feet of love to the school this October! (Angel tree event for support coming up next!)
- **Sunday Adult Forum** - Off Today, for Fellowship with the Saints. Join us next Sunday to look at Louis Ling's own book project on images of "Blood and Sacrifice in the Scriptures!"
- **Kids' Place** - Today @ 10:50am - 11:50am
- **Saturday Faith Formation Classes** - Began back on Nov 2nd at 1pm. Join in on Saturdays, there are refreshments along with the learning and discussion.

-Shared Harvest in November-

In November we need only **18 cans of Vegetables and 36 cans of Chili.**

Thank you for your generous donations!

Packing is Sunday, Nov 24th, 1pm @ Faith Lutheran.

-FLC recent Giving and Tithes-

Monthly church budget for 2024 is: \$15,530.00

Total giving for **September 2024** is: \$14,363.57*

*General Funds: \$10,300.24 *Dedicated Funds: \$4,063.33

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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Reflections on the Readings for this Day

All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating on a single day all the saints of the church, especially the many unknown martyrs, originated in the fourth century. By the eighth century, the festival commemorating all saints had been moved in England and Ireland to November 1 in order to Christianize the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain, which marked the beginning of winter and communal attention to the dead. In current Christian use, the day is dedicated to thanksgiving for all the unnamed who have died in the Lord. In many assemblies, the names of those who have died over the previous twelve months are read aloud, a practice originally associated with All Souls Day on November 2. The conflation of the two emphases fits with the Protestant belief that the all the Christian dead are saints and none needs release from purgatory. According to guidance from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Leaders Edition* (pp. 12-13), the lesser festival of All Saints would “normally” replace the Sunday (Lectionary 31) proper this year, since All Saints falls on a Sunday in 2015. It is, however, acceptable (and, for some, preferable) instead to maintain the usual Sunday readings—those for Lectionary 31—but to add an emphasis on all saints, for example, by praying both prayers of the day (Lectionary 31 and All Saints) and by reading out the names of the past year’s local dead in a solemn litany of thanksgiving.

[John 11:32-44](#)

Through the story of the raising of Lazarus, we experience Jesus accompanying us in our sorrow, and we believe that in Christ the power of death will be defeated. The synoptic gospels tell of two other resuscitation stories—the daughter of Jairus and the widow’s only son—but true to form, John’s story is most detailed as a proclamation of the power of Christ over death. Christians can trust that the mercy of God will prevail over their own death and that of those they love.

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

The Isaiah passage is chosen for today because its poetry provides another genre to parallel the narrative of the raising of Lazarus: the very shroud of Lazarus is cast off, and also Christ’s tears are wiped away. At holy communion today, we join one another in God’s feast for all the world.

[Revelation 21:1-6a](#)

The Revelation passage offers yet more metaphors for our hope in God’s victory over death. Although we will indeed die, we trust in God’s glorious end after our own end. The imagery stresses communal fulfillment—a new earth, a city, a marriage, a people—rather than an individualist understanding of salvation.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	Nov 2024			
Task	3	10	17	24
Greeter	Dorothy B	Linda Z	Debbie H	Judy C
Acolyte	Pesis'	O'Reillys	Welmerinks	O'Reillys
Reader	Dorothy B	Erica W	Linda Z	Judi H
Asst. Minister	Sharon S	Todd M	Louis L	Erica W
Cantor	Matthew R	Todd M	Louis L	Sharon S
Usher	Zack W & Erica W	Debbie H & Matthew R	Dorothy B & Annette W	Tom L & Lukas B
Altar Guild	Trish D & Eileen W	Betty T & Annette W	Sharon S & Trish D	Annette W & Betty T
Tech Support	The FLC Tech Team!			
Piano/Organ	Heinz Denoyo			
Accompanying Musician	Olivia Knock, Cellist			
Counters	Sigrun C & Linda Z	Linda Z & Mary W	Stan P & Davyann S	Theresa W & Linda Z
Coffee after Worship	Communi- cations Team		Zimmermans	

Thank you for your hearts of service!