

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

**INTRODUCTION**

*Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

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**GATHERING**

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**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"For All the Saints"*

**ELW 422**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P: Before God, our rock and our refuge, let us keep silence, and then confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **you know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P You are all children of the light and of the day; you are God's children now. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. With all the faithful in heaven and on earth, rejoice and be glad!

C **Amen**

**GREETING**

P May the hope to which God has called you, the power of God at work in Christ, and the Spirit of wisdom and revelation be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu-ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty God,

C: 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.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

arr. Mary McDonald

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrow like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control; That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed his own blood for my soul! My sin - O, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," It is well with my soul! It is well, it is well, with my soul!

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*This reading focuses on the future day when the Lord will fully manifest sovereignty over the universe. On that day, the Lord will host a banquet for God's faithful subjects. This banquet symbolizes the establishment of the Lord's dominion on earth. It symbolizes the joy, companionship, and prosperity that will characterize the Lord's reign.*

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.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 24**

*They shall receive a blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)*

The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,\*  
the world and all who | dwell therein.

**<sup>2</sup>For it is he who founded it up- | on the seas\*  
and made it firm upon the rivers | of the deep.**

<sup>3</sup> "Who can ascend the hill | of the LORD\*  
and who can stand in his | holy place?"

**<sup>4</sup>"Those who have clean hands and | a pure heart,\*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what | is a fraud.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive a blessing | from the LORD\*  
and a just reward from the God of | their salvation."

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of | those who seek him,\*  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory | shall come in.

**<sup>8</sup> "Who is this | King of glory?"\***

**"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle."**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory | shall come in.

**<sup>10</sup>"Who is he, this | King of glory?"\***

**"The LORD of hosts, he is the | King of glory."**

#### **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

*In the book of Revelation, John describes his vision of heaven, where the saints of God will live in light and glory. Of all the blessings found there, none will exceed that of simply being with God.*

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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven

from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the eleventh chapter.

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

### **GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

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." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>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." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>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."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME  
THE SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”*

**ELW 426**

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**We believe in one God.**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

A: Gathered together with all the saints, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in any need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of all compassion, you weep with those who mourn, and you rejoice with those who celebrate. Teach us to embrace all others with your love, as you draw all people into your embrace. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of all wisdom, teach us to walk with humility and compassion, that we might bear witness to your redeeming love by all that we say and do. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of all nations, guide the leaders of our nation and all other nations, to work together for peace and the well-being of all your children. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of all hope, we pray for those who are struggling with situations that seem overwhelming and hopeless. Bless and strengthen all your servants, with your presence in the midst of their trials. We pray especially for Velma Pollock and all who are ill. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of all creation, we praise you for the gift of this planet. Sustain us in our efforts to care for your creation, that we might preserve it as a gift for those who come after us. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** God of the Church, you gather your people into the mystical body of Christ and make us one in you. Bless the work of your congregations as they show your loving presence. We pray especially for Prince of Peace in Springfield, Gethsemane in St.Louis, and Zion Lutheran in Hollenberg. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other prayers are offered.*

A: God of all life, we thank and praise you for the faithful witness of all your saints. On this day we remember Elaine Patton, Connie Mize, Everett Anderson, Evelyn Bunge, Karen Lundquist, Gilbert Brill, Betty Cox, Richard Evans, Kenneth Hobrock, and David Mai who see you face to face. Help us also to be faithful to you, that we might live out our baptismal identity in the world. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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## MEAL

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## THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Creator God,

C **the earth and all that is in it belong to you. Inspire us to use what you have made to give justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and freedom to the captives. May our offerings, given in your name, lift up those who are bowed down; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

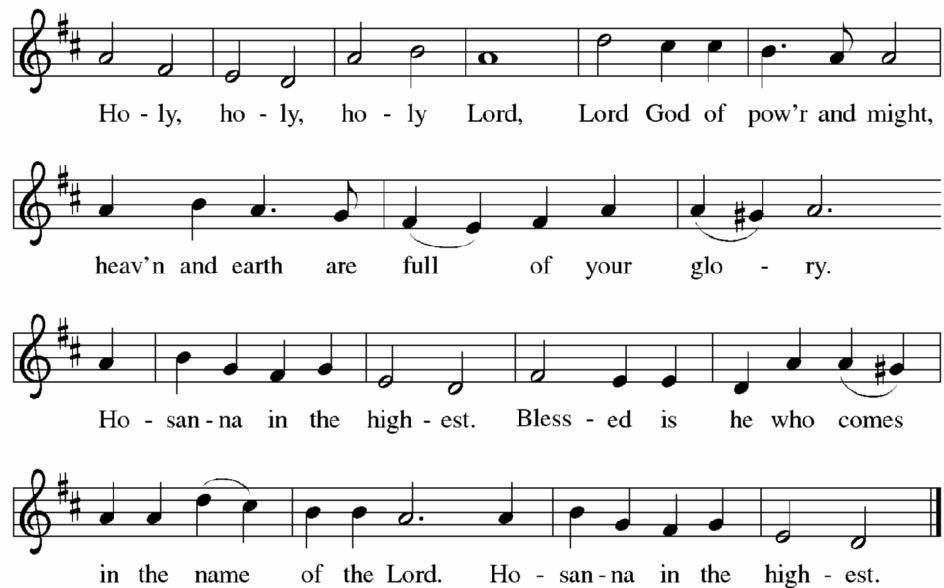
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



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

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth...

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus...

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all peoples.

#### Words of Institution

P: With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit...

Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places....we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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 COMMUNION**

P Feast with the Lord, who has swallowed up death forever.

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**Lamb of God**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**THE COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”*

*“I am the Bread of Life”*

**ELW 492**

**ELW 485**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray...

At your table, O God, we have been made new. Our mourning and crying and pain pass away, and we see the glory of your presence among us. Unite us with this vision, and make us into your holy people, one in the body of Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

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## SENDING

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## BENEDICTION

P God the Alpha and Omega. Jesus Christ the faithful witness, God the Holy Spirit of truth, + bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”*  
*(Verses 1,3,4, & 5)*

**ELW 873**

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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