

St. Luke Lutheran Church

“Energized By Love.”

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
All Saints Sunday**

**Setting IV
November 4, 2018**

“WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?”

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. ASK ANY USHER.

Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence here today. Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, bright yellow forms are located on the back of the pews. They are collected during Offering in this morning's worship. You will also find pew pads in each pew, as it is passed to you during the service, we ask that all visitors & members sign in.

Name tags are available in the back of the church. Please wear your name tag to assist those of us with failing memories to remember your name!

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee – Pastor

The Rev. Gary Berkland – Visitation Pastor

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Children's Message: Pastor Bob McKee

Eucharistic Assistant(s): Faith Peters, Olivia Mitchell

Greeter(s) - Front Door: John Krogman & Mary Hendrickson

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Roy & Theresa Tuason

Ushers: John Krogman & John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Laura Dhanaraj & Wendy Callahan

Background Worship: Beth Stauter

Contemporary Worship Leader: Joe Howard

Worship Team: Joe Howard, Seth Henderson, Claudia Zichterian, Deb Mandac,

Paul Mitchell, and Ron Zichterian.

Director of Music: Claudia Zichterian

Organist: Claudia Zichterian

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Sound-Computer Tech: Brad Sime

Sunday school Teachers: Song Su, Janelle Pang & Melissa Meslo

Altar flowers given today by Nancy Rushton, in memory
of William Rushton.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterian

CALL TO WORSHIP: *"THE ONLY NAME (YOURS WILL BE)"*

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: *"BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"*
Arr. By Joseph M. Martin

Worship Choir

GATHERING SONG:

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”
(vs. 1,2,3,6 & 7)

ELW #422
(Red Hymnal)

INVOCATION & KYRIE (Please Stand)

(music found on page 147)

[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.

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

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

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *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.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

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

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “*The Feast of Victory*”

(music found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

[C] Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

CHILDREN’S TIME WITH PASTOR BOB MCKEE

SONG:

“THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT/DO LORD”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.** (Share your peace, with one another, and then please be seated.)

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

Read by Janet Riddell

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

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.

Psalm 24

Led by Janet Riddell

[W] *The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.*

[M] For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

[W] *Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?*

[M] Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

[W] *They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.*

[M] Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

[W] *Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

[M] Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

[W] *Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

[C] **Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

2nd Reading – Revelation 21:1-6a

Read by Olivia Mitchell

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

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."

[P] Lift up your heart and receive the Holy Gospel...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 11:32-44

Read by Pastor Gary Berkland

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." 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."

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

MESSAGE:

"WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?"

Pastor Gary Berkland

SERMON SONG: "ONE THING REMAINS (YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS)"

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(*universal)

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

(All members and guests, please sign in on the form in the pew pads when it is passed to you. Prayer requests are collected when plates are brought forward.)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[A] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DON SMITH, JOYCE HEALY & JAMES WILLIAMS.

I. GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand)*

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity **†**, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

[P] O God, our merciful redeemer,

[C] **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[P] In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

[C] Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] 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.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found on page 154)

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Those who are baptized and believe in our Lord's presence "...in, with, and under the bread and wine..." are invited to commune by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day. We come to his table via the center aisle, returning to our seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward but wish the gifts Christ has for you, please notify an usher, and the servers will come to you.

COMMUNION SONG: **"WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR"**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

[C] Amen.

(music is located in red hymnal – service music hymn #207)

[C] **Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with SHOUTS of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

SENDING SONG: **"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"**

**ELW #632
(Red Hymnal)**

BENEDICTION

(Forgiven and fed, we are empowered to return to the world in service. Turn your attention to the receding cross of Christ, as he leads us back to the world with his final "good word" God's Benediction.)

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

Claudia Zichterman

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