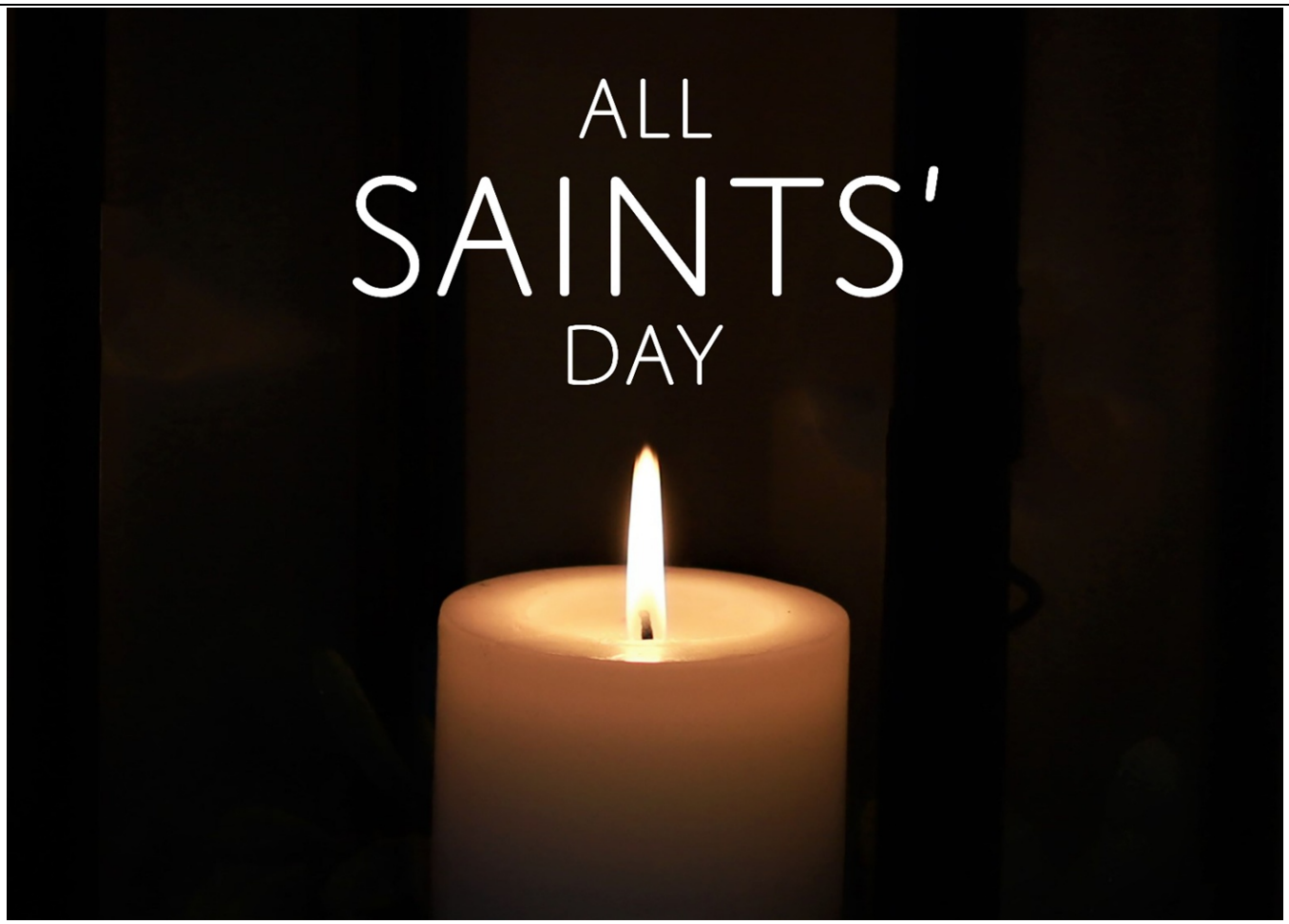

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Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

All Saints Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Remembering Those Who Have Died

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Hebrews 12:1-2: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially ***(start power point video w/names)***

Leona M. Turner
Frances Ruth Sabisch
Rene Lynn Martinez
Sidney Anna Dawson
Sarah Prange Kohn
Helen Schrems
Ruth J. Williams
Mark Hickner
and all others we name aloud or in our hearts.

Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Hymn: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" (ELW 426)

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

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.

Kyrie: (ELW 157)

(Cantor)	In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
(Congregation)	**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.** **Lord, have mercy.**
(Cantor)	For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
(Congregation)	**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.** **Lord, have mercy.**
(Cantor)	For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.
(Congregation)	**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.** **Lord, have mercy.**
(Cantor)	Help, save, and defend us, O God.
(Congregation)	**Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray…**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.**

(10:30 a.m.) Dismiss to Children's Church

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne and to the Lamb!" 11 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, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and
glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who 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. 15 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. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike
them, nor any scorching heat, 17 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: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

1 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. 2 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. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (ELW 519, *verse 1 and refrain*)

Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

Refrain God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying: [3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. [6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. [7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. [8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. [10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] 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: This is the gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Look Who Gathers at Your Table" (ACS 977)

Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for ev'ryone.

Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand diff'rent ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn of Prayer to Center Our Hearts: "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"(ELW 691, *verse 3*)

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you

The Prayers of the Children of God

Each petition ends…God in your mercy,
Congregation responds…hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song: "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" (ELW 691, *verse 1 and 2*)

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.

The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food
becomes a holy treasure.

Offering Prayer

A: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Thanksgiving

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

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.

Invitation to Communion / Distribution of Holy Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Communion Songs: "Shall We Gather at the River" (ELW 423)

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. ***Refrain***

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. ***Refrain***

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. ***Refrain***

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"Come to the Table" (ELW 481)

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C: Amen

Blessing

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C: Amen.

Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (ACS 984)

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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Sending Song: "When the Saints go Marching In" (ACS 950)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Dismissal

C: We work together to spread Christ's love with our community, through Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Lives, and an Open Table.

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

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