

All Saints Day – November 7, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

Prelude "O Rest in the Lord" by Mendelssohn, arranged by Linker

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Requests

Introit "This Little Light of Mine" Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this place where God calls us all to be saints

People: To be persons who follow the holy way shown by Jesus Christ

Leader: You are welcome, just as you are, with your joy and your sorrow

People: We bring our whole selves to worship, for we belong to God

*Hymn #326 "For All the Saints" Ribbon

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

You loved us before the world was made.

You rescued the people of your promise.

You spoke through your prophets.

You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
and was born of the virgin Mary;
who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world
and has washed us from our sins;
who on the third day rose from the dead
and has given us the victory;
who ascended on high
and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

Great is your love.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

For the great cloud of witnesses

into which we are baptized.

Thanks be to God.

[The names of those who have died in the past year are read.]

For... **Thanks be to God.**

For all holy men and women,
our mothers and fathers in faith.

For the noble band of the prophets.

For the glorious company of the apostles.

For the white-robed army of martyrs.

For the cherubim and seraphim,

Michael and the holy angels.

Thanks be to God.

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism.
Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross.
Clothe us in compassion and love.
Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.
Hear us, O God.

God of all the faithful, we rejoice
that nothing in all creation
can separate us from your love.
Work out your good purpose in us
and help us in our weakness
as we await, with eager longing,
the redemption of all things;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Talk With Children

Erin Wise

Hymn #188 "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading—Revelation 21:1-6 (CEB)

Notepad

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Covenant Formula

Notepad

Hymn #808 "When Memory Fades" Ribbon

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Notepad

Offertory "I Will Rise" arranged by Courtney

*Hymn #606 "The Doxology" Ribbon

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication Cross

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

*Hymn #375 "Shall We Gather at the River" Ribbon

1 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.

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

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river;

soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Reprise of "Shall We Gather at the River"

Assisting in Worship Today:

Cherie Brooks – Director of Music

Katie Wynkoop–Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Jack Van Aman– Liturgist

Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

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