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To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

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All Saints Sunday
November 7, 2021

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
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**Prelude: “Blessed Assurance” in Gospel Style
(Harold, Guitar and Kevin, Piano)**

Arr. Mark Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

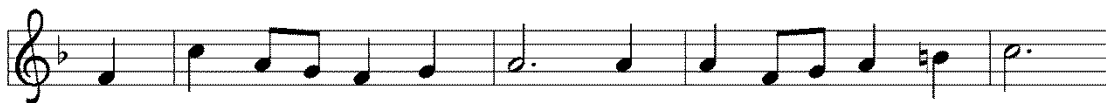
Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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.

Hymn of Praise: Voices Raised to You (stanzas 1 & 2)

ELW 845

Text: Herman Stuempfle
Music: Carolyn Jennings

Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.
All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your works dis - play.

5
Hearts and hands we bring in tri - bute for your gift through all our days.
Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us, we re - turn to you to - day.

9
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!

Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On 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.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he 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.

⁹It 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.

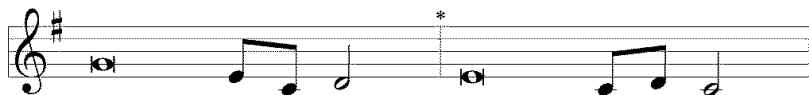
Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

Refrain

N. Raabe



¹Hal- | leujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**⁴When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

Refrain

N. Raabe



6who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;

7who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The Lord sets the | captive free.

8The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are
bowed down;
the Lord | loves the righteous. **R**

9The Lord cares | for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

10The Lord shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! **R**

Psalm prayer

Second reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;

⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.” ^{6a}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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

Gospel: John 11:32-44

The Gospel of the Lord, according to John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the

glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

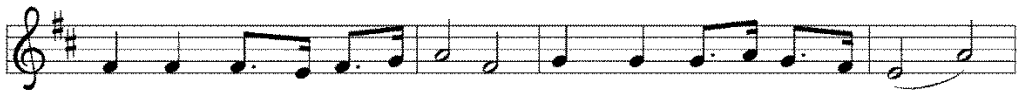
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “Dangerous Acts” (John 11:43)

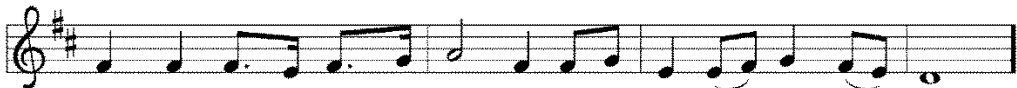
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HYMN of the DAY: “Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray.
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Refrain
 Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

PRAYERS

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped away tears. Protect them from persecution continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless sandwich makers and those who deliver them; chefs, bakers, servers, and dishwashers; and communion assistants and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the ages, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. We give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us.

Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year. Today we remember:

✠ Carol Capanear, 11/14/20

✠ Scott Ball, 1/5/21

✠ Joan Amundsen, 1/19/21

We also remember these extended family members and dear friends of Grace:

Margaret Ann Benman, Benjamin Chadwick, John Cisler, Pat Clemmer, Joan Cook, Joseph Cooper, Robyn Gibson, Wilmer Heckler, Betty Janke, Ricki Kaplan, Betty Madaus, Mary Manning, Jeanne Scarola, Kenneth Schussler, Ken Seiler, Sr., James Sellers, Gail Walter

Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREETING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet those around you but we request that you refrain from shaking hands.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel,

the rescue from Egypt,

the gift of the promised land,

the words of the prophets;

and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,

who proclaimed the good news in word and deed

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

On the night in which he was betrayed....

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

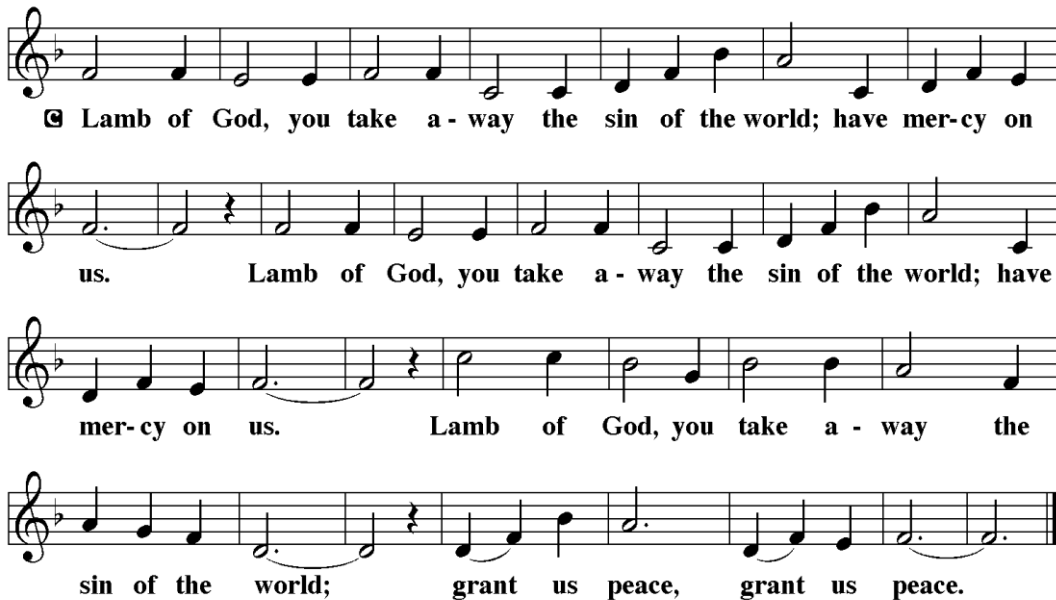
All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.



Communion will be received in your seat.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Announcements

“He's Got the Whole World in his Hands”

Arr. Moses Hogan /
adapted by K. Freaney

(Soloist, Choir & Congregation)
Remaining Seated

***Soloist:** He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands, He's the whole world in his hands.*

***Soloist:** He's got a small baby in his hands, He's got brothers and sisters in his hands,
He's got my aunts and uncles in his hands, He's the whole world in his hands.*

***Choir:** He's got all moms and dads in his hands, He's got all moms and dads in his hands,
He's got all saints in heaven in his hands, He's the whole world in his hands.*

***All:** He's got our church family in his hands, He's got this congregation in his hands,
He's got our hearts and prayers in his hands, He's the whole world in his hands.*

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor † and give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Variations on “For all the Saints”

K. Freaney

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Organist, Kevin Freaney

Lector, Beth Krout

Ushers, Bruce Schmidt and Kathy Stawasz

Communion Assistant, Frank Stone

Altar Guild, Emily Woltmann & June Detweiler

Acolyte, Elijah Krout

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God's Holy Mountain (Isaiah 25)

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If you are in need of pastoral care, or need a helping hand for any reason please contact Pastor Raabe by email; in the office (M-Th 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at 215-855-4676; or anytime on her cell phone, 614.214.2639. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.



Coming up at Grace:

- ❖ We have a new Prayer Team to receive urgent requests; members will pray on their own time. If you would like to be part of this please let Pastor Raabe know.
- ❖ **Sunday School** continues today after worship, and **Confirmation** continues Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom. New students are welcome to join anytime.
- ❖ **Two services return!** Starting Dec. 5th, we will return to our worship schedule for Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am with communion now on the first and third Sundays.

Next week's readings:

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Mark 12:38-44