



All Saints' (Totenfest) Sunday
November 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "When We Are Living" Emma Lou Diemer

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP ⁽¹⁾

Based on Ruth 1

One: Who will be your people?

All: God's people will be my people.

One: Where will you go?

All: Wherever God leads.

One: What are you willing to leave behind?

All: Everything.

One: May our worship today lead us to a place where all of this may be so!

*GATHERING HYMN "For All the Saints" #299 *New Century Hymnal verses 1-3*
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their refuge and their might:
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Still may your people, faithful, true and bold,
Live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And share with them a glorious crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

Gracious God, forgive us when we walk away from you and then wonder where you are.

Forgive us when we fail to see the signs you place along our path.

Forgive us when we are too distracted to revel in the wonder of creation.

Forgive us when we forget who we are and whose we are.

Remind us that we are not a lost, but a found people

And that there is no place we can go where you are not. *(silent confession)*

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE (2)**

Friends, hear the Good News. Wherever we are, there God is. We are never alone, and we are never left to our own devices. In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE: "For All the Saints" verse 5**

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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "Children of the Heavenly Father" Arr. Dan Forrest

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:1-18 Pew Bible p.210

A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" #393 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.**

**Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Raising the names of those who have died and are now born into eternal life:

Betty Huch	12/22/23
Joan Dippel	4/19/24

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Abide with Me" Clay Christiansen

(Offer to God and then use this time for prayer. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Gathered by kindness and nurtured in your love, O God, we gladly enter into this moment of faith and hope. Attested by time, honored by countless generations, these symbols of bread and wine continue to be our common hope and unity with all creation in its yearning for peace, justice, and restoration. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us; with earth, sea, and sky, we enjoin our voices with faithful people, past, present and yet to come:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(All are welcome to participate! Elements will be served by ushers. Wine trays contain white grape juice and red wine cups. A tray of gluten-free wafers is available from usher in center aisle.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, we give you thanks because around this table our strength is revived in the struggle for your justice, grace, and peace. May our meals on an earth divided one day be shared in an earth re-united. Through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" #294

New Century Hymnal

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**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died, for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping to be one too.**

**They loved their God and they lived that love. It was loving that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Jesus' sake, lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest,
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:
There is no earthly reason, none in the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.**

**They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with joyous saints who love to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in the church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are folk just like me, and I mean to be one too.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"In Thee Is Joy"

J. S. Bach

Worship Endnotes:

1. Adapted from www.re-worship.blogspot.com
2. Adapted from www.ministrymatters.com

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November 3, 2024 Worship Leaders

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