



All Saints Lutheran Church

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Call to Worship

L: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

C: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

L: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

C: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

L: The living Christ is with us.

C: Praise the Lord!

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*silence is held for reflection*)

L: Merciful God,

C: 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.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ELW #632

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home*

*Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame
From everlasting you are God
To endless years the same*

*A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.*

*O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be thou our Guard while life shall last,
And our eternal Home.*

Prayer of the Day

L: As in days of old, Creator God,
we come to look for your signs of covenant promises.
Like the rainbow days of Noah,
we see and know your signs
and hear your voice again
directing us to the places of preparation
and transformation in our lives and in our world.
Thank you God,
for your covenant signs and your everlasting promise.

C: Amen.

Word

Genesis 15:1-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."
But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him,

“Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Matt Schroeder

Hymn of the Day

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW #677

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: We pray for those who are lonely.

We hope in the promise that the home of God will be among people:
that God will dwell with us,
that we will be his people and that God himself will be with us.

Lord you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

C: 'Amen, make all things new!'

L: We pray for those who are crying;

the sad, the depressed and the anxious.

We hope in the promise that God will wipe every tear from our eyes.

Lord you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

C: 'Amen, make all things new!'

L: We pray for those who are experiencing the consequences of death,
the bereaved and those who are mourning.

We hope in the promise that death and mourning will be no more.

Lord you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

C: 'Amen, make all things new!'

L: We pray for those who are in pain,

suffering from illness either physical or mental.

We hope in the promise that crying and pain will be no more.

Lord you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

C: 'Amen, make all things new!'

L: We pray for those who are thirsty for truth, love and grace;

those who seek God and his life with earnest hearts.

We hope in the promise that God will give water to the thirsty without cost
from the spring of the water of life.

Lord you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

C: 'Amen, make all things new!'

L: Lord, your words are trustworthy and true.

You are the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end.

We pray all this in the powerful and hopeful name of Jesus Christ,

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

L: God's promises endure from generation to generation.
May the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the God who sent Jesus to redeem us,
the God whose covenant is eternal,
bless you and make you fruitful.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn "I want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW #815

*I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.*

*Refrain:
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain*

Sending

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

We are glad you chose to worship at All Saints today. We hope you find the worship service meaningful and that you feel at home with our congregation.

Remember in Prayer

Cassie Storms for healing
Marlene Mueller's daughter, Mona, for healing
Terry Feltmann for healing
Diane Lindemeier and Mike McPadden's brother for healing
Eli Martens (son of Cody Martens, grandson of Cliff & Becky Martens) for healing
Erin Martens (daughter of Cody Martens, granddaughter of Cliff & Becky Martens) for healing
Kassie Harms for healing
Andrew Haley stationed in Virginia

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