

All Saints Sunday: We'll See You in Heaven!

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As We Gather

What is a "saint"? We usually think of a "saint" as someone who is really, really holy, someone who lives an incredibly pure life, a hero of faith. Most of the superhero "saints" that we can think of, have passed away and are in heaven now. They are good examples for us to follow.

But the Bible actually calls everyone who believes in Jesus Christ a "saint". You and I have not been super holy – we've messed up many times. But Jesus died for our sins and he has made us holy. Jesus has forgiven us. That's why the Bible calls us "saints".

Because of Jesus, you and I are on our way to heaven. Our loved ones who died believing in Jesus are already there! This earthly life is not the end. There is something more waiting for us! Today we remember those who have gone before us, trusting in Jesus. We know that they are in heaven, not because they were perfect, but because Jesus saved them. And we will see them there. Because in Jesus, we are "all saints".

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

Opening Hymn:

Alabaré

LSB 800

Refrain/Estribillo

A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.

A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.



1 John saw the num-ber of all those re - deemed,
2 Voic - es u - ni - ted in joy and in sing - ing,
3 We are Your peo-ple, O God ev - er - last - ing,



And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
We of - fer praise and glo - ry to our God:
The peo - ple You cre - at - ed out of love,



Thou - sands were pray - ing, Ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,
To God the Fa - ther, To Christ the Sav - ior,
Mer - cy and jus - tice, Pow - er and wisdom:

Refrain/Estrillo



And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
We bless You, we a - dore You with - out end.

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Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ: God wants us to be holy! But we are all sinners, that is, we have all done wrong and we need God's forgiveness each day. For that reason we come before the Lord now to ask that he wipe away our sins and failures for Jesus' sake.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P We pray together:

C **Lord God, we know that you do not want anything bad, anything unholy, in your presence, in heaven. However, in reality no one is truly holy and clean except you. Sin is in our hearts and we mess up all too often. We think, say, and do what we should not. You are different. You never sin and never fail in your love. Forgive us, Lord, and make us to be more like you. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the only true holy one, the only true "saint". But he carried our sins and died and rose again for us. Through Jesus we are forgiven. The Bible says that every believer is a saint, not because we have been perfect, but because we have been pardoned. You who trust in Jesus Christ are forgiven, clean, and "saints", and there is a place in heaven set aside for you! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 149:1-5

P Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

C **His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

P Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

C **Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

P Let them praise his name with dancing,

C **Making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

P For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

C **He adorns the humble with salvation.**

P Let the godly exult in glory;

C **Let them sing for joy on their beds. Praise the Lord!**

A **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

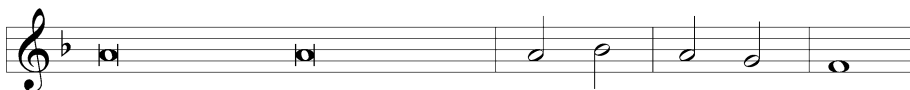
LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



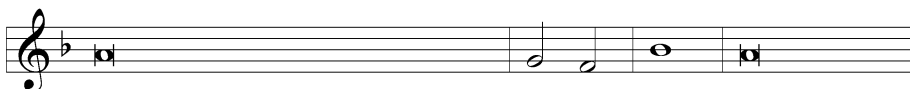
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



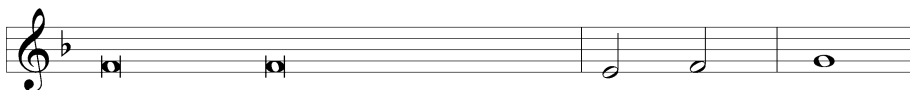
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Lord God, we give you thanks and praise because you are holy and through Jesus you have set us aside as holy, and you have promised us a place in heaven with you! Every day, remind us that this earthly life is not the end, and that we will spend eternity with you in glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

(In heaven there is a great multitude of believers in Christ from every nation and speaking every language.)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:1–8, 16–18

(At the end of his life, Paul is getting ready to go to heaven. These are his final words as he encourages us to trust in the Lord and carry on his work.)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the 28th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

(Those who trust in Jesus will enjoy the "wedding feast" of joy in heaven.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory be to You, O Lord**

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Song while Children Come to the Front: Heaven is a Wonderful Place

Heaven is a wonderful place,

Filled with glory and grace.

I want to see my Savior's face!

Oh, heaven is a wonderful place! (I want to go there!)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Sermon

Eternal Life

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

In Remembrance

- P** The apostle John said: "Then I heard a voice from heaven say:
- C** **'Write: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'**
- P** 'Yes,' says the Spirit. 'They will rest from their labor,
- C** **'For their deeds will follow them.'"** (Revelation 14:13)
- P** Today we thank God for the faith of those believers who have passed away, who have gone before us, and who are now in glory with Jesus. In particular, we remember family and friends from our congregation who have gone to be with the Lord this past year. Thank God that this earthly life is not all there is, and that because of Jesus we have eternal life with him and with our fellow Christians.

The names and/or pictures of those who have passed away this year will be shown on the screen. Family members and friends may place a white rose on the altar as a symbol of our faith in God's promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. The body may be buried or burned or even lost, but the spirit or soul of a believer is with the Lord until the Day of Resurrection.

P We pray together:

C **Lord God, we praise you for the love that you showed our brothers and sisters in the faith, who have passed away and are now in glory with you. In the hope of the resurrection we remember them. Thank you for saving them and staying by their side during this earthly life. Help us to have that same faith in you, along with the assurance that you have also prepared a place in heaven for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offering

The Bible says: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income." (1 Corinthians 16:2a, NIV). In response to God's great love, as part of our worship we set aside a portion of what he has given us, for the mission and ministry at this congregation and throughout the world.

Choir Anthem during the Offering Blessed Rest-Scott Perkins

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
For they rest from their labors.*

*Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Neither life nor death, neither angels nor heavenly rulers,
Neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation
Can separate us from the love of God
That is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Stand

Offering Prayer of Dedication

A **Almighty God, thank you for saving us through Jesus Christ. Bless these offerings and use them to proclaim the name of Jesus in every part of the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Prayer of the Church

God's Word tells us that he loves us and hears our prayers, and so we put our problems and concerns before him:

- P** Lord God, thank you for your great love for us! You are with us through thick and thin here on this earth, and you will be by our side forever in glory. Hear us and help us with the challenges we face today. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord, show your power in our lives. Help us to leave behind our old, selfish ways and to live the new life which you have opened for us. Help us to be more and more like you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Rouse your church to action and help us to proclaim your salvation to every human being. Raise up faithful pastors and missionaries and church leaders; strengthen those who are suffering for their faith; and guide all of us Christians to be good witnesses to your love and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Heavenly Father, we bring before you all our needs and problems and worries. For peace and justice in our country, in Israel, in the Ukraine, and around the world, we cry for help to you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord God, please help those who are suffering. We pray for those who are sick or lonely or grieving or facing great difficulties, particularly those in our congregation and our friends and family: *(See our prayer list at the end of the bulletin.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**

- P** Heavenly Father, help, protect, and bless our families and especially the children at our church and preschool. Guide and give strength and love to our preschool teachers, our Sunday School teachers, and our youth leaders. Bless the boy scouts who meet here. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Dear Jesus, guide and help everyone who serves in your church, especially our brothers and sisters in this congregation who are elders, on the council, Bible study leaders, music ministry leader, church secretary, helping with altar care, running the sound system and internet, cleaning the church and preschool, serving as ushers and acolytes, bringing food, fixing and maintaining everything, or serving in any other way. Encourage them and bless their work! Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Merciful God, hear our prayers, not only what we have expressed with our lips, but also the requests we have made silently, in our hearts. We trust in you alone. Because of your great love, Lord,
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion is one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people, as we receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus, who died on the cross to forgive all of our sins. To prepare for this sacrament, we follow the instruction found in 1 Corinthians 11:28: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Do I repent of my sins and turn to Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior?
3. Do I believe that the bread and wine I receive is the true body and blood of Jesus, and not just a symbol of it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a life that is pleasing to God?

We believe that your "yes" to these questions indicates a common faith with our Christian congregation and, therefore, we invite you to receive Holy Communion with us.

- The light-colored beverage in the center communion cups is non-alcoholic.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask Pastor during distribution.

- Children and those not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing, but are not given communion until they have completed basic instruction classes on the Christian faith.

If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church. Our Savior's wish is that all Christians receive His body and blood often. Ascension offers gluten free communion wafers for those who are protein/gluten intolerant or may have a wheat allergy. Simply notify the Pastor during communion if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Please see the Pastor following service if you have any questions.

Preface LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** Lord God, it is indeed right to give you thanks at every moment and in every place, because you have saved us! We do not deserve anything from you, yet you call us "saints" and give us a place in your heavenly mansion, together with our brothers and sisters who have died believing in you. For this reason we join with the whole church on earth and with all the choirs of heaven, to proclaim your glory!

Sanctus LSB 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

☑ **Amen.**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

LSB 715



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -



tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear



pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger.
He who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me, Unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up.
And I will raise him up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give Is my flesh for the life of the world.
He who eats of this bread,
He shall live forever, He shall live forever. (Refrain)
3. Unless you eat of the flesh Of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood, You shall not have life within you. (Refrain)
4. I am the resurrection, I am the life.
He who believes in me,
Even if he die, He shall live forever. (Refrain)
5. Yes, Lord, I believe That you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come into the world, Who has come into the world. (Refrain)

Christ is Surely Coming

LSB 509



- 1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



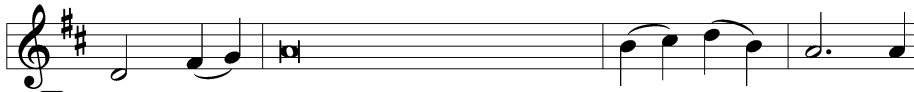
Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
C **Heavenly Father, I give you thanks and praise because you have strengthened my faith and because you have forgiven me through Jesus Christ your Son. Help me now to live a life worthy of you, founded on your Word and full of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:14)

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

For All the Saints

LSB 677



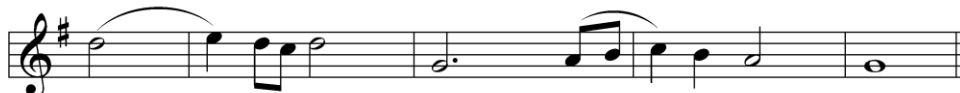
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
win with them the victor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



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Pastor: Rev. Richard Schlak

Organist: Ruth Ann Ostergren

Elder: Mike Mielke

Acolyte: Thomas Karl

Reader: Bryan Perdue

Ushers: Team 1

Ronald McDonald House



Please save the **aluminum pull tabs** from canned drinks and bring them to the kitchen area or the church office.

They are used by the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home away from home for hundreds of families with seriously ill children.



Veterans Sunday is on November 10, 2024. We would like to honor and recognize our veterans and those who are currently serving our country. Please send through email to alc6520@swbell.net your information. A group picture will be taken on that Sunday.

Ladies-Night-
Out-
November.

All-Ladies-of-
Ascension-
are-welcome-.

Once-a-
month-on-the-
3rd.

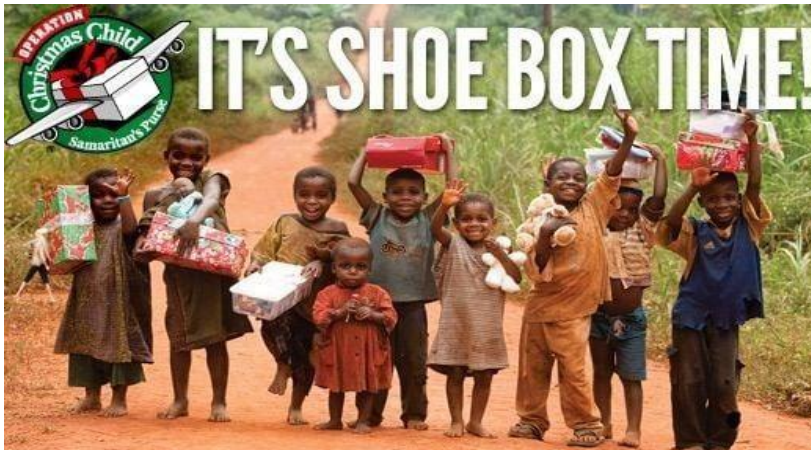
Wednesday-
@6:00-PM-we-
meet-at-a-
restaurant-
and-enjoy-
food-and-
fellowship-.
(Dutch-treat)

Ladies' Night out

November-20th.
we-will-be-
meeting-at-
Olive-Garden-
Italian-
Restaurant

740-Sunland-
Park-Dr

For-
information-
call-Robin-
Wiegert-(915)-
581-5566-or-
Church-Office-.
I-hope-you-can-
join-us!



October 13- November 17, 2024

We are accepting shoeboxes until November 17.



THANKSGIVING-FOOD-DRIVE

A food offering is being collected for **Ysleta Lutheran Mission** for Thanksgiving Week. Below is a list of the **items** they have requested:

CORN (Canned)	BEANS (Dry Bags)
Green Beans (Canned)	RICE (Box or Bags)
Mixed Vegetables (Canned)	COOKING OIL
SUGAR (Box or Bags)	CEREAL
FLOUR	PASTA
TOP RAMEN NOODLE SOUP	MACARONI & CHEESE (Box)

Please join us as we celebrate God's provision and thankfulness for His blessings.

The Food Drive food items can be brought to church

through Sunday, November 24.

"For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."--

2-Corinthians 4:15

Pastoral 
Installation

Zion has a new pastor.
Pastor Triplett has accepted
the call. The Installation
Service for Pastor Triplett
will be at Zion on November
24, 2024 at 2:00pm.





IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!

**WE NEED ALL HANDS-ON DECK TO HELP IN DECORATING THE
CHURCH ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2024 @9:00 AM**



**THE ADVENT MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPER IS SET TO BEGIN
ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4 FROM 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
AND THEN WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM. WATCH FOR THE
SIGN-UP SHEETS! THE SOUP SUPPER DATES ARE 12/4,
12/11, AND 12/18.**

CHRISTMAS AT ASCENSION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT @ 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH @ 10:00 AM

NO BIBLE CLASS CHRISTMAS MORNING



Tuesday, December 31

@ 5:00 PM

New Year's Eve

We will resume our regular
schedule on Sunday, January 5,
2025.



**COME JOIN US AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
ON TUESDAY 12-31-24 FOR FELLOWSHIP AND DINNER AS WE
USHER IN THE NEW YEAR! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**WE HAVE RESERVED SPACE AT THE GREAT AMERICAN
STEAKBURGER. ADDRESS: 701 S. MESA HILLS DR., EL PASO, TX
79912 FOR 6:30 PM. PLEASE CALL THE WIEGERTS (915)581 -5566
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THE
RESTAURANT A HEAD COUNT.**

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (November 3)

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday (November 4)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (November 5)

No Preschool-Election Day

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study via Zoom
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday (November 6)

9:00 AM Preschool Chapel
11:00 AM Sit & Sew (FH)
5:00 PM Board of Elders (FH)

Thursday (November 7)

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM Choir (S)

Friday (November 8)

12:30-2:30 PM Preschool (FH)



Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request for the bulletin.

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

The passing of **Peggy Bartel** (pray for peace and comfort for her twin sister, Kathy Najera, and all the family and friends).

The passing of **Ruth Hibbs** (former member of Ascension, pray for peace and comfort for the entire family).



Illness and Recovery:

Barb Spott (for successful upcoming cataract surgery and recovery); **BJ Schwab** (recovery from hip surgery); **Peggy Bartel** (recovery from badly swollen arm); **Melissa Reddick** (friend of Barbara Lewis diagnosed with inoperable cancer pray for peace and comfort); **Richard Neal** (husband of Martha Neal recovery from stroke and for peace and strength for Richard and Martha); **Abigail Kailukatis** (friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth for correct diagnosis and effective treatment); **Lupita Burke** (Ascension Preschool Teacher recovery from fracture); **Merle DeMartelaere** (father of David DeMartelaere correct diagnosis and treatment for for Edema and AFib); **Marcy LaFramboise** (friend of Connie Swinney recovery from Multiple Myeloma); **David Kwiatkowski** (friend of Connie Swinney recovery and treatment for brain cancer); **Gilbert Provencio** (for healing and correct diagnosis); **Mary Lou Provencio** (pray for peace and guidance); **Bob Brock** (brother-in-law of Mike Mielke recovery from heart issues); **Ruby Lugo** (sister of Jessica Acosta and co-worker of Sally Benitez and Kristal Wade for recovery from heart issues); **Troy Wade** (brother of Kristal Wade who lost his home in the Ruidoso Fire); **Maria Sotero** (mother of Leticia Behl diagnosed with uterine cancer and blood clots); **Jim Werner** (brother of Elliott Werner successful treatment of and healing from cancer); **Tom Wade** (father of Kristal Wade for recovery from surgery and a broken neck); **Brian Stickney** (recovery from cracked ribs); **Rebekah Livesay** (For healing and correct diagnosis); **Barb Spott** (For recovery); **Susanne Warren** (former member of Ascension recovery from surgery for a broken femur); **Joe Karl** (recovery from ACL surgery); **Dick Seiders** (father of Ron Seiders healing from cancer and recovery from hip surgery); **Jesus Rivera** (friend of Elliott Werner diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma stage 4); **Mary Spott** (Barb Spott's niece Keighley Spott's mother heart related issues); **Jacob Meraz** (pray for Jacob and family); **Ann Perdue** (relief from Osteoarthritis); **Amanda Bowser** (friend of the Walker Family recovery from cancer); **Donna Welch** (sister of Candice Gebler heart issues); **Sherri Pfeifer Wilson**

(niece of Vicki Pfeifer cancer); **Patty Jones**, (sister of Martha Neal-stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert and Karin Gaudet**, (restoring relationships); **Sean Sweeney**, (brain tumor); **Eunice Goldsmith**, (ongoing medical issues); **Laurie Sterling**, (colon cancer); **Bruce Walker**, (being treated for Parkinson's); **Coby Clark and family**, continued cancer recovery); **Elizabeth Hinson**, (recovery from brain aneurysm); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission), **John Bearman**, (bone marrow transplant), **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer), **Kathy Kiphart**, **John Weiske**, **Bob Gallagher**, **Linda Seiders**.

Praise and Thanksgiving:

Congratulations on the birth of Henri grandson of Pastor Schlak and Maritza and great grandson of Jan Schlak.

If you have an update to the status of those on our prayer list, please contact Jan Schlak or the church office.

