



All Saint's

November 1, 2020

God's Care for the Widow

Sometimes aid comes in the most unexpected places.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Announcements

Call to Worship

From the desert wilderness to the bustling city,
from the dryness of drought to the depths of the flood,
from complete silence to overwhelming noise:
in each and every place is God,
in each and every place we seek, in each and every place
we worship.

Gathering Music

At the Foot of the Cross

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of the covenant,

You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.

God hears us when we repent and is quick to pardon our failures. Hear the words of your forgiveness and believe that you have been restored by your creator's great mercy and compassion. Rejoice! **Amen.**

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

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.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

*Elijah was a great prophet working to get God's fickle people to return to God.
But he couldn't do it alone. God sent him to a poor widow
whose gift of hospitality made all the difference.*

Invitation to the Word

Father Grant

Father grant, that what we sing with our lips,
We may believe in our hearts.
And what we believe in our hearts,
We may show forth in our lives.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." ²The word of the Lord came to him, saying, ³"Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." ⁵So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. ⁷But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son

is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."]

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Special Music

For All the Saints

- Celebration Choir

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.

+ Commemoration of Saints +

Merciful Father,

On this day, we are called to remember all you saints, particularly those who have died in the past year, and pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator. As your son taught us to call the stranger neighbor, our fallen are many—

Names we will never know and those we hold dear, voices we have never heard and voices that are safe and familiar, in lands we may never visit and just across the street, yet brothers and sisters all.

And so we pray.

For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of conflicts we could not quell,
for soldiers and civilians, adults and children, we pray ...
Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of injustice and oppression around the world or here in the United States
Who died because of the color of their skin, their religion, or gender identity, we
pray... Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For those migrants who have died seeking a haven where they hoped to find safety
and opportunity for themselves and for their families, we pray ...
Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of hunger, denied their share in the bounty you have placed before us, we
pray ... Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of Covid-19 who died in the midst of this pandemic, doctors, nurses, first
responders, essential workers, and the most vulnerable, we pray ...
Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For those refugees seeking asylum from war, who died in a land that was not their
home, we pray ...
Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of emergencies and calamities and natural disasters everywhere,
who died amid chaos and confusion, we pray ...
Grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For those whom we love who have gone before us,
for our parents, spouses, brothers, sisters and children, we pray...
Grant eternal rest, O Lord

For those in our church community that we have lost in the past year,
Remind us of their gifts and the friendship shared, we pray...

Virginia Ideker	Eric Hildebrand
Rachel Smithey	Elva Pederson
Richard McCullough	Don Johnson
Dorothy Woessner	Kari Skabo
Richard (Dick) Dolan	Kirby McAlister

Grant eternal rest, O Lord

We also give thanks for those who have joined this community of faith on earth through Baptism during the past year.

Rowan Asher Gustafson
Junia Mae Steitz

Candles are lit in remembrance of and thanksgiving for family members and friends of the congregation who have died:

Walter Rogalla
Lynn Jaehning
David Mporampora
Gloria Perschbacher
Roy Brian
Judy Richards
Al Kolk
Judith Ann Robertson
Adam Cadwell
Carl R Stannard
Roy Jacobsen
Doree Ripperger
Nadine Lloyd

Raymond Miller
Lorraine Jensen
Shirley Christenson
Arne Truman
Cindy Bridjetta
Tai
Lee Wayne Collum
Kolbe Raphael Denman
William Robertson
Karen Herrera
Angela Wiley
Irma Baird

Barbara Newman
Carolyn Donecker
Carl Kreifels
Dennis Jacobson
Pastor Bob Ellison
Carolyn Ellison
Anna Kruger
Betty Rogers
Marion Strange
Marinelli C. Price
Norman Pearson
Darrell Pearson

For all of your saints in heaven and on earth. Teach us to faithfully cherish one another, to reach out beyond ourselves, and to walk in your ways.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Christ Be Our Light

Red ELW 715 vv. 1,2,5

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

As the Grains of Wheat



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Assisting Minister: Amy Evancheck
- Liturgy leaders: Bonnie Yockstick, Pam Thomas, Christine Johnson,
Linda Jones, Matthew Mohrbacher & Youth
- Gathering Music: Diane Klinkerfues
- Opening & Sending Song: Chancel Choir –Donna& Mike Madsen,
Amy Evancheck, Scott & Denise Ikenberry, John Reed,
Paul Thomas, Ron Skabo, Cave & Brenda Gleason,
Susie DiPaolo, Barb Hessel, Jordan Ortman
- Song after Message: Celebration Choir – including Barb Hessel,
Eric Kurtz, Brenda & Dave Gleason
- Remembrance Music: Jordan Ortman
- Postlude: Diane Klinkerfues
- Photographs: Michael TeKrony