

November 1, 2015

All Saints Sunday

**First Lesson. Isaiah 25:6-9**

On 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. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he 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. It 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.

**Second Lesson. Revelation 21:1-6a**

I 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And 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; he 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." And 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." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

**Gospel. John 11:32-44**

When 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." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I 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." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The 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."

*For All the Saints...*

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We usually think of saints as being too perfect to be anything like a real person, but the story of God's dealings with human beings is more a story of everyday saints; each of you whom you would recognize as being "more of a real person".

### Prelude

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

*This Little Light of Mine*

Sunday School children

### \*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: Steadfast and saving God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: In the name of +Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### \* Processional Hymn

*For All the Saints*

ELW 422

Vs. 1-3

### \* Apostolic Greeting

(Congregational response: **And also with you**)

### \* Prayer of the Day

### Roll Call of the Saints/Tolling of the Bell

### Hymn of Praise

*For All the Saints*

ELW 422

Vs. 4 & 5

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

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### This Week at First Lutheran: *ALL SAINTS SUNDAY*

Today:	<b>8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/ Holy Communion/Sunday School sings in worship</b>
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Kindergarten Milestone Class with Parents (Fellowship Hall)</b>
	10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study (Led by Pastor Stan Satre)
	<b>4-6 p.m.</b>	<b>New Member Class (Narthex)</b>
Mon.:	9-3 p.m.	WELCA Love Days
	5 p.m.	AI-Anon
	5 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tue:	9 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Wed.:	<b>7 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study (LRH)</b>
	9:30 a.m.	AI-Anon
	10 a.m.	AA
	3:45 pm	Children's Choir
	4:30-5:15 p.m.	FLY 57
	6 pm	Hosanna Handbells
	6:30 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:30 p.m.	High School Senior FLY
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thurs.:	8:45 a.m.	Morning Watch – Pr Saul – KBRF AM 1250
	9:30 a.m.	Sr. Coffee & Bible Study
Fri:	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Sat:	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	

### Next Sunday, November 8th:

<b>8:30 &amp; 11 am</b>	<b>Blended Worship/Holy Communion/Kindergarten Milestone Blessing</b>
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Class with Parents</b>
10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study (led by Pastor Stan Satre)

***We gather to read the roll call of the saints. We hear the words of the ancient liturgy  
“and so with the church on earth and hosts of heaven” in celebration of the Eucharist.***

**Saints from First Lutheran** who have departed from this world since  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, and now are part of “the hosts of heaven”:

Steven Jaenisch, Marie Cole, Jeanette Enstad, Lois Gulleckson, Florence Merz, Neal Morstad, Donald Stoa,  
Alice Anderson, Carol VanderLinden, Wyonne Adamson, Valdine Wollan, Steven Nettetstad, Geneva  
Mollerud, Connie Bestul, Ethel Kaasa, Richard Hefte, Theodore Stahl, Baris Oscarson, and Peggy Peterson.

**Greg Wollan**, a son of the congregation and a church musician, is performing at First  
Lutheran Church on **November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.** Please come and  
enjoy the wonderful music and fellowship, treats will be served by the Fellowship  
Committee in the New Narthex following the concert. There will be a free will offering,  
and Greg will have his CD’s on sale for \$5, proceeds will go to the Library Committee,  
in honor and memory of Greg’s mom, Val.

**Do you use offering envelopes?** With the addition of simply giving and electronic giving options, many  
members don't use their offering envelopes. If this sounds like you, you could help save the church some  
money! The 2016 envelopes will be ordered within the next month. **If you wish to NOT receive the  
envelopes, please contact the church office.**

**On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Chris Richards**, a former youth director here at First Lutheran will be  
ordained into the ELCA Clergy. He has been called to serve as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cyrus,  
MN. The Ordination service will be at First Lutheran in Morris, MN at 4 pm with a brief reception following.  
You are invited to attend. Greetings can be sent to 316 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Morris, MN 56267

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God’s people on God’s holy mountain  
and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there  
will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**Anthem**

***Down to the River to Pray***

arr. Curry

Adult Choir

**Second Lesson**

Revelation 21:1-6a

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God’s people so that  
mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of  
time are trustworthy and true.*

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

ELW Page 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Congregational response after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

**\* Gospel**

(Congregational response after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Sermon**

***Love for Everyday Saints***

Pastor Stan Satre

**Hymn of the Day**

***Blest Are They***

**ELW 728**

Vs. 1-4

**\* Apostles’ Creed**

Printed in back cover of the red ELW hymnal

**\* Prayers of the Church**

P ... Lord, in your mercy,

or

... Let us pray to the Lord.

C hear our prayer.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**\* The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**Offering**

\* **Offertory**

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 your pres- ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re- store to me the  
 joy of your sal- va - tion, and up- hold me with your free Spir - it.

\* **Words of Institution**

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Hymns during Communion:**

**ELW 597, 793**

\* **Post Communion Blessing**

\* **Post Communion Hymn**

***For All the Saints***

**Vs. 6-7**

**ELW 422**

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* **Prayer & Benediction**

\* **Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

(\* indicates when congregation should stand)

**Coffee and Refreshments** will be served this morning in the Narthex by the families of Cole Knudson and Alison & Emilie Koch.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Dale & Jann Peterson.

**Visitors!** If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up in the basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the Sanctuary after worship.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available. If you would like a copy for worship, please ask an usher.

**Adult Bible Study this morning will be led by Pastor Stan Satre in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. Hallelujah! I'm a Lutheran** - These are the words from a popular song from the days of the Big Depression (1929 ff.). "Hallelujah! I'm a bum". We'll reminisce and also remember what makes us Lutheran. It all comes from God's Word.

**Harvest Dinner** is right around the corner and food donations are needed! Sign-up today on the table in the narthex so that we know what you can help out with. Please bring in all items by Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** The Outreach Committee is in need of volunteers to help out at the upcoming Blood Drive on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Rick West at 205-6963 if you are interested in helping.

**Operation Bootstrap Africa 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Thrivent Financial Bldg. (625 Fourth Ave. S., Minneapolis) Silent & Live Auction, Anniversary program with guest speaker Dr. Mark Jacobson, ALMC. Individual tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at [www.bootstrapafrica.org](http://www.bootstrapafrica.org). **Today is the last day to purchase your ticket!** First Lutheran will be driving the church van to this event. If you are interested in riding with, please talk to one of the Pastors or call the church office at 218-739-3348, seating is limited.

**Erik Vigesaa, Adult Choir Director**, would like to invite you to come and sing in the choir Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. New choir members are always welcome to join us as we praise God with our voices!

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Lectors:	8:30- Mark Hermes 11- Ashley Shuck
Acolytes:	8:30- Sara Hansen, Cole Knudson 11- Olivia Becker, Sydney Batzlaff
Ushers:	8:30- Gordy & Sandy Kvem, John & Suzanne Demuth 11 – Tom & Jeani Trosvig, Matt Freitag
Greeters:	8:30 – Jon & LuAnn Harris 11:00 – Lisa Kugler
Communion Assistants:	8:30- Mary Johnson, Harriet Wicklund 11- Dina Freitag, Steve Fitz
Sacristan:	8:30- Mark & Susan Hermes 11- Carolyn Sund
Adult Choir Director:	Erik Vigesaa
Organist:	Keith Melberg
PA Operators:	8:30 – Jack Pearson 11- Margaret Ness-Ludwig