

# All Saints Sunday

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+ **HOLY COMMUNION –SETTING ONE** +

The All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honour and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant and the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are sinners and saints simultaneously because of our rebellious nature, yet saints because of salvation in Jesus.

Today, by reading their names, ringing a bell, and lighting a candle, we remember those dear to our congregation who have died during the past year. Anyone in attendance will be able to come forward to light a candle. This will proceed spontaneously, without the ushers' direction. Following the lighting of the candles, we proclaim the message of hope and life eternal through Jesus Christ. May all the past and present saints endure forever in God's grace!

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Organ Prelude: "For all the Saints" arr. Denis Bedard

**Opening**

*Please stand as you are able*

P Splendour and honour and sovereign power

**C are yours by right, O Lord our God,**

P for you created everything that is,

**C and by your will, they were created and have their being;**

P and yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,

**C for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**

P from every family, language, people and nation,

**C a kingdom of priests to serve our God on earth.**

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.

**C Whoever believes in me, though dead, shall have eternal life.**

P We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses both here and in the heavens. Praise the Lord.

**C The Lord's name be praised. Alleluia.**

Baptism prayer

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P When we were baptised in Christ Jesus, we were baptised into his death. We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### The Liturgy of Remembrance

#### Announcement of Comfort and Hope

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

#### C Thanks be to God!

WA **Psalm 121** (read in unison)

Hymnal

I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
 from where is my | help to come?  
 My help comes | from the LORD,  
 the maker of heav- | en and earth.  
 The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
 nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.  
 Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
 will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;  
 the LORD watches | over you;  
 the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;  
 the sun will not strike | you by day,  
 nor the | moon by night.  
 The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
 and will | keep your life.  
 The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
 from this time forth for- | evermore.

*Please be Seated*

#### Rite of Honouring and Remembering

*We remember these who we name that have gone before:*

P O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We thank you for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your Word throughout the centuries into our time and place.

*Here, the individual names of the historical departed may be spoken. (List from narthex)*

*At the end of the listed names, the bell tolls seven times.*

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WA As we remember these saints, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C Amen.**

P On this Sunday, we remember with thanksgiving the members of our church and friends of the congregation who came to rest with you over the past year since the last All Saints' Day.

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who now rest from their labours, especially:

*Here, the individual names of the recently departed may be spoken. We toll the bell once after the name.*

Bruce Cooper, Gladys Grabinsky, Katherine Wellman  
Elmer Stalmach, Hazel Eisner, Yared Abera  
Gerald Michael, Norma Gummo

WA Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C Amen.**

P God, in your compassion, grant all for whom we pray eternal rest and that we may be kept in communion with all the saints until we are reunited with them around the heavenly throne of God and the Lamb.

**C Amen.**

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### **Lighting Candles of Remembrance**

*During the candle-lighting, the Pastor begins, and then all follow while singing:*

Hymn "For All the Saints." No. 422

***For safety, light the candles furthest away from you first.***

*Please come forward during the hymn to light a candle in honour and remembrance of family members or friends. Children are encouraged to participate with assistance. Remember the power of the resurrection!*

*After all have returned to their seats, we will continue.*

### **Prayer of Commendation**

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WA We commend all for whom we have prayed to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

P Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servants. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

**Dialogue for All Saints:** *(replaces the Kyrie)*

*Please stand as you are able*

WA Praise the Lord, all you saints!

**C Praise him all you heavenly hosts!**

WA Let us praise the name of the Lord:

**C For his name only is exalted!**

WA Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

**C Isaiah, Jeremiah and all you Patriarchs and Prophets!**

WA Miriam, Ruth and Naomi:

**C Elizabeth, Mary and all you Holy Women!**

WA Matthew, Mark and Luke:

**C James and John and all you Evangelists and Apostles!**

WA Stephen, Thomas, Peter and Paul:

**C Philip, Bartholomew and all you Holy Martyrs!**

WA Praise the Lord!

**C O praise the name of the Lord!**

WA These are the saints whose robes are washed white in the blood of the Lamb.

**C Praise the Lord!**

WA We are the saints who are the living body of Christ, the Church.

**C Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!**

### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

P O Almighty God, you have knit your elect together into one fellowship, the mystical body of Christ our Lord. Give us grace to follow the godly lives of your blessed saints so that we

may also come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who genuinely love you. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **WORD**

P Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

**C Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON: Wisdom 3:1-9**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

A The word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 24** (sung)

The earth is the Lord's and all | that is in it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas  
and established it up- | on the rivers.

Who may ascend the mountain | of the Lord,  
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is  
false.

They shall receive blessing | from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.  
Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.  
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.  
Who is this | King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, might- | y in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.  
Who is this | King of glory?  
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the | King of glory.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin-| ning, is now  
and will be forever. | Amen.

## **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.”

A The word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia...Pg. 102

## **GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

P The holy gospel according to John

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

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."

P The gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn**

Blest Are They

**No. 728**

**Nicene Creed**

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### **The Prayers**

The response to "*Hear us, O God.*" is "*Your mercy is great.*"

A United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence*



A Almighty God, in your great love and forgiveness, you call us your saints. Direct us now in your way of servanthood so that the whole world will know your unending love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Life-giving God, you shower your creation with blessings of abundance. Sustain us with your blessings so we never cease to find joy in your creation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Compassionate God, you look upon the lowly and call them blessed. Bless the poor, the hungry, and those who suffer. Comfort those all who are in need. We pray especially for: Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Ruth Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ...

and those we carry in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Merciful God, you redeem your people and seal us with the promise of your Holy Spirit. Guide the newly baptised as they embrace their new identity as holy children of God. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Give courage and faith to all who mourn, that they may have the strength to meet the days ahead with steadfastness, patience, and hope, in thankful remembrance of your great goodness and the joyful expectation of eternal life in your presence and with those they love, and deal graciously with all in their grief. Surround them with your love so they may not be overwhelmed by loss but have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet in the coming days. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Loving God, giver of life, nurture us in body and spirit so that, trusting in your mercy, we may generously respond to whatever you ask of us. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who gave his life for our salvation.

C **Amen.**

## **Sharing the Peace**

### **Offering**

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

Offertory "Grant Us Your Peace" R. Lau

Offering Prayer

A We pray. Almighty God, your saints were often poor, but you made them rich in works of faith. Help us bring gifts that trade for heavenly treasure, which no moth nor rust destroy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer (Saints and All Saints)

The Lord's Prayer (Version II) Pg. 112

At the Breaking of the Bread

P As the many grains of wheat were once scattered upon the hills, then became the bread of life,

C **Gather your Church from earth's wide bounds into your eternal reign of love.**

Lamb of God Pg. 112

Communion Hymns

Sing with All the Saints in Glory **No. 426**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past **No. 632**

Table Blessing

Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go Pg. 113

Post-Communion Prayer

A We pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you eagerly await the day when you will eat and drink with all the saints in light. We thank you for this sacred meal which joins us to them in faith and praise. Make

us more like those who followed you. We bless you now and evermore.

**C Amen.**

Announcements

*Please be seated.*

Benediction

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God’s will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God’s sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

Sending Song          Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!          **No. 873**

Dismissal

P Let us go for the in peace

**C in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude          “O God our Help” arr. J.S. Bach



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor.

**WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

Usher:                                 Gerry and Barb Patychuk  
Lector:                                 Gerry Patychuk  
Worship Assistant:                 Jennelle Hughes  
Assistant:                               Cam Schneider  
Altar Guild: Helen Sandau  
Refreshments:                         Thelma Jung, Tanya Wellman  
Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

Last week	27 October	Budget 2024
Current	\$ 2,445	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 10	

Other \$ 270  
Attendance 36

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Today	3 Nov	11:45 PM	Fellowship & Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	4 Nov	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	5 Nov	1:00 PM	HLW Bible Study
		6:30 PM	Never Alone Peer Support
Wednesday	6 Nov	9:30 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	8 Nov	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	9 Nov	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	10 Nov	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service

**CWLR** – “Gifts from the Heart” Catalogue is available in the narthex.

**HLW (HIGHWOOD LUTHERAN WOMEN) BIBLE STUDY**– meets the first Tuesday of the month (5 November) at 1:00 PM downstairs. Our study of “Growing Older and Wiser” continues. Come, bring a friend, and join us! Rides can be arranged with Pat, Clarice, or Helga.

**CANADA LUTHERAN MAGAZINE** – Start or renew your subscription for only \$20.00 per year. Deadline is 8 November 2024. Forms are included with the bulletin. Payment may be added to your envelope, along with the form.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – for the November issue of the Highwood Highlights is 12 November 2024. Items may be emailed to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com).

**CAMPUS MINISTRY** – begins their Annual Online Fundraiser Auction “*Your Story is Our Story*” on Sunday 10 November 2024. Join us at Hope Lutheran Church on 16 November at 3:00 pm (doors open at 2:30) for Holden Evening Prayer, a short programme about LCM–Calgary, and a simple supper of soup and bread. Get your free ticket [here](#).

**ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION** – the celebration for Jim Rasmussen is Sunday, 17 November. All are welcome to attend this joyous milestone.

**LADIES' ADVENT LUNCHEON** – is Saturday, 30 November 2024 beginning at 12:00 PM. Invite your family and friends. Invitations will be in your mailboxes next week and the sign-up sheet will be downstairs.

Also, a reminder to all knitters, crocheters, and quilters: as the Mitten Tree will be going up for donations (scarves, toques, mittens) as well as the boxes for new warm socks for men and women all to be donated to the Drop-In Centre.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND HYMNS SERVICE** – Mark your calendar for the First Sunday of Advent 1 December 2024 at 7:00 PM at Highwood. More information to follow.

<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>	Proper 26
Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:14-14	Mark 12:28-34