

- 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.
- 6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

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Dismissal

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

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

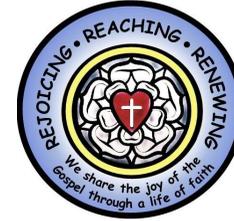
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."
John 11:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV).



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JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
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November 3, 2024 + All Saints Sunday

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

All Saints All Souls

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Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we claim to have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
 and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
 will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today we view our daily living in the life of God's eternal promises.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sought our own definition of the good life
 and lamented every setback.**

**Our minds are set on earthly things.
 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.**

Almighty God has given his Son to die for us,
 and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
 He has blessed us with eternal life and calls us saints.
 His sure promises enable us to rejoice no matter what the circumstances.
 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 the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**Now send us out to labor with you,
 in service to the world you have made,
 and among the people you have made your home,
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ SENDING +

Announcements

Benediction

May you go as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing.
 May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us.
 May you go with a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit
 to be light and love to all the world.
 May you go in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* (TFF #180)



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

Hymn continues on next page.



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Distribution Hymn *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* #628



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Faithful God,

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
 in the body and blood of your Son.**

Opening Hymn *God, Your Love and Care Surround Us* (Tune #631)



- 1 God, your love and care sur - round us ev' - ry mo - ment,
- 2 As an or - din - ar - y peb - ble tossed up - on a
- 3 "Do not let your hearts be trou - bled," Je - sus said to
- 4 We hold on - to what you prom - ise: earth and heav'n will



ev' - ry day. Now we gath - er to re - mem - ber one who
 qui - et pond sends out rings of rip - pling wa - ters, mov - ing
 those he loved. "There are man - y dwel - ling pla - ces in my
 be made new. Then your home will be a - mong us; we will



fol - lowed Je - sus' way. Grate - ful for this life you've giv - en,
 wat - ers far be - yond— so we touch the lives of oth - ers;
 Fa - ther's house a - bove." Je - sus, you have gone be fore us;
 al - ways dwell with you. There will be no sound of weep - ing;



now we give it back to you, trust - ing your e -
 we are moved by how they live. Help us, in our
 Je - sus, you will guide us there. Lord, we trust your
 you will wipe a - way each tear. God, we trust your



ter - nal prom - ise: "I am mak - ing all things new!"
 joy, re mem - ber; help us, in our pain, for - give.
 hand to lead us to the place that you pre - pare.
 prom - ise to us: Now and al - ways, you are here.

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Opening Litany

O God of all creation, your saints dwell in heaven and on earth.
For you have sanctified all people who put their faith in you.

O God from generation to generation, you kept our ancestors in the faith and welcomed them into your heavenly home.
May we follow in their footsteps of faith and look to you for blessing.

O God of love, you care for our loved ones on this earth and our loved ones in heaven.

May we shine forth our love for you and our love for all the saints.

O God of all time, you hold the future in your hands.

May we entrust our lives to you both now and forever.

Apostolic Greeting

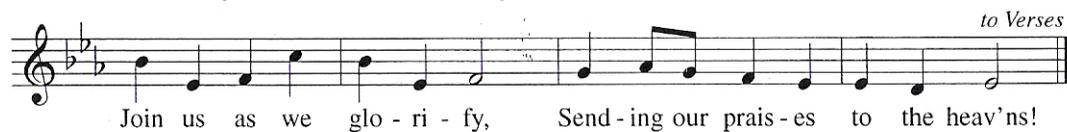
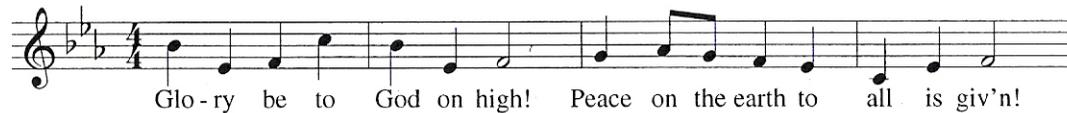
The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the glorious love bestowed by the + Son,
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Family of God



2. You sit at the right hand of God; Oh, hear our hum-ble prayer to-day:

3. You, O Lord, are the Ho-ly One, and you a-lone are Lord of heav'n,



2. Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us— Je-sus, take our sins a-way. (Ref.)

3. Reign-ing with the Ho-ly Spir-it and the Fa-ther. A-men. (Ref.)



Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

#439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

Hymn continues on next page.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
 strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
 By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
 and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
 Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
 all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...
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.

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* *Family of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
 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.

✠ **WORD** ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

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

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On 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.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he 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.
⁹It 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.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

Let us read Psalm 24 responsively.

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

Second Reading

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.

A reading from Revelation.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

ty! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is he who
comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread,
gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you;
do this for the remembrance of me.”*

After supper, Jesus took the cup,

again gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

*“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.*

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Renew our communion with all our saints.

✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Blessed are you, God of creation and all beginnings,

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of apostles and martyrs,

God of our mothers and fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, — Sing



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -

“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;

⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the

Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

God's Word is Our Great Heritage

#509



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Holy Gospel

John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time Sermon



Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

We Are an Offering

#692

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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(As the names are read, a bell is tolled and a candle is lit.)

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Into your hands we commend all these saints, O merciful Savior,
sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.

**Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

In communion with them we feast at your table
until we join all the saints at the heavenly banquet in the new Jerusalem.

**We thank you for their example.
We praise you for their lives of faith.**

O God, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
**Receive our prayers and bring us with all your saints
to your eternal home. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

For All Your Saints, O Lord

#427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**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 into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

- P Rooted in God's abundant love for the world,
let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.
A brief silence is kept.
- A O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life.
Rouse your church from slumber.
Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us.
Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news,
that all may know abundant life.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas.
Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home.
Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples.
Inspire us with wisdom and discernment
as we elect legislators and leaders.
May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals.
Come alongside those who weep this day.
Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair,
and heal any who are suffering *especially...*
Abide with your faithful ones in love.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food.
Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality.
Strengthen the hands and hearts
of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P: Here other intercessions may be offered.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A O God, Alpha and Omega,
we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you.

With all your saints, we praise you,
for you have swallowed up death forever.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

- P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God,
trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Cloud of Witnesses Litany

Lord God, by your grace we are walking in a cloud.
We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses -

Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists,
disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.
We thank you for their example.
We praise you for their lives of faith.

Lord God, by your grace we are walking in a cloud.
We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses —

Loved ones now resting in you,
who pampered and guided us, nurtured and cared for us;
ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died
that we might be who we are, where we are –
your precious children in this community of believers.
We thank you for their example.
We praise you for their lives of faith.

Lord God, by your grace we are walking in a cloud.
We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses —

Family members and members of this congregation;
fellow believers in every country, every denomination;
friends who help, guide, and uplift us –
children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.
We thank you for their example.
We praise you for their lives of faith.

Heavenly Father, in joyful thanksgiving, we name before you
our brothers and sisters who now rest in the peace of Christ: