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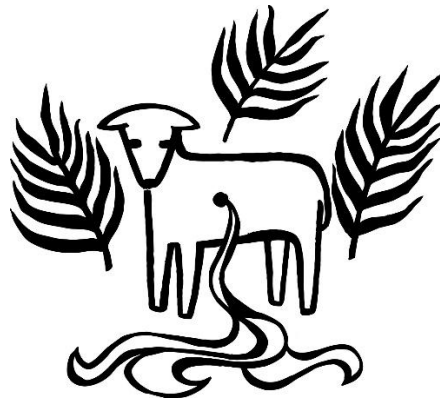
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All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

ELW Holy Communion, Setting Eight

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

We at Grace Lutheran Church strive to reflect and proclaim the love of God shown to us by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by providing an inclusive and supportive environment through loving care and community service.

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us in person or online! We appreciate your contribution to the community today: with your voice, your presence, and just the blessing that you are. May you be nurtured by God's Word, empowered by the love of Christ, and stirred by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in this service this day, for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Grace Lutheran Church worships, prays, and serves on the traditional and unceded lands and territories of the hən̓q̓əmiñəḥ (Musqueam) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) speaking peoples.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to bless our Lord with the praise of God always on our lips and the glory of the Lord in our rejoicing. Together we proclaim God's greatness and exalt God name, for the Lord answers us and delivers us, lifting us up from all fear and shame. The Lord is good, and happy are we to take refuge in God, in whom we lack nothing but are blessed with the redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

And in this blessing our God welcomes us into this eternal kingdom and community, where we are invited to join in this unending story of faith that connects us with God, each other, and all the saints. May these candles that we light for those that we've loved and lost serve as a reminder of how they continue to be present among us, in our hearts, and together with us in our gathering, in our worship, and in our community.

Jesus reminds us that we share in his yoke, where we can learn from him and lean on his strength, for he is gentle and humble in heart, making his yoke easy and burden light. In Christ, we can find rest for our souls.

May we hold onto this promise from our Saviour, that these candles can be for us the very real presence of the saints here, now, with us, and among us, together worshipping God's name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: For All the Saints (#422)

GREETING

The eternal grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting love of God, and the unending fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Your blessing for us, O God, reaches all areas of our lives. When we are overtaken by sorrow, you comfort us. When we feel overwhelmed with trouble, you save us. When we are overcome with death, you raise us up to new life and reveal to us the everlasting joy in your name. Grant to us the hope in your mercy, the community in your grace, and the steadfast love that is ever present in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our brother and Saviour, by the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

² **I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶ **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²² O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 188)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Death Be Never Last (ACS #1030)

CREED

With all the saints of all times and places, let us confess the Christian faith with the Apostle's 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to remember and honour the saints of all times, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition will end with, "by your blessed mercy, O God," and you are all invited to respond with **hear our prayer**. By your blessed mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, we praise your name on high. We give you thanks for all that you have done in blessing us with your love, saving us with your grace, and connecting us with you and all the saints forever. Enrich our lives as reflections of your faithfulness, and may our service be pleasing to you. By your blessed mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, together we proclaim your greatness to the world. May our ministry to each other and all people be fruitful in building relationships and communities where your love and grace can be apparent. We remember in prayer our neighbouring faith communities; those who use this building for worship, work, and play; our partners Anglican Church of Canada and Moravian Church in Canada; and our bishops, rostered leaders, congregations, and ministries of the ELCIC. In particular we pray for Grace Lutheran Church in Dawson Creek and all the pastors and leaders that serve them; and for Deo Lutheran Church in Salmon Arm and their pastor Erik Bjorgan. By your blessed mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, you have created this world that meets our needs and in it, we lack nothing. Strengthen our stewardship of all that you've entrusted to us, that our care for it be reflective of the love you have for us all. By your blessed mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, you answer our cries for help and deliver us from our troubles, but we continue to face hardship and times of tumult. We pray for peace around the world, that the nations, territories, and all people groups learn to live in harmony. We also remember in prayer those that we've sponsored to come to our country: Abraham Berhane; Solyana Amanuel; and Filimon Abraha; as well as for those who have not yet arrived: Maেকেle Kiflu, Selam Haile, and their children; and Meri, Surafiel, Nohom, and Elita Gabramikael. By your blessed mercy, O God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, in our pain and sorrow you send your angels to encamp around us, bringing us comfort and healing. Be with those among us who are sick, who mourn, or who feel lonely, that your love and blessing be apparent on us all. Especially we pray for the Rostad family; Kathy and family; Bryan and Chona; Ron, Tess, and Mineko; Janet; Bev and family; John and Betty; Sukhwant; Pastor Kristen; Pastor Carol; Laura; Kandie; Will; Chris; Larry; Walter; Piet; Kelly; Betty; Ngan Kew (nan CUE); Matt; Patty; Sarasawathi (SAR-ah-sa-WAH-tee); Hugh; Wai Lan (why-LAHN); and all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts at this time...

By your blessed mercy, O God, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we know that you are good and in you we find refuge and redemption. We lean on your strength and wisdom to live this life of faith that you've called us into. And you give us the saints of all times and places to inspire us and remind us of how we are all connected in your kingdom and community for all time. By your blessed mercy, O God, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and blessing, shown to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who blesses us with hope in your promises and assures us with an unending love,
where we can be joined with the saints of the past, present, and future,
all the choirs of angels,
and the whole church on earth
in praising your name with this unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 190)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy and almighty God, in you we have no fear and we are given all that we need for life, love, and community. You bless us with hope in your promises of salvation from sin, and you welcome us to have a role in your unending story of faith. And in the fullness of time, you send to us Jesus, your Son, to show us first-hand how expansive and eternal your love truly is.

For on the night that your Son Jesus was betrayed, he sat with his friends for a meal, where he took the bread, gave thanks, broke and shared it and said, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then after they ate, he took the cup, gave thanks, and passed it around the table for them to drink from saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

It is in this bread and cup that we are given a glimpse of the blessedness we have as God's people living in God's kingdom, together proclaiming this basis of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So then it is to you, O God, that all honour and glory reside, for you bless us with every good gift and even join us together in community with all the saints as the one body of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed to be saints by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see, God's eternal and unending love.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS: Lamb of God (p. 191)

Shall We Gather at the River (#423)

Taste and See (#493)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, again we give you thanks and praise for feeding us, nourishing us, and empowering us with your love and grace. Instill in us the hope that dispels all fear, that we may live with confidence in your promises of eternal mercy and salvation, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God enrich you with blessing and comfort you with joy,
God fill you with righteousness and reveal to you mercy,
God welcome you into the everlasting arms of love and lead you into peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: As Saints of Old (#695)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, proclaim the goodness of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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