

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope
NOVEMBER 3, 2024 PASTOR ELAINA SALMON

Prelude *“There is a Place”*

During Prelude, you may come light a candle and place it next to the picture of your loved one.

Welcome and Announcements

(Please stand.)

THE GATHERING

Litany of Remembrance

P At the rising sun and at its going down; We remember them.

C **At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;
We remember them.**

P At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring; We remember them.

C **At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;
We remember them.**

P At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;
We remember them.

C **At the beginning of the year and when it ends; We remember them.**

P As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as
We remember them.

C **When we are weary and in need of strength; We remember them.**

P When we are lost and sick at heart; We remember them.

C **When we have decisions that are difficult to make; We remember them.**

P When we have joy we crave to share; We remember them.

C **When we have achievements that are based on theirs;
We remember them.**

P For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

C **We remember them.**

Gathering Song *“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”*

*Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.*

There is room for ev'ryone.

*Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
to obliterate the light.*

*Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.*

*Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.*

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise *“Soli Deo Gloria”*

*O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*

*All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
through word and witness, in bread and wine;
incarnate love song of boundless grace,
priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!*

Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

THE WORD

The First Reading 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

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

C **For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

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

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

A They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

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

A Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
C **Who is this King of glory?**
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

A Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
C **Who is this King of glory?**
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading 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,

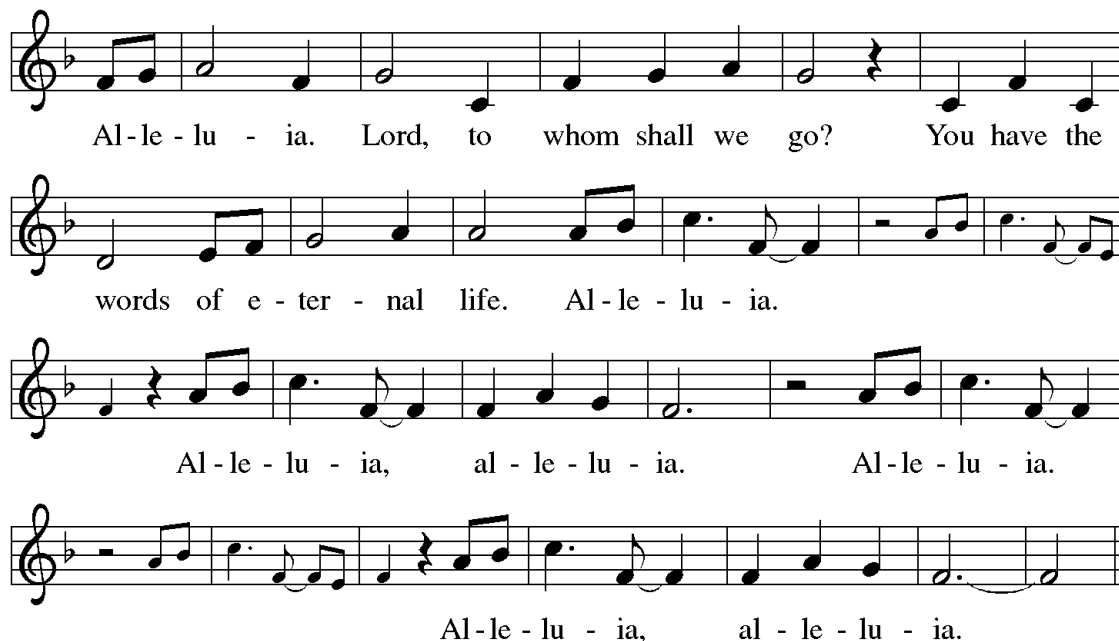
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

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.**

(Please stand.)

Gospel Acclamation



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

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.”

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

(Please be seated.)

Sermon Rev. Elaina Salmon

(Please stand.)

Hymn of the Day “*Death be Never Last*”

*We walk in light of countless faces
bright as beams of rising sun,
certain as the morning chases
night in endless ages' run.*

Refrain

*Turning eyes now to their shining mem'ry,
to their faithful past,
saints be now the truth divining:
death be now but never last.*

*When sorrow's heavy hand has weighted
loss against the greater gain,
pinning down that grief sore fated
laden on the bed of pain. Refrain*

*When joy returns with laughter singing
thanks to God for life's sweet song,
let us follow after bringing
thanks to God for those now gone. Refrain*

Prayers of the People

A Surround by the cloud of witnesses and trusting in God's great mercy and love, we join our voices in prayer.

(a moment of silence)

A Holy God, we join our hearts in prayer to remind ourselves that Love calls us to our crucial work at hand: to serve all people following the example of Christ and to strive for peace and justice in all the earth. And so we pray,

C Give us courage. Give us wisdom. But especially give us joy.

A We pray to remind ourselves that Love calls us to see a wider vision that embraces everyone - a vision of health and well-being, of goodness and kindness, of peace with justice. And so we pray,

C Give us courage. Give us wisdom. But especially give us joy.

A We pray together to remind ourselves that we are stronger in community, That all God's children are created to connect, to care, and to compassionately assist and defend one another. And so we pray,

C Give us courage. Give us wisdom. But especially give us joy.

A We pray together to remind ourselves that this is who we are:
Justice seekers, peacemakers, spirit comforters, truth defenders, earth lovers. And we
remember this is how we are called to be reflections of the Divine. And so we pray,

C **Give us courage. Give us wisdom. But especially give us joy.**

A We pray to remind ourselves that the work of binding ourselves together in unity and
love is difficult. The challenges of creating a more just world are tiring and sometimes
grueling. And so we pray,

C **Give us courage. Give us wisdom. But especially give us joy.**

A We pray together to remind ourselves that all is well and all will be well for God is
faithful. The power of Love is greater than our deepest fear, stronger than our deepest
sorrow, and wider than our wildest expectations. The one whose eye is on the sparrow is
also watching out for each one of us. And so we pray,

C **Give us courage. Give us wisdom. But especially give us joy.**

A We pray together to remind ourselves that the Spirit holds us and all people, of every
time and place, together in love. Through the witness of our beloved saints, we see
examples of the courage, wisdom, and joy that we seek. Inspire us by their witness so we
may be instruments of your peace. And so we pray,

C **Give us courage. Give us wisdom. But especially give us joy.**

A We are called to this moment - in this hour and in this time and place - to live out our
baptismal call. We say “yes” to this life to which we are called and will not fear the
Spirit’s “yes” that is inside of us. We do not know the future but we know who holds it.
And this assurance gives us joy. Holy, mighty, and loving God, we lift these prayers to
you trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*(You may share the sign of peace with a handshake, jazz hands, a peace sign, or a bow. Please
stay near your seats to do so.)*

(Please be seated.)

THE MEAL

Invitation to the Offering

P Our God is ever faithful and provides everything we need. Let us praise the Lord with the
offerings of our lives.

Offering

(Our offering is an act of worship and thanksgiving for all God has first given us. Our gifts support the mission of the church to “nurture with love and serve with hope.”)

Special Music *“These Alone are Enough”*

(Please stand.)

Offertory Song *“We are an Offering”*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.*

*Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives,
they are yours: we are an offering.*

*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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering, we are an offering.*

Dedication of Funeral Pall

Given to the glory of God in memory of all Bethany’s saints.

P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, holy, mighty, and loving. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children and to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Accept this pall which we offer in thanksgiving; may it be a reminder that in Baptism we have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ, that we may know that those who have departed from this earthly life are received into the arms of your mercy. Bring us all at length to your perfect kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

A Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

C **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P With Isaiah the prophet, we give you thanks-
for the promise of your heavenly banquet,
a feast of rich food and well-aged wine;
for the strength of your steadfast love,
destroying the shroud of sin and shame;
for the gift of your saving grace,
our long-awaited day of deliverance.

With Mary and Martha, we remember Jesus-
his liberating word and healing touch,
his saving death and life-giving resurrection,
his promised return and glorious realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember
how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

We remember how he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this in remembrance of me.

As often as we share this bread and cup,
we proclaim the saving death of the living Lord,
until he comes in glory to reign.

P Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

C **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,
as we share this feast of bread and wine.
Make us one in the body of Christ our Lord
and one in the company of your saints.

With John the Divine, we look with hope-
for the coming of your new creation,
a new heaven and a new earth:
for an end to suffering and mourning,

when every tear will be wiped away:
for the fulfillment of your ancient promise
on the day when you make all things new.

Through Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, O God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

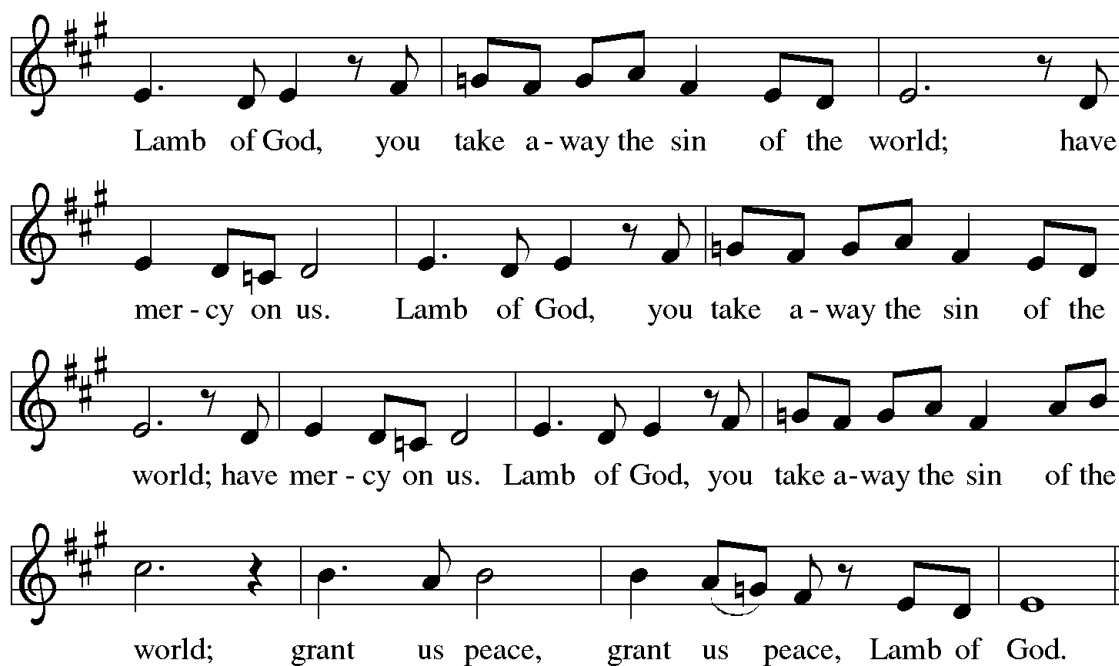
P Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

(Please be seated.)

Communion Distribution

Communion Songs

"Lamb 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 take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"Be Not Afraid"

*You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live*

Refrain:

*Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow me
And I will give you rest*

*If you pass through raging waters
In the sea you shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all Refrain*

*And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs*

*Blessed are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you Refrain*

(Please stand.)

Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

A Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
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.
C **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
the grace to risk something big for something good; and
the grace to remember the world is
too dangerous for anything but the truth and
too small for anything but love.
So may God take your minds and think through them
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.
C **Amen.**

Sending Song “*On Eagle’s Wings*”

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,*

my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. Refrain*

*You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. Refrain*

*For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

Final refrain

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Dismissal

P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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