

## Order of Service – All Saints Sunday – November 5, 2023 10 AM Sanctuary Service

**Presiding:** Pastor Bart

**Preaching:** Pastor Bart

**Music Team:** Elaine, Betty, Gary , Marilyn. Robin

### Welcome to worship!

If you are a visitor today, please pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs at the Welcome Table at the back of the narthex. Grab a coffee and mingle or sit for a conversation in the “Gateway.” If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to come forward for communion. If your children have gone through communion instruction, they are welcome as well. If they are not taking communion, please bring them forward for a blessing. If you would like personal prayer this morning, you are invited to meet with our prayer team in the narthex either before or after you have taken communion. Individual prayer is also available following the service in our confidential prayer room.

### Opening Vesicles

*Leader:* This is the day which the Lord has made;

**Congregation:** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*L:* From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C:** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

*L:* Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C:** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

*L:* Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C:** Teach me Your paths.

*L:* Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C:** Your Word is truth.

*L:* From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C:** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

*C:* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### OPENING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing LBW 559

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise.

The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears And bids our sorrows cease.

Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin; He sets the prisoner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever given,  
By saints below and saints above, The church in earth and heaven.

Text: Charles Wesley , 1707-1788, alt  
Tune: Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER (All)** – Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we invite your presence into our worship this morning and consecrate this time to you. Be glorified in the preaching, in the singing, our praying and our meditation on your word. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **THE GRACE (LBW, p. 57)**

L: 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.**

**All Saints Sunday:** Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Bart**

### **CHILDREN'S SONG: Goodness of God**

I love you Lord,  
Oh, your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head,  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

#### **Chorus**

And all my life you have been faithful.  
And all my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice; you have led me through the fire.  
And in darkest nights you are close like no other  
I've known you as a Father,  
I've known you as a friend,  
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

#### **Chorus**

Cause your goodness is a running after,  
It's a running after me.  
And your goodness is a running after, it's a running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,  
I give you everything.  
Cause your goodness is a running after,  
It's a running after me.

### **Chorus**

And all my life you have been faithful.  
And all my life you have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

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## **INTRODUCTION OF READINGS – Pastor Paul**

### **FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

### **PSALM 149 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.  
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.  
<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.  
<sup>5</sup> Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.  
<sup>6</sup> May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,  
<sup>7</sup> to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,  
<sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,  
<sup>9</sup> to carry out the sentence written against them—

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 NIV

**3** See what great love the Father has lavished on 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** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, <sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 5:1-12

**5** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach them.

He said:

**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 be shown 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 because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11** “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

**12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Hymn: Who is This Host Arrayed in White LBW 314

Who is this host arrayed in white Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
That stands with palms and sings its psalms Before the throne of light?  
These are the saints who kept God’s Word; They are the honored of the Lord.  
He is their prince who drowned their sins, So they were cleansed, restored.  
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring when they all sing With angels shining bright.

On earth their work was not thought wise; But see them now in heaven’s eyes;  
Before God’s throne of precious stone They shout their vict’ry cries.  
On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,  
Transformed their strife to heav’nly life, And freed them from their fears.  
For now they have the best at last; They keep their sweet eternal feast.  
At God’s right hand our Lord commands; He is both host and guest.

O blessed saints, now take your rest; A thousand times shall you be blest  
For keeping faith firm unto death And scorning worldly trust.  
For now you live at home with God And harvest seeds once cast abroad  
In tears and sighs. See with new eyes The pattern in the seed.  
The myriad angels raise their song. O saints, sing with that happy throng;  
Lift up one voice; let heav’n rejoice In our Redeemer’s song!

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
Tune: Norwegian folk tune, 17<sup>th</sup> cent.

## SERMON: Pastor Bart

## OFFERTORY HYMN: O Master, Let Me Walk with You LBW 492

O Master, let me walk with you In lowly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; share with me A closer, dearer company.  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way.  
In peace that only you can give; With you, O Master, let me live.

Text Washington Gladden, 1836-1918  
Tune: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1889

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW, p. 68)

P: Blessed are you.

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your Goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Nicene Creed

LBW p. 64

We believe in one God  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontious Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge on Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW p56**

L - Lord God, you promise us your grace. The past does not have to keep us in bondage. You give us the gift of new chances and a new start. You guide us so that we can grow and improve in our lives here on earth, and grow in our relationships with you and with others. Send your Holy Spirit now so that you enable us to change and repent and direct us what we should ask forgiveness for.

### ***Silence for Self-Examination***

L - For times we were selfish and self-absorbed instead of noticing the needs of others and the beauty in the world around us.

**C** -Forgive us, Lord.

L - For times we did not keep your commandments, hurting ourselves or others.

**C** -Forgive us, Lord.

L - For times when we did not recognize that every person you made was created in your image and deserves our care and respect.

**C** -Forgive us, Lord.

L - For times we reacted with ingratitude or perhaps did not even notice your great gifts to us.

**C** -Forgive us, Lord.

L - For times we were lazy or undisciplined in doing our own work, in serving others or serving you.

**C** -Forgive us, Lord.

L - For times we chose to live in despair because we did not see all the opportunities you offer and did not understand that your blessings and possibilities come new every morning.

**C** -Forgive us, Lord.

L - For times that we forgot to acknowledge that you are God and we are not.

**C** - Forgive us, Lord.

### **SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you**

### **PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 him thanks and praise

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS – Video Version with words

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Our Father, who art in Heaven...

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS: The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You, Let my heart be changed, renewed;  
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.  
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love

#### **Chorus**

Hold me close, let Your love surround me,  
Bring me near, Draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,  
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face;  
The knowledge of Your love, as You live in me.  
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,  
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love

#### **Chorus**

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### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Tune: The Water is Wide)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain, I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God.  
All the vain things, that charm me most, I sacrifice them, to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, My life, my all.

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## BLESSING

## COMMUNION PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see sheet attached**

### **CLOSING HYMN: Lord, dismiss Us with your Blessing LBW 259**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; Oh, refresh us,  
Travelling through this wilderness.

Savior, when your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett 1740-1817, sts. 1-2; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3 alt.  
Tune: Sicilian, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Week at a Glance:**

Tuesday – 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study on “The Lord’s Prayer” lead by Rhonda

Tuesday – 6:00 PM Christian Caregiving Ministry with soup

Wednesday – 10:00 AM Prayer time in sanctuary

Thursday – 10:00 AM Bible study on “John” lead by Pastor Paul

Sunday – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM All Saints Sunday

Small Group Ministries – Various times during the week. Please contact Florence Toth or the church office for details.

### **Month in Advance:**

November 8 - 10:00 Am – Grandparenting and the Faith

November 9, 16, & 30 – Bible study on “John” lead by Pastor Paul

November 7, 14, 21 & 28 – 6:00 PM Christian Caregiving session – soup and discussion

November 18 – 8:00 AM- Men’s Breakfast

November 24 – 6 PM Ladies’ Advent Supper

November 26 – 10 AM Consecration Sunday – Lunch to Follow

### **Pray for St. Peter’s**

Please remember to keep praying for the church, our pastors, leaders, members and their families.

### **“Surprising Questions That Jesus Asked” – Preaching Series (Pastor Rick)**

“I’ve always been curious about the questions Jesus asked – sometimes answered, and sometimes not. For a few months, I am going to dig more deeply into these questions. Check on the big bulletin board in the narthex to see what question is coming up next. Read the gospel that I will be exploring as I prepare to preach. Nov. 12: “What is your name? (Mark 5:3-28)

### **Ladies' Advent Dinner**

The date is Friday, November 24, 6 PM. An evening of great food, fellowship and song. Ladies, please contact the church office; men, be prepared to babysit. It's a ladies-only event. See the bulletin board in the narthex, your Big Events card, Facebook, St. Peter's Website or the newsletter for further details.

### **Samaritan's Purse – Annual Shoebox Program is underway.**

Shoe boxes and information in the Narthex for pickup; please return them to St. Peter's or other collection point **by noon Thursday November 16, 2023.**

**Consecration Sunday November 26, 2023** – Consecration Sunday is a time when we remember to pray to God for guidance, about how and what we give of time, treasure, and talents to God and his work in the world.

### **Newsletter**

Please pick up a copy of the newsletter in your mail box. If you don't have a mailbox, then please head back to the information table and will make sure you get one. Thanks to Whitney Edworthy for putting our newsletter together and for all those who contributed.

### **Grandparenting and Faith**

Join us this Wednesday for our monthly gathering of grandparents where we learn, share and pray together. We continue to explore the wonderful blessing it is to be grandparents and how we might best encourage our grandchildren in their relationship with God. It all starts at 10 AM.