

All Saints Sunday

November 7, 2021

God Speaks to Elijah
1 Kings 19:1-18

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church



A Wellspring of God's Grace

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WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering basket, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this booklet. Portions of worship in bold print are to be spoken by the whole congregation. We stand for portions of our worship service. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.**



HEALTH AND SAFETY

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, certain measures are in place for our time of worship to be as safe and healthy as possible. **Well-fitted masks will be required for all in-person worshippers, regardless of vaccination status.** Masks are a way we protect those around us, and we wish to create a worship space that is as safe as it can be for those under 12 who cannot be vaccinated yet. Physical distancing will be in place in the sanctuary with every other row in use. **Music will be sung by the choir only.** At this time, there is no congregational singing of hymns and liturgy. Our choir members will be masked, and all musicians have provided proof of vaccination.

OUR WORSHIP

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God’s constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Narrative Lectionary (a four-year cycle of scripture readings in biblical order), we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time. *For details, see “About Our Worship” on the last page.*

Worship will be live-streamed at 11:00 am. Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with the Wellstream service at 11:00 am allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt (perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org).

OTHER NOTES

- **Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the Welcome Desk.
- A **restroom** is located at the north end of the Gathering Area (additional restrooms downstairs).

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WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God’s people to worship. In this first part of our worship, we share together honestly – our sins in confession, our joy in forgiveness.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesus, Bread of Life, I Pray Thee (tune: Schmücke Dich; arr. D. Wagner, 2016)

(We stand)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The congregation turns and faces the baptismal font.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Throughout the generations you worked through the waters to make your presence known to your people. By water and the Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We rejoice with all those who were washed in the waters of baptism as God’s living saints this past year, especially Kendall Marie Hopkins, Charlotte Elizabeth Knappenberger, and Karley Anne Ritchie.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints *verses 1-4 (sung by choir)*

SINE NOMINE

(if you would like to follow along, this is hymn # 422)

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

GREETING

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

(We sit)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Powerful God, although you can make your presence known in a mighty wind, or an earthquake, or a fire, you often speak to us in the sound of sheer silence. Help us to hear. **Amen.**

WORD

The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.

FIRST READING ~ 1 Kings 19:1-18

Robert Alley, Biblical Storyteller

We invite you to lay your bulletin aside and listen to the Biblical Storyteller.

If you wish to reference this text, it is in the pew Bible, page 362.

The reading concludes:

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

(We stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung by choir)*

GOSPEL ~ John 12:27-36

The Holy Gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. ³⁴The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

After the reading:

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

(We sit)

ALL SAINTS HOMILY

Silence for reflection follows.

Pastor Lauren Eanes

ANTHEM

8:30 Alleluia Incantation (A. Miller)

11:00 Shall We Gather at the River (arr. C. Callahan, 2002)

Celebration Singers

Flute & Organ

ALL SAINTS SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

Lord God, we remember with thanksgiving sisters and brothers whom we have entrusted to you from this congregation; those who have loved and served you in your church on earth, who now rest from their labors:

+ **Thelma Shirley** (11/11/2020) +

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself,

so that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:3)

+ **Sam Cook** (12/3/2020) +

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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matt. 5:4, 8)

+ **Jackie Kiser** (12/26/2020) +

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. (Heb. 12:1)

+ **Ann Payne** (12/30/2020) +

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long. (Psalm 23:6)

+ **John Stone** (1/20/2021) +

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live;

And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)

+ **Norwood Beery** (1/23/2021)+

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.

(Job 19:25-26)

+ **Jean Snider** (2/14/2021) +

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Cor. 15:54-55)

+ **Susan Depoy LaDue** (2/17/2021) +

The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life
so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. (John 4:36)

+ **Luke Dillon** (2/18/2021) +

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord,
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:7-8)

+ **Norma Campbell** (5/18/2021) +

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life,
And does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)

+ **Jim Rotzin** (6/17/2021) +

Death has been swallowed up in victory.
Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:54, 57)

+ **Jim Reilly** (7/6/2021) +

He will guide them to springs of the water of life,
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Rev. 7:17)

+ **Jo Umberger** (7/7/2021) +

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

+ **Betty Ryman** (7/11/2021) +

If God is for us, who is against us?
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:31, 38-39)

+ **Carole Einarsen Alfriend** (8/11/2021) +

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
The sheet that is spread over all nations. (Isaiah 25:7)

+ **Johanna Runion** (10/25/2021) +

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matt. 5:4, 8)

CANDLE LIGHTING

In-Person Instructions

During the following music, you are invited to process to the front of the church and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have died — one candle per family please.

At Home Instructions

During the following music, you are invited to light a candle in your home in memory of your loved ones who have died.

Going Home (African-American Spiritual; arr. J. Martin)

Piano Solo

April (O. Gjeilo, b. 1978)

Piano Solo

Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. We, too, seek to do your will: guide us. We, too, desire to be your servants: strengthen us. We, too, long to know you clearly: teach us. And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

After each petition:

. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Lay Assisting Minister concludes the prayers:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Have a prayer concern to share? Forms are available in the back cover of each hymnal.

(We stand)

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Maintaining physical distancing, and only making physical contact with members of your own household, the congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace (i.e., hand over heart, nod, wave, etc.), using these or similar words: “Peace be with you.”

MEAL

In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus' invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.

(We sit)

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:30 *Blessed Assurance* (text: F. Crosby; music: P. Knapp)

11:00 *Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal* (arr. M. Schweizer)

Celebration Singers
Sanctuary Choir

(We stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty. All the saints in heaven and on earth sing their praise of your eternal glory.

For in the beginning, you prepared the worlds by your holy Word, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. You laid out your holy plan of creation and redemption, that all who might know you would have faith, not in things seen, but in things not seen.

By faith, Noah and his family built the ark and were saved from the flood to bring forth a new generation. By faith, Enoch of old was taken straight into heaven.

By faith, Abraham and Sarah obeyed your calling and went forth from their home to a place promised but not seen, to a family promised, but only later fulfilled. By faith, Moses and Miriam brought forth your chosen people, the Israelites, from slavery into freedom and led them to your holy mountain to worship and to receive your law.

By faith, the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah held fast to your promise of a Messiah who would come to save your people from their sin. By faith, Mary and Joseph awaited the day of your promise, until you brought forth that savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son.

In him is the fulfillment of the faith and hope of all the saints. In him is our salvation won and your love revealed.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave 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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, 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.

In heaven and on earth, O God, the saints and angels unite around your holy altar to proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

We remember and hold fast to Christ's examples of faith and life as the saints before us have done. We remember his living among outcasts and sinners, his concern for the poor, his life of prayer and worship, and his teachings about your love.

But chiefly we remember his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again to raise us and all the faithful departed to live together eternally in fellowship with him in his heavenly kingdom.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the body and blood of him who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead. Send your Holy Spirit upon us also that we might know his presence in these gifts, and through them, be united in prayer and praise with all those who have gone before us.

With this feast, join us in one holy communion of saints, one great cloud of witnesses, with St. Peter and St. Paul, with St. John and St. Mary Magdalene, and with all the blessed dead whose lives of faith in unseen things continue to inspire us, as together we lift our voices to you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in eternal glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one 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

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

(We sit)

COMMUNION

Physical distancing measures will be maintained for the distribution of communion. After the invitation to communion, take the prepackaged communion kit and open the bread side first. As the ministers says, “The body of Christ, given for you . . .” you may eat the wafer. As the minister says, “The blood of Christ, shed for you,” you may drink from the wine/juice side and say: “Amen.”

Please dispose of your communion packaging in the trash can by the doors on your way out. Gluten free and non-alcoholic juice communion elements are available.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

(We stand)

SENDING

Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.

SENDING HYMN

For All the Saints verses 5 - 7 (sung by choir)

SINE NOMINE

(if you would like to follow along, this is hymn # 422)

The congregation turns & faces the cross reminding us that we follow Christ into the world & our daily lives.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

We have been renewed at the Wellspring of God's grace! Now, go in peace to live out Christ's love!

We go to be: Open ✦ Authentic ✦ Relational ✦ Serving
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude on the Tune "Laudate Dominum" (arr. R. H. Haan)

***After worship, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex invite you
to greet them and each other in the Gathering Area and outside.
Please maintain physical distance and be mindful of others' wishes for space.***

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

PREACHING MINISTER ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

PRESIDING MINISTER ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

CRUCIFERS **8:30** — Bill Whitmire
11:00 — Sue Koch

ACOLYTE **8:30** — Crystl Whitmire
11:00 — Greta Willis

LAY ASSISTING **8:30** — Mary Elizabeth Skinner
MINISTERS **11:00** — Meg Wightman

LECTORS **8:30** — Robert Alley
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USHERS **8:30** — David & Susan Lawrence
11:00 — Pam Bergey, Brandon Stees

MUSICIANS Elizabeth Williams, Music Minister
Linlin Uta, Music Ministry Accompanist
Greta Willis, Flutist (11:00)
Members of Celebration Singers (8:30) & Sanctuary Choir (11:00)

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in memory of Russell E. Hammond, Jr. by Jon & Lori Oliver and
in memory of William L. Rosenow by Janice Rosenow*

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REMINDERS AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY

- **Please place your offering in the basket by the font.**
- **Please place your communion packaging in the trash can as you exit the sanctuary.**
- **We encourage you to take *The Chimes* home with you.**

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP...

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: + All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins, but no one should feel compelled. Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism. We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace.

GATHERING HYMN: We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship and this hymn sets the tone for the day.

KYRIE: The Kyrie is an ancient piece of service liturgy that may date back to the second century. Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord have mercy" and is in reference to both New and Old Testament scriptures which use the same words and pattern.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: The Prayer of the Day collects the themes from today's scripture readings.

READINGS AND PSALM: Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators. The scripture readings follow a three-year cycle, called a lectionary. We are connected with other Christians all over the world, in many denominations, reading the same texts. The Psalms were the original Hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith. We stand during the gospel because we believe our Lord is present with us in the reading.

HYMN OF THE DAY: This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

NICENE & APOSTLES' CREEDS: The creeds (statements of faith) date back to the 4th century and contain the basics of what Christians around the world hold to be true. The use of the non-capitalized word "catholic" means simply worldwide or universal.

PRAYERS: We pray as a community. The assisting minister leads this time to gather the prayers of all, and at his/ her invitation you may add others aloud or silently in your heart.

PEACE: Much more than a pleasant greeting — we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace to one another.

OFFERING: Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. They support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

OFFERING SONG: This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal. The "Holy, Holy, Holy" echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God's presence: "Blessed is He..."

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks. These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture: 1Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-29, Luke 22:15-20.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.

COMMUNION: The "last supper" was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense. All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

BLESSING: In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel. It reaffirms our mission and reminds us that if we are to be a Wellspring of Grace, we need to be renewed first through Water, Word, and Meal—the means of grace God has given to us.

