



## **Central Lutheran Church**

**All Saints Sunday  
November 5, 2023**

**The Rev. Veronika Czutor, Pastor  
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# Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

**God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.**

*Please turn off your cell phone.*

*This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.*

*Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.*

**Our service for All Saints Sunday begins in the Memorial Garden**

## **BELL PEAL**

*On this All Saints Sunday, the liturgy begins outdoors in the Memorial Garden. You can choose to join the people there, remain in the sanctuary, or join in the litany online. Once the litany concludes, Pastor Czutor will lead people into the sanctuary.*

## **LITANY OF THE SAINTS**

P God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;

**C We lament their passing,**

And honor their legacy.

**We give thanks for all we have learned from them.**

Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,

**We follow their example.**

Those who made mistakes along the way,

**We learn from their experience.**

Those who made progress for peace,

**We continue their work.**

Those who lived simply and quietly,

**We are enlightened by them.**

Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

**We are humbled by them.**

Those who were martyred for their faith,

**We commend them to your care.**

They have finished their work on earth,

**And it lives on,**

Reverberating into our lives now

**As the work of Christ lives on.**

May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us

**To good works, humility, simplicity and peacemaking,**  
As those foremothers and forefathers were inspired by him

**To live in grace and love.**

Today, we celebrate and give thanks for the Communion of Saints

**We especially give thanks for the lives of**

Stan Nagel, Sunny Coffman, Judy Nash, Bill Slonecker, Jerry Krause, Patricia Buie,  
Jan Hare, Barbara Quill, Mary Haynie, Reba Liner, and others we recall who have  
passed from this life into life eternal.

**We give you thanks, Lord, that through you we are made Saints. Amen.**

## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .  
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness, dread, their one true light.  
 King of glory passes on his way.  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



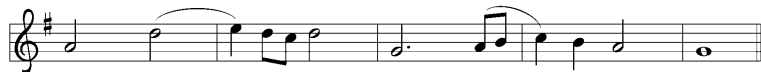
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave a gain and arms are  
 ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 strong.  
 blest.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

**C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**C Amen.**

## 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.**

## GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

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.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that 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.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>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.”

L Word of God, Word of Life

**C Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 34:1-10,22

*Sung responsively.*



- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will glory | in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**
- <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's | name together.
- <sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who | answered me**  
**and delivered me from | all my terrors.**
- <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from | all my troubles.**
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD  
and de- | livers them.
- <sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**
- <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,  
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**  
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**
- <sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L Word of God, Word of Life

**C Thanks be to God**





P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

### READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12

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

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you O Christ**

### SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Pastor Veronika

## You Are the Way



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
 you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

**NICENE CREED**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Please sit or kneel for prayer.*

*The response to each spoken petition is:*

P Lord, in your mercy

**C Hear our prayer.**

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Selena** Dybdahl, and **Ruth** Steiner.

*The prayers conclude:*

P ...through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord

**C Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## THE OFFERING

*We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through **Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify** (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING: *For Thy Dear Saints, O Lord*

*Sung by the choir*

For Thy dear saints O Lord, who strove in Thee to live,  
Who followed Thee, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

They all in life and death, with Thee their Lord in view,  
Learned from Thy Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

Thine earthly members fit to join Thy saints above,  
In one communion ever knit, one fellowship of love.

Jesus, Thy Name we bless, and humbly pray that we  
May follow them in holiness, who lived and died for Thee.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**C Amen**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed...

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.  
C **Thanks be to God**

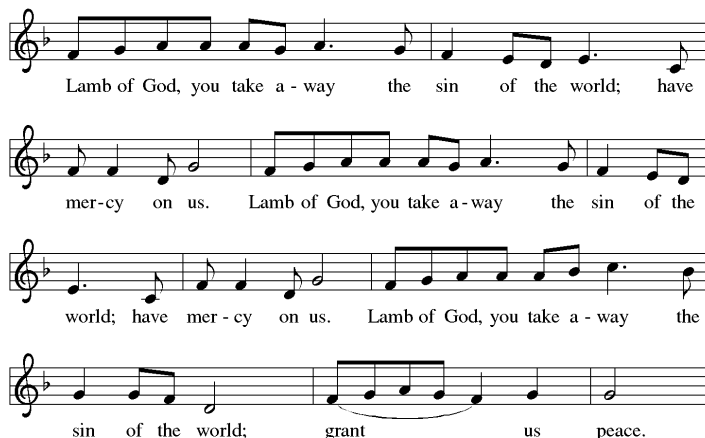
### COMMUNION

*As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer found on the first pew. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. The host will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the host, please tell the ministers. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. At this time there is no consecrated grape juice.*

The body of Christ, given for you  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

### LAMB OF GOD

*Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.*



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.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Meditative organ music is played as the congregation receives the Holy Communion.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**C Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**C Amen.**

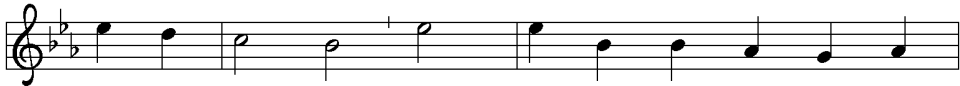
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - a - phs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### Acknowledgments:

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Entrance Hymn: *For All the Saints*

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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Hymn of the Day: *You Are the Way*

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.

Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

Musical Offering: *For Thy Dear Saints, O Lord*

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Music: Henry Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Sending Hymn: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!**

**Pr. Veronika's Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm; other days/times by appointment.

**Serving in Worship today:** Usher: Alesia Pearson, and Lector: Ed Wolfgang

**Ushers & Lectors needed:** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Sunday School & Lunch:** We are having once-a-month "Sunday School" for all ages. Join us for a taco lunch and discussion of the Bible and our Lutheran heritage after worship. Our next meeting is **today after worship**. Come join the fellowship and ministry together!

**Caring & Sharing:** Caring & Sharing has been moved to the second Sunday of the month. It will take place next **Sunday, November 12 at 9 am**.

## **Thanks-For-Giving:**

1. **Potluck:** We'll come together in appreciation, thanksgiving, and celebration of our many blessings for a delicious lunch on **Sunday, November 19 after the worship service**. Turkey and ham will be provided, the congregation is encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts to share.
2. **Cookie Sale:** Lydia Circle members will be hosting a cookie sale on Sunday, November 19. Please bring a batch or two of your favorite cookies to share. Bring them to the church kitchen on November 19 (or a few days before) clearly labeled for the Cookie Exchange and with what type of cookies they are.
3. **Canned Food Drive:** We're collecting packaged food items to donate to White Rock Center of Hope and Mt. Olive Food Pantry. Check the bulletin board in the back of the church to see which items we still need to collect. The last day for collection is November 19.

**Offering Envelopes:** If you'd like to continue receiving offering envelopes, please let the church office know by calling the office (214-327-2222), or sending an email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com).

**Note:** This year we are doing envelopes a little differently. Instead of ordering envelopes that are dated for every week, we will have DIY envelopes that can be used at any time. This reduces waste so we can be better stewards of God's creation.

**Fresh Flowers:** Fresh flowers and potted plants invite us to reflect on the beauty and mystery of God's creation. In order to help this connection, we are going to stop using plastic flowers on the Altar and other places on the church property. You may contact the church office if you would like to offer fresh flowers or live plants for the Altar.



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**Our Prayer List:** Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email ([central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com](mailto:central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com)) or via phone (214-327-2222).

<b>PRAYERS FOR HEALING &amp; COMFORT</b>	
<p><b>For healing</b>                      Ruth &amp; Eddie Steiner                       Charlotte Breedlove                      Irisz Gonda                      Tracee Bond                      Selena Dybdahl</p>	<p><b>Relationship</b>                      Sister &amp; Brother-in-law of Susan Wrobbel and Judy Koble                      Neighbor of Harold Jones                      Friend of Pastor Veronika                      Friend of Charlotte Danielson                      Sister of Mary Glenn</p>
<p><b>Church Members</b>                      Lydia Landfair                      Don Smith                      Mario Montejo                      Kris McDowell                      Patsy Schoen                      Lionel Schoen                      Yvonne Muirhead</p>	<p><b>Newlyweds</b>                      Joni and Andrew Frost</p> <p><b>Newly Confirmed</b>                      Jane Bierwagen</p>