

All Saints Sunday



*November 7, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.
Fall Harvest Festival*

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to this gathering of the saints, both here and in the heavenly kingdom. Let us worship God together!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "For All the Saints" (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7) ELW #422

INTRODUCTION

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God has promised to make of us a new creation, *Rev. 21:1*
laying to rest the former things, making all things new.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

C **Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ** *Isa. 25:7-9; John 11:44;*
you came from heaven to dwell among us, *Rev. 21:2-4*
calling us to be your faithful people.
Yet we remain shrouded in sin—
we hurt and disgrace ourselves;
we abuse and destroy one another;
we dishonor your holy name.
Forgive us; unbind us and let us go
so that we may stand among your saints,
rejoicing in your saving grace;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

P Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: *Rev. 21:5-6*
See, I am making all things new.
And now it is finished! Hear the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C **Thanks be to God. 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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. Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

PSALM 24

L ¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

C ²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

L ³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

C ⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

L ⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

C ⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

L ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up,
O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C ⁸**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

L ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

C ¹⁰**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the 11th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "For All Your Saints, O Lord" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5) ELW #427

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C **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 Pilot,
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.**

LIGHTING OF MEMORIAL CANDLES

*The candles being lit today are in celebration of the baptisms since All Saints Sunday 2020: Reagan Tostenson and Gabrielle Wildung.
And in loving memory and thanksgiving for the lives of: Richard Dale, Pat Berge, Anne Kanten, Gloria Moen, Ernie Streed, Joel Lund, Justin Berge, Betty Kruse and Lois Berge*

HYMN "For All the Saints" (vs. 3 & 5) ELW #422

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.
Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

P God, our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

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.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

As you come forward for communion, you may light a candle of remembrance. Place candles toward the back of the container and move frontward as needed to avoid reaching over lit candles.

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW #471
	“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”	ELW #623
	“Abide with Me”	ELW #629
	“Blessed Assurance”	ELW #638

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River” ELW #423

DISMISSAL

P Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

TABLE PRAYER

*Be present at our table Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in paradise with thee. Amen.*

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