



MEANS OF *Grace*

A SERMON SERIES

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, November 6th

PRELUDE

“For All the Saints”

arr. Jacob Weber

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “For All the Saints”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: As we celebrate the saints of every age, we take to heart the exhortation of the psalmist: O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of His saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

C: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

P: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[Moment of silent confession]

- P: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.
- C: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.**
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.
- C: Amen.**
- P: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised, incorruptible.
- C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?**
- P: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:
- C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?**
- P: Then the dwelling of God will be with us, and God will live with us. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.
- C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?**
- P: Eternal God, you hold all souls in life; give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and peace. Grant that we, following the example of those who have served you in the past and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

THE RITE of REMEMBERING

ANTHEM

“For All the Saints”

arr. John Behnke

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbell

RESPONSIVE READING

P: O God, we thank you for the many people throughout the ages who have followed your way of life joyfully; for the many saints and martyrs, men and women, who have offered up their very lives, so that your life abundant may become manifest.

C: For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

P: O God, we thank you for those who chose the way of Christ, in the midst of trial, they held out hope; in the midst of hatred, they kindled love; in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power; in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise.

C: For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

P: O God, we thank you for the truth they passed on to us: that it is by giving that we shall receive; it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong; it is by loving others that we shall be loved; is it by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold; it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting. O God, give us courage to follow your way of life.

C: For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

RESPONSE “For All the Saints”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:17-26 [ESV]

But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON John 6:35-40 [ESV]

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

SERMON HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together”

SERMON “THE LORD’S SUPPER”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Voices of Peace

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE RITE of 1ST COMMUNION

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Pastorale on O Holy Manna”

Brass Quintet & Piano

arr. Gordon Young

“For All the Saints”

Organ

arr. John Behnke

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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“Postlude on a Theme by Orlando Gibbons”

Organ

Christopher Tambling



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