

# All Saints Sunday

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## All Saints' Sunday

8:30 am ~ Holy Communion Service

9:45 am ~ Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages

11:00 am ~ Holy Communion Service with Holy Baptism

Opening Hymn (11:00)

See This Wonder in the Making *LSB #593*

### Service of Holy Baptism

In our service this morning we rejoice to welcome **Millie Kate Tracz** into the family of God in Holy Baptism. Millie is the daughter of Michael & Michelle (née Black) Tracz. Her baptismal sponsors are Ashley Black and Stefan Dombrowsky. As part of the baptismal service we will join to pray the Lord's prayer and confess the Apostle's Creed as printed below. May God's richest blessings be upon this child now and always!

### Lord's Prayer

*All* 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.

### Apostles' Creed

*All* I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn (8:30 & 11:00)

Sing with All the Saints in Glory *LSB #671; tune 803*

### Invocation (8:30)

*Pastor* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

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

*People* Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

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

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



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**Confession and Forgiveness of Sins**

*Pastor* 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 forgiveness.

*People* **Almighty God, we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 may serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.**

*Pastor* Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you ever live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.

*People* **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

*Pastor* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you**

*Pastor* Let us pray...

*People* **Amen**

**First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

<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.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*(Graham Duench, soloist - 11am)*

*"We Will See Him As He Is"*

*by Mark Gersmehl, Scott Douglas*

**Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12**

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

*People* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them. He said:

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

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

**For All the Saints** LSB #677 vs 1-4

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17

“A SNEAK PREVIEW”

Hymn

For all the Saints *LSB #677 vs 5-8*

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Remembrance of the Saints and Prayer of the Church

*Pastor* At this time, we remember those from our congregational family who have been called to the full presence of the Lord last All Saints' Day. We thank God for their earthly lives now concluded and ask that we may follow their examples of faith as we continue our earthly journeys.

**RETA DELORES KAUFMAN**  
August 22, 1916 – October 20, 2014

**JOYCE VIOLA WAGNER**  
April 25, 1941– October 30, 2014

**STEPHEN RICHARD (Dick) VAUGHAN**  
July 25, 1934 – November 11, 2014

**CAROL ELIZABETH PRINGLE**  
December 6, 1958 – November 17, 2014

**KURT WOLF**  
October 10, 1926 - December 13, 2014

**RONALD HOWARD SCHAUS**  
November 16, 1931 – December 23, 2014

**MARION RUTH VOIGT**  
November 2, 1925 – January 18, 2015

**CONSTANCE WIDEMAN**  
November 14, 1932 - March 5, 2015

**SIEGRIED (Fred) WILHELM KAHLMEIER**  
March 27, 1928 – March 17, 2015

**ANDREW BALLENTHIN**  
December 7, 1971 – September 28, 2015

*Pastor* On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. May their memory be blessed among us, and may we follow our Lord faithfully all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Celebrating our lives together as saints, we pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we may bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and may worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Thankful for the saints among us in these days, we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, asking that God may bless their work among us as they set examples of devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

**VERNA MABEL BOWMAN**  
December 29, 1940 – May 27, 2015

**RUTH ALMA FISCHER**  
July 11, 1920 – May 30, 2015

**JUNE ROSE KELLER**  
June 1, 1923 – June 2, 2015

**ERVIN AUSTIN STEVER**  
July 23, 1925 - June 8, 2015

**MARTHA 'ELFRIEDE' BAKERMANN**  
August 29, 1932 - June 14, 2015

**MERLE CROSBY GROFF**  
February 24, 1935 – June 25, 2015

**GLENN ROY ZIEROTH**  
November 25, 1932 – July 9, 2015

**LINDA MARIE VALLANT**  
August 11, 1947 – July 26, 2015

**MARINA FRITZ**  
January 29, 1961 – August 14, 2015

*Pastor* Confident that Your care for the saints knows no limits, Lord, we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, *especially* . . . May their petitions be answered according to Your good and gracious will, and may they be supported by this fellowship of saints. Lord, in Your mercy,  
(additional petitions will be inserted here)

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Reflecting on the journey of life we make together as the saints below, we pray for the youngest among us, the infants and children, and also for the most senior of saints, those who have been blessed with extended lives on earth. May we cherish the company of all of God's people and seek to bring a sense of caring to all those around us with cheerful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* With thankfulness for the land in which we live, we ask Your blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for security and a sense of community in our world and in our lives. May we cherish the freedoms we enjoy and do all in our power to maintain the public good and promote peace and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

### Service of Holy Communion

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Pastor* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Our Lord

*Pastor* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## The Peace of the Lord

*Pastor* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

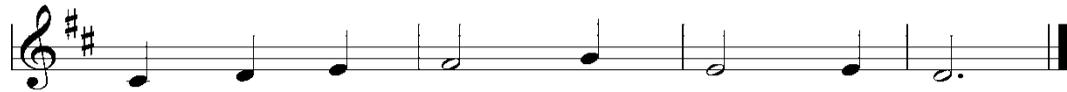
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**Anthem**

*(Graham Duench, soloist - 8:30 am)*

*"We Will See Him As He Is"  
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**Distribution Hymns**

**Onward, Christian Soldiers** LSB # 662  
**We sing for all the Unsung Saints** LSB #678

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

*Pastor* Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His body, the Church. Having been blessed to be at Your Table in the company of the saints, we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**Benediction**

*Pastor* The LORD bless you and keep you.  
 The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*People* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing** LSB #643

- Officiant**..... Pastor Roland Syens
- Communion Assistants** ..... (8:30) Pastor Robert Morley, Carl Kuhl  
 ..... (11:00) Rick Hutfloetz, Carl Kuhl, Reinhold Schmidt
- Organist** ..... Jennifer Massicotte
- Special Music** ..... (8:30) Graham Duench (*trombone*)
- Church Band** ..... (11:00) Jack Kahl (*Director*)
- Acolytes** ..... (8:30) Isaiah Bridgemohan, Sam Clay,  
 ..... (11:00) Regan Elgie, Madison Neustaedter
- Sound Operators** ..... (8:30) Ken Griffin, (11:00) Chris Bohl

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we remember all who have lost loved ones in the past year, and particularly **Jane Schaefer and Stuart Gallacher, their son Finnley, Grant and Joanne Schaefer and all other members of their family who mourn the death of Ewan Gallacher** who passed away last Sunday afternoon; also **Marcus Baker and his family as they mourn the death of wife Valerie** who passed away Wednesday night, following a heart attack. We also remember those of our congregation who are **in hospital including Esther Buschert & Linda Elgie.**

**Flowers on the Altar today** have been placed to the glory of God and in memory of Joyce Wagner by Robert Wagner.

**Pastor Astley and Susan** are away this morning attending the Baptism of their granddaughter, Rachel, in Grimsby, Ontario. Pastor will be in the office on Tuesday morning.

**2015 Fall Pastors' & Deacons' Conference** is this Monday – Wednesday in Niagara Falls. Pastors Astley & Syens will both be attending some of the conference.

**Coming Events...**

**Fall Supper...**The Board of Fellowship is hosting a Fall Supper on **Saturday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m.** It's a Fall Feast theme this year with butternut squash soup, prime rib roast and mashed potatoes. Sign-Up at the Welcome Centre! A freewill offering will be gathered.

**Youth Activities...**This **Friday, November 6 at 7:00 pm** Youth & Confirmands meet at Bethel Lutheran Church, for a Circuit event, Minute to Win it Mania!

**Rake N Run** servant event is **Saturday, November 14 at 2pm.** Come out and spend some time together helping our church and those in our church area to clean up the beautiful fall leaves.

**Coming Up** the weekend of **November 20-22:** Annual 'Jello on a Stick' Youth Retreat hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisherville This is for grades 8-12 and all youth are welcome! The cost is \$35 Registration must be in to Krysti no later than Sunday, November 15.

**The Wiebes Live in Concert at Holy Cross! Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 pm.**

Shortly after they return from their tour of Israel, with Back to the Bible Canada, award-winning Canadian group 'The Wiebes' will be putting here at Holy Cross! "It's a church family that is very dear to our hearts; our connections their run deep" says Shane Wiebe. Shane and Angela will be performing songs from their new album, as well as some of their favourites from years gone by. In the words of Shane and Angela, "We do what we do because we love each other, we love music, and we love Jesus Christ: it's such a privilege". Admission is free, though a love offering will be taken at the event. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Visit [www.thewiebesmusic.com](http://www.thewiebesmusic.com) for more information.

**Board of Missions would like to challenge** the members of Holy Cross to match their donation of \$2,000 to help CLMS raise funds for their Children's Feeding Program. This program provides a substantial meal for children once a week in Nicaragua. To make a donation simply mark your envelope with "CLMS 1507" and make any cheques out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Let's see if as a congregation we can raise \$2,000 by **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Will you accept the challenge?

**Junior Choir** is starting soon! If you love to sing and are 6 years old or older come and join the Junior Choir with Christine Fergin. Christine will be teaching the children Christmas songs to be sung at the cantata on Sunday, December 13. Rehearsals will be **Wednesday November 25, December 2 and 9 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, December 10 at 7:15 p.m. Come and sing with us as we celebrate Jesus' birth.

**Today's Education Hour**

**Nursery through Gr.6/7** will be blessed by a Sunday School special today! Please meet downstairs at 9:45 for opening, presentation & craft. Please note that we will be practising a special song to *sing as a choir on Sunday, November 15 in late service* – no extra evening rehearsals, so we need you now!

**Youth** meets for a "**No Easy Answers**" based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 discussion with Marjorie Sutherland.

**YABS** will be discussing "What it means to be a Christian" with Curtis Schafer.

**Adult Bible Class** we continue in our study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Join us next Sunday as our summer mission teams present during this time.

**Last Week at Holy Cross...**

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	259 & 270	Total 529	('14 – 420)
<b>Communion Attendance:</b>	18	Total 18	('14 –9)
<b>Sunday School Attendance:</b>	Pupils: 14 Staff: 11	Total 25	('14 – 46)

**Memorial:** In memory of **JOYCE WAGNER** to the Unified Church Budget from Robert Wagner. In memory of **BARBARA SCHNEIDER** to CLMS Project #1507 from John Schneider & Family.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday, November 2 to Sunday, November 8, 2015**

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>1:00 p.m.</b> ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Sunday School Teachers, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Small Group Bible Study, <i>Parlour</i> ..... <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Board of Missions, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... <b>1:30 p.m.</b> Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Cantata Choir, <i>Church, Basement</i> ..... <b>8:00 p.m.</b> Church Choir, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Circuit Youth Activities, <i>Bethel Lutheran Church</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Fall Clean-up, <i>Outside</i> ..... <b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Mission Presentations, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>Slovak Congregation Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>3:30 p.m.</b>