

The way God cares for Elijah speaks to our own moments of loss and grief, guiding us to how we can care for others in our midst.

If your congregation has the habit of commuting the commemoration of All Saints to a Sunday, we would not be blamed if we considered swapping this reading out for another. While the raising of Lazarus or Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones might seem more fitting, don't go running for them just yet. There is a great deal about this episode from Elijah's life which can speak to both the hope of resurrection and the promise of saintly living.

Grief is at the forefront of this moment in Elijah's ministry. He had just worked a great wonder, defeating the priests of Baal in a contest to see whose God would answer prayer and immolate a bull. This should have been the culmination of his mission to end the worship of Baal in Israel, and yet Ahab and Jezebel are undeterred. All his zeal has not changed the fundamental reality: He remains the only prophet of God, and a hunted one at that. He goes out into the wilderness to confront his own failure by way of death.

While few of us have experienced this degree of grief, the sense of life's futility and meaningless assails us in moments of death and makes us question the purpose of the struggle to live a life of costly discipleship. How God ministers to Elijah here echoes with how God ministers to us. Not as a distraction from the challenge or the journey but in service of it, God meets Elijah in food and drink, and in quiet whispers. Feels a little like a funeral, right? That is no accident. As much as we love a grand gesture and big miracle, what sustains faith in trying times is humble, daily care and patient, quiet presence. God has already showed Elijah that he can do wondrous things; now God shows Elijah that God is also present and active in the simple acts of life.

These passages not only help attune us to God in our midst, but they also help us see what saintly living looks like. We are prone to think of saints as those who have lived heroic lives, knights of faith who suffered persecution, deprivation, or radical self-emptying in the name of God. All of the above is indeed saintly as a sign of God's grace and mercy, but so too are the lives of those saints, "unpraised and unknown," as the old hymn says, who through simple living "bear someone's cross or shoulder their own." It is not a particular life which makes one a saint, but the grace of God which has met us in the particulars of life, whatever they may be. Our efforts do not make us saints, for we remain in this life broken and lowly people in need of grace. As grace filled people, we find the courage to live in how God has lived for us, and in this, God's name is glorified.

-Rev. Dr. Miles Hopgood



WORSHIP ORDER

Our Mission Statement

Experiencing and sharing Christ's love.

November 2, 2025

Call to Worship

Our God speaks to us in the silence.

In silence, we prepare our hearts to listen.

Our God speaks to us in the silence.

Speak, Holy God, for we are listening.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Holy God:

You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet, while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread. Amen.

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

Amen.

Song: "For All the Saints"

ELW 422, vs. 1, 2, 7

Greeting & Kyrie

Announcements

Week of November 2-9

Mon Nov 3	11:00 am	Video Study
	5:00 pm	Bell Choir
Tues Nov 4	9:00 am	Circle of Light
	2:30 pm	Worship on Cable
Wed Nov 5	11:00 am	Healing Hearts
	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	9:00 pm	Worship on Cable
Thurs Nov 6	8:00 am	Quilting
	10:00 am	Stephen Ministers Meet Worship on Cable
Sun Nov 9	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School/Fellowship Worship on Cable
	10:30 am	Stitched in Christ

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP

Cantor: Corky Abraham

Reader: Susie Smith

Communion Assistant: Susie Smith

Musicians: Kirstin Ihde, Kathy Ludwig

AV Operator: John Holdorf

Altar Guild: Greg Hamilton & Pr. Glenn Chase

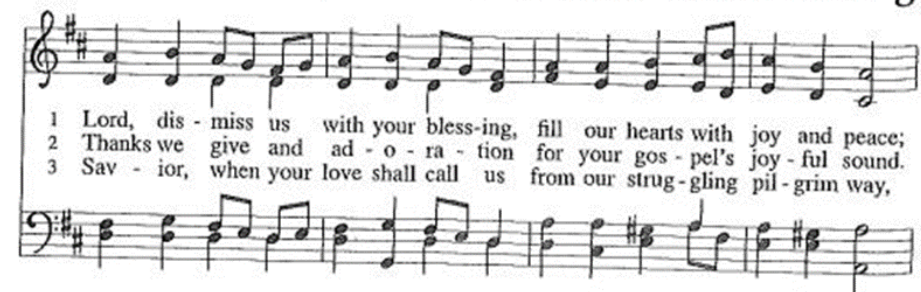
FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Sunday, October 26, Attendance: 114

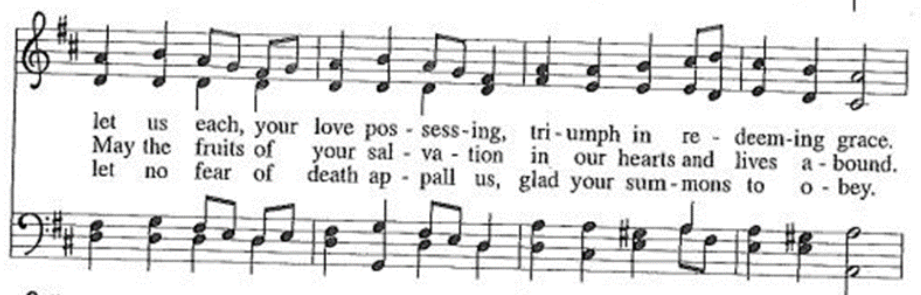
Online Attendance: 44

We sing verses 1, 2.

545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
 Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Pawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.
 Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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Calling All Singers! We will be setting up a joint choir to sing at the Thanksgiving Eve service at All Saints' Church on Wednesday, November 26. Anyone interested in singing with the group, please stay after worship today to meet with Mary Backus. We will meet near the piano at the front of church.



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

Sustaining God: **We often grow weary of trying to serve you, frustrated by our lack of success, dismayed by the continued turmoil that swirls around us in our lives and in the world. Reground us in your holy presence, renew our commitment, and send us back into the world with trust that all is in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

L: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reading: John 12:27-28

Jesus said: "Right now I am shaken. And what am I going to say? 'Father, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place. I'll say, 'Father, glorify your name. Put your glory on display.'" A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again."

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Theme Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-18

L: Word of God, word of life **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Song: "Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW 765, vs. 1, 2

Recognition of New Members

All Saints' Celebration

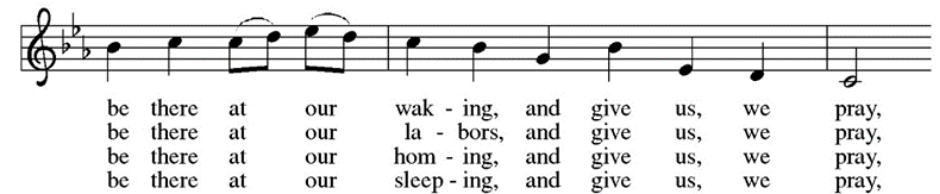
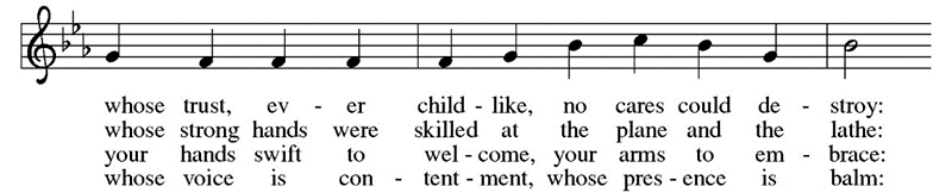
Apostles' Creed

**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 Pilate,
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.**

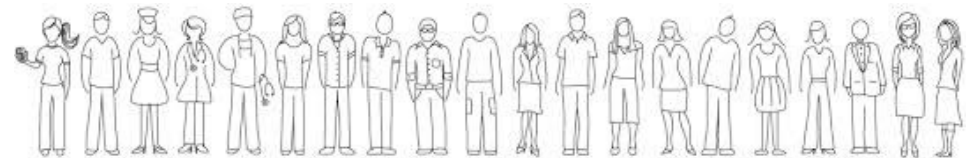
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Lord of All Hopefulness



Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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We sing verses 1, 2, 7.

For All the Saints



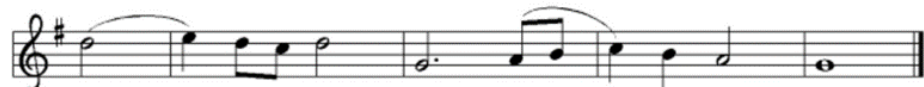
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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

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.

Prayers of the People

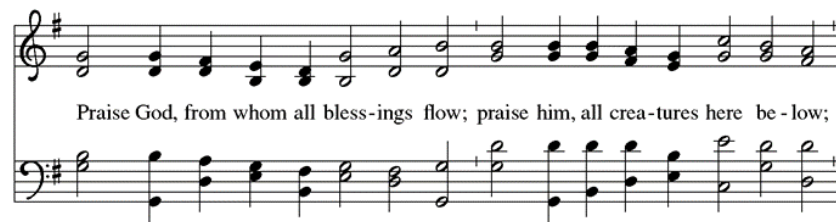
L: God of promise: C: Hear our prayer.

Peace

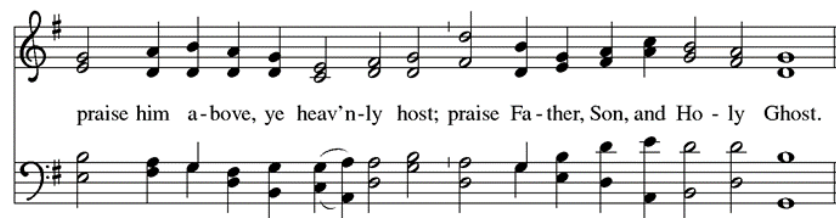
Offertory Prayer

Offering Including "Make a Joyful Noise" Offering

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator

who is everywhere,
 help us keep your name holy.



Your everlasting goodness be with us.

Help us follow your plan for us
to make heaven on earth.

We thank you for everything you give us.

And forgive us our sin.

Help us forgive others as you forgive us.

Guide us out of temptation.

Help us continue to follow you.

For all is yours forever and ever.

Amen

Special Communion Music

Bell Choir

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Concluding Litany

Silence is more than the absence of noise.

It is the gentle, intimate presence of God.

When our obligations clamor for attention,

Our God whispers peace.

When the powers of the world rage and roar,

Our God offers solace.

Let us quiet our hearts and our minds,

And listen for the still, small voice.

Like a child resting in their mother's arms,

We will quiet our souls.

Blessing

Song: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" ELW 545, vs. 1, 2

Announcements

Dismissal

BIRDIE'S BOX

The new Birdie's Box is up. Thank you, Pete and Brad!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

— Matthew 25:35

Imagine going to bed tonight with an empty stomach. For many in our community, this is reality. Together, we can make sure no one has to face that kind of hunger alone.

We always need: (No glass items please)

- Noodles & spaghetti sauce
- Cereal & oatmeal packets
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut butter
- Crackers (soda & graham)
- Canned meats, veggies & fruit cups
- Quick-prep items (90-second rice, chicken/tuna pouches, ramen noodles)

October & November Focus: Canned & Un-canned Soups

Please remember: canned goods cannot be placed in Birdie's Box during the winter months. When temperatures drop below freezing, cans can freeze, expand, and even burst, leaving a dangerous mess and making the food unusable.

Statement from an individual we helped: "The food you gave helped me make it to payday."

Your gift of food items, gift cards, or monetary donations may be the very meal someone has been praying for. Thank you for giving from the heart.

Questions, ideas or to help out:

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"We share because we care."