

# *All Saints Sunday*



*November 3, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church ... on this All Saints' Sunday. Together with the faithful of every time and place, let us worship God.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*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 24:1-6

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

**C <sup>2</sup>For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

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

**C <sup>4</sup>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 <sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

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

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 our 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

### APOSTLES' CREED

**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 2023: Ivy Tostenson*

*And in loving memory and thanksgiving for the lives of: James Haugen, Bradley  
Moen, Oma Fairchild, Adeline Ellingboe and Betty Molden*

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

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**P Merciful God,**

**C receive our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love  
for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**C Amen.**

### OFFERING AND JINGLE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW #186

## OFFERING PRAYER

Mark 10

**P** We present our gifts with grateful hearts. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal.

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.*

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	“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 Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## \*\*BLESSING

P May the Lord our God – the Alpha and Omega *Rev. 21:6*  
The first and the last, the beginning and the end –  
Be with you this day and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

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

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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