

All Saints Sunday



*November 5, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.
Fall Harvest Festival*

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... on this All Saints Sunday. As we remember the faithful who have gone before us, we also rejoice to be called saints of God through baptism.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in time of need.

C **Gracious God, you call us your own children
and cover us with your love. 1 John 3:1
We would seek to be merciful as you are,
and to show compassion as you do,
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.
Where we ought to forgive, we condemn;
the evil we should shun, we embrace.
Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills,
and make us more like Christ,
until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.**

P Sisters and brothers,
no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Ps. 34:22
Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

L ¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

C ²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

L ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

C ⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

L ⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

C ⁶**I called in my affliction,
and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

L ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

C ⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

L ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C ¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

L ²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

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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 loving memory and thanksgiving
for the lives of: Ronald Streed, Thomas Johnson, Rodney Olson,
Mary Schmiesing, Sandra Crofton, Karen Thompson and Neil Perseke.*

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 We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you, gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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
	“Now We Join in Celebration”	ELW #462
	“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”	ELW #623
	“Abide with Me”	ELW #629
	“Blessed Assurance”	ELW #638

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

C Amen.

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

DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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