

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

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OUR SAINTHOOD STATUS GIVES CHRIST-LIKE STAMINA



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WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.graceglendale.org> for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

Preaching Minister: Pastor Jacobson
Liturgist: Pastor Sellnow
Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Bruce Rademacher
10:30 AM – AJ McDunn
Organist: Jeff Wegner
A/V Team: 8:00 AM – Mark Breiling
10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

ABOUT THE THEME

God grants the status of “saint” (which means “holy one”) to every believer. It might appear that status is of little practical value. If you achieve the status “billionaire” or “celebrity” or “senator” your life is going to be vastly different than most other people, most likely better. But if God calls you a saint, just like everyone else, you will struggle with trials, temptations, and sin. Being a saint does not make life easier. In some ways it makes life more difficult as we struggle against a world that is hostile toward Christ. This might lead us to ask, “Is it really that big a deal that God calls us saints?”

For centuries, the Church has answered that question by celebrating the Festival of All Saints. This week we get a peek at the saints who have died and now live in the glory of Christ’s light. Through eyes of faith, we see the saints enjoying glory in the place where “there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain” (Revelation 21:1-6). We realize what a precious gift this status of saint actually is. We understand that soon enough we shall join all the saints in that glorious heavenly city. And that gives us amazing stamina to face the challenges of this world with the strength Christ gives to all his saints.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting 3 (CW 188)

CHOIR ANTHEM: FOR ALL THE SAINTS

CW 880 sts. 1, 5, 8

The congregation will join in singing stanzas 1 and 8.

Please stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

CW 189

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

CW 191

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1–6

St. John is allowed to see the home of the saints, the new Jerusalem

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEN'S OCTET

"Have You Not Known"

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:32–40

For many Christians, their faith was the cause of pain and even death. They faced these troubles with amazing courage and stamina because they knew God has planned something better for all his saints.

³²And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection.

³⁶Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

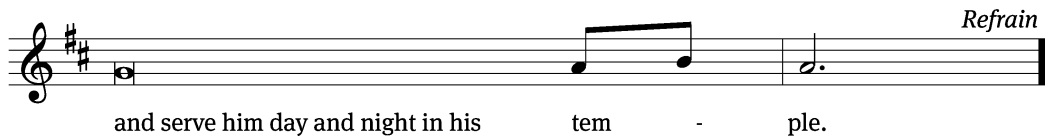
Revelation 7:15



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Luke 6:20–23

Jesus teaches that the blessedness of being God's saint is currently hidden from sight. Yet, one day, that blessedness shall be revealed.

²⁰Looking at his disciples, he said:

***"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.***

²¹***Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.***

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in
heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

*We remember those saints who received their crowns of life
this past year through faith in Christ's triumph over death.*

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.’** (Revelation 7:17)

Karen Ruth Barber - January 20, 2025

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:42-43)

Louise A. Huber - January 28, 2025

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job
19:25-26)

Duane Melvin Scheel - February 11, 2025

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me
has eternal life and will not be condemned;
He has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)

Kenneth Bottcher - February 18, 2025

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (*John 11:25-26*)

Ruth Richgruber - February 26, 2025

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (*2 Ti 4:7-8*)

Olav Pedersen - March 30, 2025

Now if we died with Christ,

we believe that we will also live with him. (*Romans 6:8*)

Boyd Tech - April 5, 2025

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 will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52*)

Kelly P. Lowe - August 15, 2025

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,

but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (*Mark 16:16*)

Andrea Bivens - August 19, 2025

Be faithful even to the point of death,

and I will give you the crown of life. (*Revelation 2:10*)

(Silent prayer of thanks to God for a loved one who has died in the Lord.)

HYMN OF THE DAY: JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN

CW 890

SERMON

Hebrews 11:32-40

FOLLOW JESUS TO THE FINISH

1. The Lord is your strength.
2. The Lord commends faith.

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

♪ **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!**

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

♪ **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!**

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

♪ **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!**

**We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

♪ **The golden evening brightens in the west;**

**soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Special Intercessions

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

♪ **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!

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OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the “Welcome to Grace” register in your pew at this time!
Remember to mark if you are communing.

HYMN: AFFLICTED SAINT, TO CHRIST DRAW NEAR

CW 867

Please stand

PRAYER

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN: THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE

CW 885

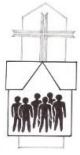
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Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

FOLLOW JESUS TO THE FINISH

Hebrews 11:32–40

What is your favorite conversation in the Bible? Reflect on the last conversation between Jesus and Peter mentioned in the sermon.

Do some digging into one of the histories of these saints: Gideon (Judges 6-8); Barak (Judges 4-5); Samson (Judges 13-16); Jephthah (Judges 10-12). With all the “dirt” you read, how did the saint you picked get listed in this chapter on the heroes of faith? Why do you think God’s Word tells us so much about their sins?

Like Peter, we can’t help but compare our Christian journey with the Christian journey of others. How can you better “own” your God-given journey for the benefit of others?

Agree/Disagree: The world is not worthy of you.

We have our own list of heroes of faith in our worship folder today. In what way(s) can these saints help your stamina as you work your way to the finish?
