



November 3, 2024
24th Sunday after Pentecost
w/Holy Communion

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Ashton Olsen

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*
*All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

Benedictus

Alec Rowley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE CHURCH THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD. This holy Church of God is called the temple of the living God, built of living and spiritual stones and founded upon a firm rock, upon a foundation which no other can lay, and therefore it is called "the pillar and bulwark of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15).

THE CHURCH AS THE BODY. It is also called the body of Christ because the faithful are living members of Christ under Christ the Head. -from The Second Helvetic Confession

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

I Am the Church

Avery/Marsh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 146

Alleluia! Praise God, o my soul!

I will praise God as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in their God;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed

and food to those who hunger.

Praise God!

Alleluia!

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

You are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one who has recently died, mentioning their name into the microphone if you feel called.

Let us pray,

God of all people, not only the achievements of the great, but also the kindness of the humble has touched and influenced our lives for good. For the ordinary saints who helped your kingdom take root and grow among us, we praise you: mothers and grandmothers, fathers and grandfathers, common heroes and unsung servants of the kingdom, who have let us see Jesus. We bless you for our fellowship with those whom you have called to greater life, and we prize the company of those who still live around us. Lord, find a place for all of them in paradise, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

#326 For All the Saints

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that we are forgiven! **Alleluia, Amen!**

*RESPONSE

#581 *The Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, as you have spoken to our ancestors in faith through Word and Spirit, speak to your Church today that we might live in faith and love. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27(NRSV)

12For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^j to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^k and ate their food with glad and generous^l hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#318 In Christ There Is No East or West

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

13Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15He said to them, “But who do you say that I

am?" 16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church..."

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

When the Saints Go Marching In

Arr. Larson

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for the hungry and thirsty. It's a feast for those seeking God, in Christ, to be nourished for the life of love to which God calls us all. So come, eat, drink, and meet our Lord Jesus.

*Please come forward to receive the elements. As you are served the bread you may eat it and as you are served the cup you may drink it. Please place your empty cup in the container provided. After you have been served you may return to your seat. **All bread is gluten/top 8 allergen free and all cups contain grape juice**, so that all people may eat the same loaf and drink from the same cup. Those unable to come forward to receive the elements will be served in their seat. We trust that as we are gathered around Christ's table we are also gathered in the Spirit with Christ and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-Flat (BWV 552/2)

J. S. Bach

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Believe: The Apostles' Creed, what it says and why it matters: This week we are discussing *chapter 4, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church..."* Next week, the week of November 10th, we will be discussing chapter 5, "I believe in the Forgiveness of Sins..." The Zoom link to the discussion will be sent out the Friday before.

Community Thanksgiving Service: Buffalo Presbyterian will be participating in the 50th annual Buffalo Community Thanksgiving Service. It will take place on Wednesday, Nov 27 at Zion Lutheran beginning at 7:30 pm. The service will be led by the Buffalo Ministerium and include a community handbell choir, and a community choir. Everyone is encouraged to attend. BPC choir members will be participating in the service. If you are interested in participating in the choir, you can attend rehearsals at BPC on Wednesday, Nov 13 and Nov 20. We will rehearse the music starting at 7:45. There will be a rehearsal on Sunday, Nov 24 at 7:00pm also. Anyone interested should contact Mike Agre.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: PDA is deploying National Response Team members to help respond to the needs of those in Tampa Bay Presbytery, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. If you would like to help support this financially, you can give online at bit.ly/DR000169

How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Gary, Chuck Klaassen's brother-in-law, was in a serious car crash
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Janice Sorby
- George and Elaine Thole and family following Scott's death
- Tanya Jenson DeBellis and family following Al's death

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

Upcoming This Week

Today

Daylight Saving Time

9:30a Worship with Communion
10:30a CCC: Gratitude & Stewardship
Led By Cindy Doth & Mike Quady
7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion

Monday

6:30p Prayer Shawl Group
7:00p AA

Tuesday

Election Day

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
6:30p Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Wednesday

1:00p Creed In-Person Discussion Group
6:00p 150th Planning Meeting
7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

Friday

7:00a FREC: Overcoming Racism Conference

Saturday

Sunday

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: The Book of Confessions
Led By Pat Olsen
7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion

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For All the Saints



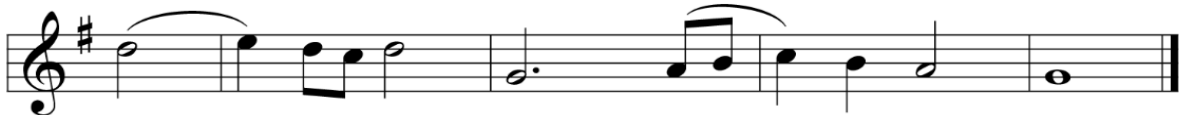
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 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.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



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

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3


3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.