



Sunday, November 7, 2021

All Saints Sunday



Today is All Saints Sunday. On this day, we remember people from our congregation who have moved from this life to eternal life since last All Saints Day. This is also a day for us to remember all our loved ones whose earthly presence we miss. May God bless our memories even as God holds our loved ones in God's care. We will also celebrate communion today; parents, please take communion elements both for yourselves and for your children.

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Dale Wood
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mike Donahue

One: For all the saints, who from their labors rest.

All: We glorify your name, O God!

One: Like the faithful ones who have gone before us, let us keep our eyes focused on Christ,

All: Our hearts set on God's love,

One: Our hands ready to hold the hurts of others,

All: Our feet ready to go the extra mile to express God's care.

One: Like the ones who have gone before us,

All: We will follow as a part of the communion of saints.

*** Hymn** *For All the Saints* UM Hymnal #711; v. 1, 2, 4, 6

Children may leave for Sunday School after the hymn.

Scripture Reading Mike Donahue

John 11:32-44

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died." When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They replied, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?" Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days." Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie them and let him go."

Sermon *"Jesus began to cry..."* Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

*** Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* UM Hymnal #707; v. 1-2

All Saints Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander, Linda Wiig, Mike Donahue

Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* Hymn

Hymn of Promise

UM Hymnal #707; v. 3



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Music During Communion *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Thomas Keesecker

Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director

* Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

UM Hymnal #534

Offering and Stewardship Moment

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)

arr. Wayne Wold

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

FUMC members who have died since last All Saints Day:

Geraldine Synhorst

Stanley Hakala

Eldon Niemann

LeAnn House

Ellen Niemann

Linda Sherman

Wauneta Averill

Arnold Swanson

Carole Westlund

Rodger Richards

John "Howie" Lundin

Richard Carlson

Roger Downs



Announcements

Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. On the back of the card, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Visitors: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the East Lounge. Next week, November 14, Rev. Charlotte Franz will talk about "Immigration 101: Refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrants."

Sunday, November 14 is Consecration Sunday. This week, you will receive a letter with your estimate of giving card and a survey letting us know how you have been connecting with the church, your upcoming plans for connection, and any needs/hopes you have. We will ask you to prayerfully fill them out and return them to church.

- ❖ *Those worshipping in person will bring them to church on Sunday, November 14 and place them in the offering plates. On that Sunday, as a way to celebrate our giving and our life together, Paul Sapyta will make two kinds of soup, and every person will leave with a bowl of soup (in a compostable container) to eat at home.*
- ❖ *For those worshipping online, you will be invited to drive by church on Sunday, November 14 from 11:15am -12:30pm to drop off your estimate of giving card and participation survey, and get your soup.*
- ❖ *You can always bring in the estimates of giving or mail them to the church office (230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811)*

Please be prayerfully thinking of what this congregation means to you and others, and what God is leading you to give financially in the coming year. Be blessed, and be a blessing!

UMW ladies have made cassia bud pickles! The pint jars of pickles will be available to purchase in the Narthex today and next Sunday before and after the service. Each pint will be \$5.00, with a limit of two to allow everyone a chance to be able to eat these delicious pickles. Proceeds will go to fund end-of-the-year requests that UMW receives from organizations such as the battered women's shelter, Damiano Center, First Witness and Life House. Any additional donations that can help fund these requests will be appreciated. Thank you!

Terri Lynn Nuts and Goodies are back! It's the time of year when we offer the best nuts and chocolates from Terri Lynn. A portion of the proceeds from your order will go to help fund the youth mission trip this summer. Order your favorites online at CoppertopDuluth.terri Lynn.com before the end of November; your treats will be delivered directly to your home.

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