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**Indicates those who are able, may stand.*

P = Pastor speaking; AM = Assisting Minister speaks; C = Congregation speaks

GATHERING

Prelude

The Invitation of the Bell

***Gathering Song— “What a Fellowship” ELW 774**

Welcome and Praise Reports

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Prayer remembrance for those of Faith Lutheran

who have died since last all Saints' day.

Eternal god, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hans Friedrich Werner

Leo Rickert

Sally Rickert



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 1, 2015

Youth/Children's Sunday School—8:30 AM, Room 2
Adult Sunday Bible Study—Sundays at 8:45 AM
Lord's Pantry deliveries are made every Monday

Financials/Attendance for Oct. 25th

Attendance: 22

Offering: \$1061.00

Congregational Meeting—Nov. 15, 2015
following the Church Service

In Our Prayers...

- Nathan Balcomb/Crall
- Sharon Biller
- Elizabeth Krc
- Marie Hughes
- Tia Balcomb
- Pastor Kimm
- Lira Kingston
- Family of Susan Lomax
(Father, Leo Rickert,
passed away)

This is the Feast ...

Refrain
Assisting minister
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Office Hours
Pastor Anne Carlson
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Tues. and Thurs. afternoons  
And by appointment  
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## WORD

Children's Message

Pastor Anne

**First Reading:** *Hebrew 11:1-3, 8-16, 29-34, 12:1-2*

**AM: 11** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a

## ~November Celebration~

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Deana Hernandez | 3  |
| Glenn Shore     | 8  |
| Tony Lippi      | 9  |
| Doris Wacker    | 12 |
| Elizabeth Krc   | 17 |

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Skip & Jeanne MacAskill | 7  |
| Jay & Jayne Viner       | 25 |



### *Sermon Notes:*

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**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



- Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson
- Organist: Catherine Ellacer
- Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
- Reader/Intercessions: Eva Woodall
- Refreshments: Shirley Brothers
- Flowers: Shirley and Len Brothers

“Happy Birthday Deana and Lisa Brothers”



**Service Needs for Nov. 8th :**

**Can you help?**

*As you walk back to the refreshments, please stop at the sign up sheet in the Narthex.*

\*Reader \*Refreshments \*Greeter

homeland.<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.<sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedience because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

*Read responsively*

AM: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: <sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

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

AM: <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: <sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

AM: <sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their  
help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C: <sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in  
them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

AM: <sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food  
to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

C: <sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up  
those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

AM: <sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the  
way of the wicked.

C: <sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING

### Offering

P: In response to all that God does for us, it is appropriate that we  
give in return . . .

We will now receive our offering.

### Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all people here below;**

**praise God above, all heav'nly hosts;**

**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen**

### Invitation & Announcements

#### \*Blessing

**P:** The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the  
way of Christ's cross, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the  
broken places of our world, be upon you and remain with you for-  
ever.

**C: Amen**

**\*Sending Hymn**—"Oh When the Saints" (see insert)

Let us join our voices together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

### 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**

### **Invitation to the table**

**P:** Come to the banquet, for nothing and no one can take your place. This is God's table, and Jesus is the host of this meal. It is a table of grace and it is all we will ever need.

Come, for all are welcome.

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

**P:** The life and covenant of Jesus, our companion, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

#### God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er,

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

## **The Holy Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34:**

### **C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

You sent your son Jesus to show us who we are to be.

He showed us how to forgive and taught us that love is stronger than any force of evil or sin. Help us to remember the call you have given us as we gather here at Jesus’ table to celebrate this meal.

We recall on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed, broke it, and shared it with all who were there, saying:

Take and eat; this is my life, given for you.

Whenever you do this, re-member me.

In the same way, he took a cup of wine from the table, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant given to you and to all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Whenever you do this, remember me.

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit to come.

Enliven this bread. Awaken this body of Christ.

Pour us out for each other. Ignite your church.

Come Holy Spirit in this place.

**\*Sharing the Peace**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**MEAL**

**Communion Prayer**

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

P: Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness, you have made this world and called us to be your children. We praise you, as you call us to build your people into a community of love.

**Message**

**Pastor Anne**

**“The Titanium Rule”**

**\*Song of the Day - “For All the Saints”**

**ELW 422**

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

**\*Apostles Creed**

**P:** With the whole Church, let us affirm our faith.

**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 power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
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**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on Christian educators. Give them strength and boldness to teach your eternal truth. Grant them courage and grace to share the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your Spirit of healing on endangered rainforests. Enrich the soil to nourish new growth. Plant seeds for new habitats and food. Reshape our relationship with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your Spirit of justice on our government officials. Equip politicians to lead our communities and nation in the care of all people and creation. Guide them as they write and defend policies. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your Spirit of compassion on all who suffer: for Christians persecuted because of their faith, for children who are bullied, and for all we name before you now (*especially...*) Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your Spirit of restlessness on all who feel stuck in their lives. Stir up within them a vision of the life you are calling them to live. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives. May they live in your peace and protection. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministry of Pueblo de Dios, San Jose, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Pour out your Spirit of mercy on all who mourn. Comfort and renew your church as we remember the faithful departed of this congregation (*especially...*) Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**