

A LIFE OF GRACE AND TRUTH

Unbound and Let Go



A CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

LSB 813 vs. 1, 3-4, 6-7

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

P: to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

C: who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

P: In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

C: so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire —

P: may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 1:3-7)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: O God our Father, we do bless you and worship you. We praise you for sending your Son, Jesus, to overcome sin and death to give us a living hope of an imperishable, unfading inheritance kept in heaven for us. And yet this hope and faith are tested by the trials and grief we face, especially those that bring the reality of death near to us. They are a painful reminder of the brokenness that sin causes — brokenness in the world, brokenness in our lives, and brokenness in our relationships, especially our relationship with you. So Lord, hear our confession, and by your mercy, grant us your forgiveness.

Please take a moment for silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved or trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.



**You shall be a crown of beauty
in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand
of your God.**

Isaiah 62:3

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

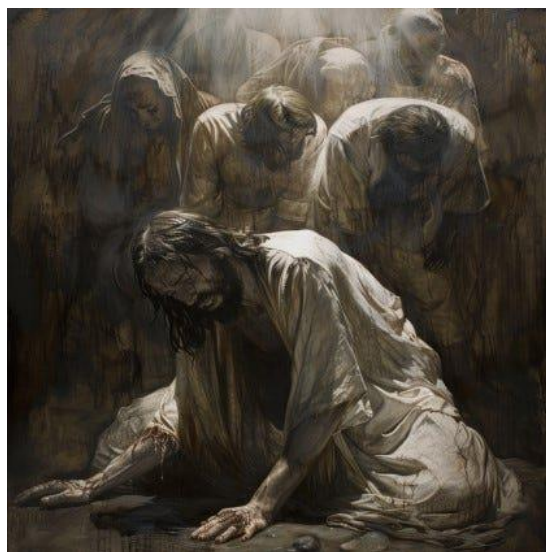
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING

John 11:28-44

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”



P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF NEW DISCIPLES

OFFERING SONG

“I Will Rise”

SERMON

“Unbound and Let Go”

Pastor Ben Spaulding

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

SONG

“Welcome Home”

SAINT

Trudy Czina	Born: November 10, 1930	Died: January 2, 2024
Vi Tarpey	Born: March 9, 1941	Died: February 25, 2024
Audrey Michalk	Born: August 25, 1921	Died: March 10, 2024
Sandra Horn	Born: November 8, 1941	Died: March 12, 2024
Larry Chafa	Born: March 12, 1939	Died: April 6, 2024
Jay Gersh	Born: June 16, 1958	Died: April 12, 2024
Craig Battle	Born: December 6, 1957	Died: April 23, 2024
Billy Winkleman	Born: July 16, 1944	Died: March 4, 2024
Elvin Bretting	Born: September 23, 1931	Died: May 2, 2024
Dick Hansen	Born: October 29, 1932	Died: August 9, 2024
Maxine Schneider	Born: April 11, 1939	Died: September 25, 2024

Please stand

SONG

“Hymn of Heaven”

PRAYERS

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

(Matthew 6:9–13)



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: The Lord's Supper is a way in which believers in Jesus Christ proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes, and we look forward to the day when we will join with those who have gone before us in the feast that has no end.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

“This Is the Feast”

LSB 155

“Wide Open Stand the Gates”

LSB 639

“Lazarus”

“On That Day”

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB 680

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: And the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever.

(1 Peter 5:10-11)

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

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