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***Holy Communion Service  
All Saints Sunday  
November 3, 2024***

## PRELUDE

played by organist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHOIR INTROIT

## OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 174

*“For All the Saints”*

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Giver of Faith, our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

L Let us come in truth before the One who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, we are + forgiven and God remembers our sin no more. Let our heart be glad as we rejoice in the gifts of faith and salvation.

C Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C** Almighty God, you have knit your people together as the body of Christ Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and discipleship, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for your people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **WE HEAR GOD’S HOLY WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This year's All Saints readings remind us of our tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, even as we remember those who have died, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

### **The First Lesson is from Isaiah chapter 25 verses 6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained  
clear.

<sup>7</sup>And God will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the people's disgrace will be taken away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our GOD; for whom we have waited, so that we  
might be saved.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in God's gift of salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 24**

*They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being,  
nor do they pledge by what is false.

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

**The Second Lesson is from Revelation chapter 21 verses 1-6**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people. In the midst of our mourning and sadness, God promises the hope of new life. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God.**

***Congregation:*** Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the Gospel reading, if you are able.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*(Congregation stands and sings “Alleluia” following the Reading.)*

**The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 11 verses 32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face

wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Murray D. Finck

*"Pull Up a Chair"*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

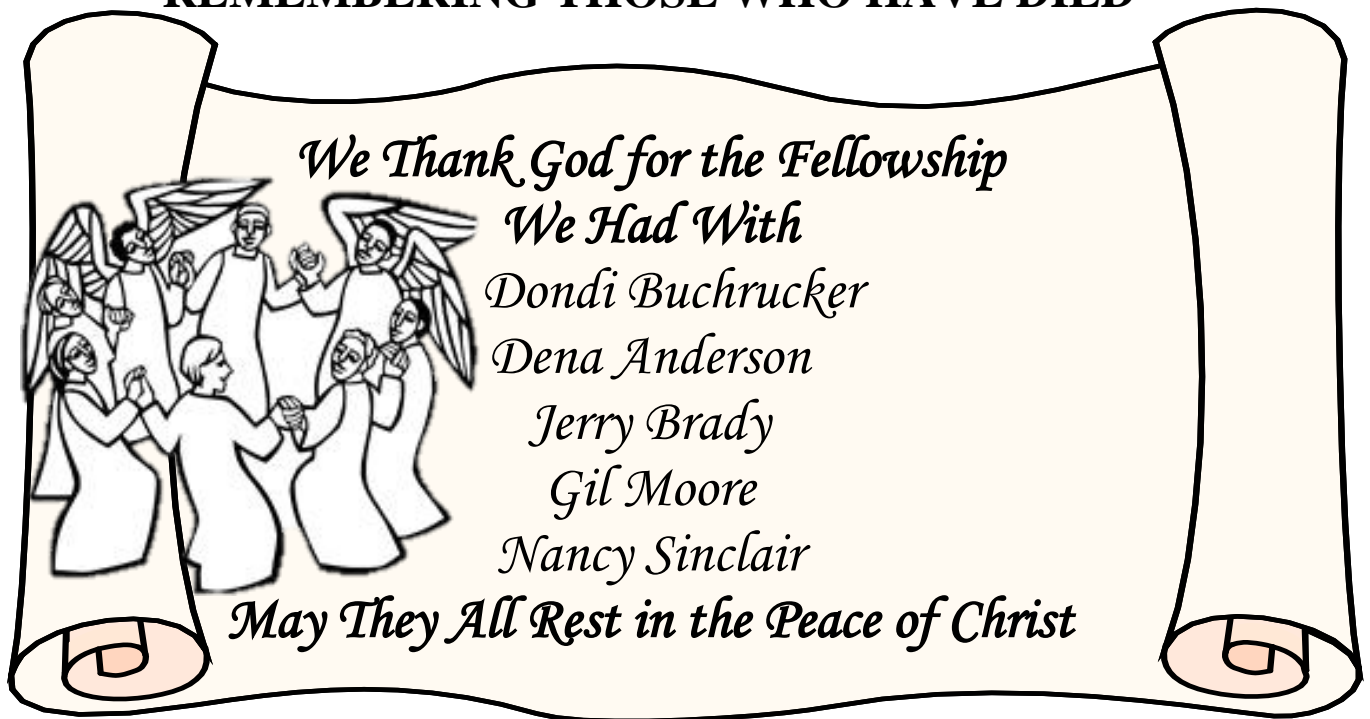
**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

\*the word "*catholic*" in the creed means "*universal*." It is the original word used as this profession of faith was adopted by the early Christian Church.

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L ... Merciful God,  
C receive our prayer.

### OFFERTORY

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal, you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance at this table, and send us forth to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your compassionate love.  
C Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** The table of God is ready. Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation. Pull up a chair.

*Holy Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar, Holy Communion will be brought to you in the pew. We believe Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. All baptized and believing Christians are invited to the table. Anyone with any questions can speak to the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains white grape juice.)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**C** Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** Our Father, the Ancient One enthroned, Jesus, the Crucified One, now risen, and the Holy Spirit, the Indwelling One, + bless us now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

**LBW [Green Book] # 320**

*“O, God Our Help in Ages Past”*

## DISMISSAL

**P** Let us go in peace and encourage one another in Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**played by organist**



**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus

**Organist and Choir Director:** Sharon Heck

**Flowers are given by:** *Jann Shaffer in Honor of Mom.*

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

<b><i>Presider:</i></b>	The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus
<b><i>Organist:</i></b>	Sharon Heck
<b><i>Holy Communion Assistant</i></b>	Carmen Leslie
<b><i>Acolyte</i></b>	Sylvia Makus
<b><i>Reader:</i></b>	Susan Sinner
<b><i>Prayer Leader:</i></b>	Carol Costello
<b><i>Financial Team:</i></b>	Wendy Alfageme and Kay Pushman

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** 12:00 Noon Bible Study

**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

### **Redeemer Finance: October Offering through October 27**

Offering	\$12,694.00
Budgeted Monthly Expense	<u>\$7,308.00</u>
<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>\$5,386.00</b>

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**President** Kay Pushman, **Vice-President** Wendy Alfageme,

**Secretary** Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance**

**Chair** Doris Weinert

**Members at Large,** Sandy Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero, Sylvia Makus, and Michael Vanvales

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Barry, Jean, Kathy, Wendy, Beverly, Nancy, Evelyn, Shirlene, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Gloria, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lucy, Karen, Kelly, Raymond, Dick, Marilyn, Brian, Carl, Jessica, Carol, Rose, Sandra, Elaine, Carmen, Barbara, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sylvia, Flo, Eileen, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Ronnie, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Collette, Lisa, Patty, Barbara, Joan, Dee, Susan, Kathy, Juanita, Clarence, Debbie, Joan, Doris, Linda, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Marianne, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Ray, Patty, Delrie, Bill, Betty, Lorna, M. Teresa, Joan, Mike, Frankie, Donna, Ernie, Eileen, Darleen, Sharon, Danuta, Lynne, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Brigid, Joanna, Dale, Karla, Sands, Gloria, Tom, Rosalia, Wendy, Elaine, Rachel, Mike, Jesus, Richard, Kelsey, Ginny, Christina, Margaret, Steven, and Dian. Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

*Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, (ELCA) and Bishop John Taylor (ECUSA), the victims of the Ukrainian/Russian, Israel/Hamas conflicts, the civil strife in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

*Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Announcements

- † Welcome to everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors.
- † Please take a moment and fill out the attendance slip found in the rack in the pews. Please place it in the offertory plate. Visitors, especially, are invited to fill out a card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!
- † Everyone is invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and fellowship (we have tea, too!). You are encouraged to continue to wear your name tags at fellowship so we can greet one another by name. The basket will be available downstairs so your name tag can be collected and ready to wear next week.
- † We missed wishing our October Birthdays a Happy Birthday month last week! Happy October Birthday to: *Donna Cho, Susan Cooper, Karen Ford, Patricia Hall, Danuta Lambert, Ellen Larsen, Ronnie Powell, and Nancy Tapia.*
- † The Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to about 1:15 p.m. when we will be continuing our study titled: “*The Decalogue – The Ten Commandments*” looking in-depth at Ten Commandments. Please attend. Bring your Bible. Invite a friend. Bring your lunch if you wish!
- † Please let us know if you are having medical issues, so we can offer pastoral care and our prayers during your difficult times. Speak to a member of the Church Council or call the office number: (562) 598-8697.
- † The elevator is working. Please see Kay Pushman, Wendy Alfageme, or Sylvia Makus to use the elevator, even if you have used it before.
- † There are flyers on the bulletin board in the entryway for St. Luke’s annual Medieval Brass Rubbing and Docent Talk. Pick one up if you are interested.
- † Call on Tuesdays, after 5:00 pm, for the Leisure World Bus if you are having issues with it in regard to getting to Church on Sundays. (562) 431-6586 extension 2379.

- † Annual Congregational Meeting Part 1 will be November 10<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service.
- † Mark your calendars for November 14 and 15 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. as we will be offering our Fall Bazaar, again! We will be featuring arts and crafts, baked goods, gently used treasures, jewelry, ceramics and more. There is a sign-up sheet if you would like a table to offer your wares. If you have any questions, please call Carmen Leslie, Chairperson at (562) 430-6950.
- † If you are having a little problem with hearing on Sundays, please remember that there are speakers in the ceiling light fixtures so sitting closer to one of those may help. We are looking into improving the sound system for the Church Sanctuary.
- † The Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication. If you take the flowers in the plastic holders, please return the holders. We try to reuse them and are currently out of them.
- † Printed copies of our current newsletter are available in the entryway. It is online on our website at: [www.redeemersealbeach.com](http://www.redeemersealbeach.com). It is sent out via email, if we have your email address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, or the midweek communiqué from the pastor, please put your email address on the attendance sheet in the pew pocket and put it in the collection plate, so we can add you or correct the address we have.