

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lewistown, Montana

November 1, 2020 All Saints



Welcome to worship today!

In this season of pandemic, our congregation is following the guidelines of the Central Montana Health District and the Montana Synod.

If you have or recently had a fever, cough, or shortness of breath please do not worship in the church today.

Due to the rising number of active COVID cases in Fergus County **face coverings are required throughout the worship service.**

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## Introduction to the day

*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

(\*Stand)

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family the following individuals:

9:30 - Cru Milo Rogers, child of Chad & Chelsey Rogers; sponsors Sonya & Evan Stokken and Zion sponsors Scot & Chelsea Solberg. Adam & Amy Sallee, children of Kale and Stacie Sallee; sponsors Greg & Krystal Fergus and Zion sponsor Falan Aanenson.

11:00 - Shelby Vankuiken; sponsor Kathy Trask. Swade & Weston Stewart, children of Max Stewart ad Shelby VanKuiken; sponsor Cherie Quigley.

## PRESENTATION

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**Baptismal sponsors:** I/we present \_\_\_\_\_ for baptism.

P Name, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

**Candidate responds:** I do.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children/child baptized into Christ?

**Response: I do.**

P As you bring your child/children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child/children grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Response: I do.**

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Response: I do.**

P People of God, do you promise to support \_\_\_\_\_ and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C We do.**

### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**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.**

#### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## BAPTISM

P \_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain \_\_\_\_\_ with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P \_\_\_\_\_, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

## WELCOME

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

*Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers*

*Welcome, child of God!*

*Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters*

*Welcome, Child of God!*

*When the world feels wide around you*

*When the dark of night surrounds you*

*We are here to tend and guide you*

*Welcome, Child of God!*

## **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.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS**

P We give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. We know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

Lloyd Bowen, Dora Morse, Frank Valach, Ann Carter, Michelle Hecht

We have honored these, our ancestors in faith and we rejoice with those who became new members of our family through Holy Baptism.

Madison Markovich, Kit Hoversland, Ian Stafslie, Bradley Carlson

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God,

**C you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **\*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the

kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need.

(Response to petitions)

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **your kingdom come.**

**P** Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING** *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

- 1 *Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring  
to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought  
but only as we're able.*
  
- 2 *The vines were planted, seeds were sown.  
They grew in your good pleasure.  
What once was common, daily food  
becomes a holy treasure.*
  
- 3 *Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares  
we lift in prayer before you.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us,  
as humbly we adore you.*

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C **Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

## **\*PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 COMMUNION**

P There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## COMMUNION SONG

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.*

## COMMUNION

*Please remain seated, communion will be brought to you.*

## TABLE BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.  
**C** Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## MINISTRY OF ZION

### **BLESSING** *Remember and Rejoice (ST. THOMAS)(vs 1 & 4)*

*1 Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.*

*4 God, bless us by your grace;  
remind us of your care.  
Renewing Spirit, fill us now,  
inspire our work, our prayer.*

## **\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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### **Serving Us:**

**Pr. Lynne Ogren**

**Pianist: Rhonda Kepner**

### **Ushers:**

**9:30 – Bob & Cindy Giese; 11 - Foss Wilson**

### **Lectors:**

**9:30 – Cindy Giese; 11 – Lana Papp**

### **Communion Assistants:**

**9:30 – Nina Yunker, Doug & Gayle Arntzen**

**11 – Kathy Trask, Cherie Quigley**

**Disciples: All the Baptized**

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**Welcome!** Before worship, you are invited to read and reflect.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Jessie Stewart, Myrna Heppe, Jim Flagg, Carmen Larson, Maxine Troth, Wendy Pfau, Dianne Kaldor (Meryl McKenna's sister)

**Homebound Members:** LaVerna Conard, Mary Westburg, DeAnn Paulson, Dorothy Adcock, Bob Papp, Harriet Irish, Don Pfau, Russ Hodge, Marv Mathison

**Social Concern for November: Love, INC. Gap Ministry** – “When people come to Love, INC, more often than not, they are caught up in crisis. Gap Ministries help to “quiet the crisis” so that the real work of teaching, relationship building and transformation can begin.” Zion has agreed to host a Personal Care Closet which will help to fill one of the “gaps”. Items needed are listed on a bright green card available on the narthex table. If you would like to help supply some of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the paper bags labeled “Gap Ministry”. Questions call the office, 538-5082.

We offer our **Christian sympathy to the Hecht family** upon the death of Michelle on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A private service was held on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Week of 11/2 – 11/8/2020**

Mon	4:00pm	Circle Bible Study
	5:30pm	Caring Ministry Potluck Dinner meeting
Wed	Noon	Trust Meeting
		Men over lunch at the Elks
		No Confirmation or BLAST classes
Thur	9:00am	Quilting
Sun	9:30am	Worship
	11:00am	Worship

**ZLCW Mini Bazaar December 5.** Pre-orders for lefse and wreaths are being taken; sign-up sheets are on the narthex table. Sign-up sheets for making lefse, gathering greens and making wreaths are also on the narthex table. Cindy Giese has made and donated a quilt, raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00 and will be sold in the narthex through the month of November or call the office. Your help is needed, please volunteer today!

**Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, communion assistants and ushers** at 9:30 and 11am worship services. If you can help, please fill out a bright yellow half sheet or call the office!

Serving on Staff:  
Secretary: Lana Papp  
Bookkeeper & Communications Coordinator: Lynn Franz  
Sunday School Superintendent: Falan Aanenson  
Rainbow Choir Director: Debby Shobe  
Custodians: Kent & Nina Yunker