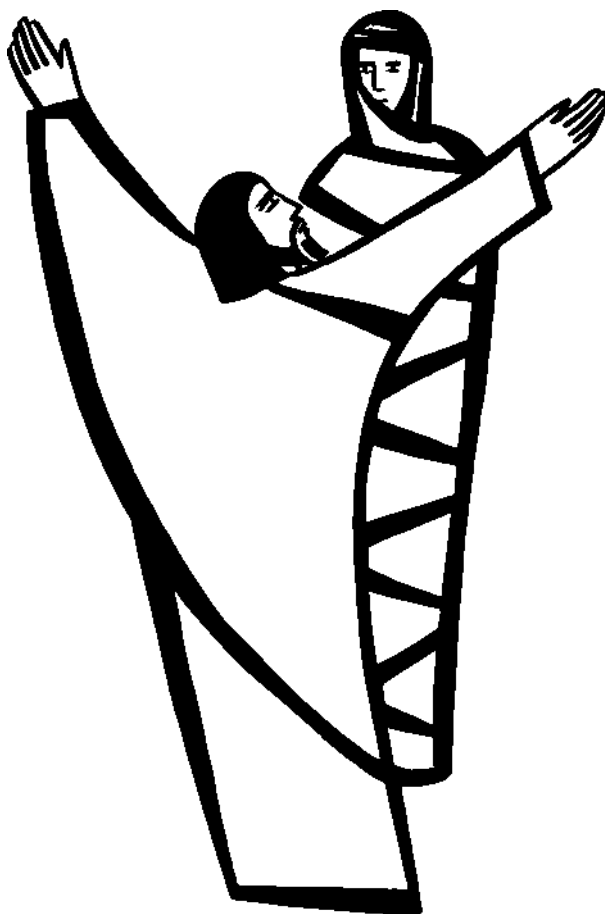


*Sunday
November 7, 2021*

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love Together



If you are a visitor with us today, we welcome you in the name of Christ.
We encourage our guests to join us in the communion meal because Jesus welcomes all to his table of grace, uniting and filling us for love and service. Christ is our host and our food, bearing to us God's forgiveness and grace through this harvest of field and vineyard.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most 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, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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. 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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are scat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God,
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.

Please be seated

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Revelation.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;

⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Refrain

Re - jice with all the saints this day, Who ran by faith
the nar-row way. The great and low to - geth - er stand With
glo - ry crowned at God's right hand.

1-3, 5 to Verses | 4 to Bridge | Final *Fine*

Verses

1. How blest are they, the Spir - it's poor; Their king is
2. How blest are those who fought the fight; God's jus - tice
3. How blest are those who wrought the peace; As heirs they
4. Most blest the Fa - ther and the Son, Most blest the

1. Je - sus Christ the Lord, And all who mourned have found new birth;
2. fills their thirst for right. The pure of heart God's face be - hold;
3. share the Vic-tor's feast; And proph-ets by in - jus - tice slain
4. Spir - it, Three in One. Your King-dom come, your will be done,

to Refrain

1. The pa - tient meek a - wait the earth.
2. The mer - ci - ful have o - ver-flowed.
3. Have claimed the King-dom's righ - teous reign.
4. Your praise for - ev - er - more be sung.

Bridge

Come, ho - ly men and wom-en all; With heart and
voice sing praise and call To Christ who rose tri -
um-phant-ly That we may join your com - pa - ny.

to Refrain

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You may stand, kneel, or sit for the prayers.

Each petition concludes with:

Hear us, O God.

All may respond:

Your mercy is great.

Today we give thanks for our loved ones who have died, including the following people:

Jerry Smith

Jennifer Shroyer

David Holland

Roger Smith

Bill Dallmann

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

Let us remember to offer ourselves—our time, our abilities, our possessions—for the ongoing ministry of St. Timothy and the whole Church. Besides bringing your offering to worship you may also send it by postal mail or use our online giving option at www.sttim.org.

OFFERING PRAYER

You may stand.

Holy God,

the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

With all the saints

...forever and ever. **Amen!**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those**

or

**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 sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen

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

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

You may be seated. We receive the body and blood of Christ and share in the life of God as we receive the bread and wine or grape juice, and hear the words:

The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Many Will Come

1* 2

Man - y will come from east and west, and from
 OR Man - y will come from east and west, and from

north and south, and will eat in the king - dom, the
 north and south, to be washed in the wa - ters, the

king - dom of God. Blest are they, oh, blest are
 wa - ters of life. Blest are they, oh, blest are

they who eat bread in the king - dom, the king - dom of God.
 they who are washed in the wa - ters, the wa - ters of life.

** May be sung in canon*

COMMUNION SONG

Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

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You may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,

✝ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.



1	Oh, when the	saints	go	march-ing	in,	oh, when the
2	Oh, when the	Lord	in	glo - ry	comes,	oh, when the
3	Oh, when the	new	world	is	re - vealed,	oh, when the
4	Oh, when they	gath	-	er	round the	throne,



saints	go	march-ing	in,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that
Lord	in	glo - ry	comes,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that
new	world	is	re - vealed,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that
gath - er	round	the	throne,	O Lord, I	want	to be	in that



num - ber	when the	saints	go	march - ing	in.
num - ber	when the	Lord	in	glo - ry	comes.
num - ber	when the	new	world	is	re - vealed.
num - ber	when they	gath - er	round	the	throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

SENDING SONG

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Vs. 1-3, repeat 1

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister— Pastor Clark Brown

Musician— Desma Johnson

Drummer— Phillipe Costa

Cantor— Stacy Meheen

Assisting Minister— Nancy Opsata

Streaming Video— Walter Smith

Audio— Jim Helgason

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

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Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the south-east coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Tears Are Holy

“Jesus wept” (John 11:35). It’s the shortest verse in the Bible (in many non-NRSV versions), popular among Sunday school children trying to pad their stats in Bible memorization games. Only two words, three short syllables: “Jesus wept.” It is also a profound theological statement. Death hurts. Even for Jesus. Even with prophecies and promises to wipe away every tear.

Although we may put it out of mind at times, we have always been dust. We have always known that to dust we shall return. Before rushing to the reassurance of eternal life with God, we honor the sacred finitude of life by honestly naming and feeling the grief of death.

Even as he embodied resurrection power, Jesus felt the sting of death. When he heard that his friend Lazarus had died, he wept. He didn’t immediately bring him back, and he didn’t explain it away. He wept. This is Jesus at his most human *and* his most divine. Life is holy, and its loss is painful. Your tears, like Jesus’ tears, are holy. You are not alone.

The vision of Revelation promises a time when God will wipe away every tear, when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more. But as Jesus himself experienced, we must first contend with the heartbreak of death. On All Saints Day we remember the saints who have gone before. We celebrate their lives and the promise of a future with God. And we honor them with our tears and mourning, and our honest and complicated feelings for them.

Stories promise endings, but too often death brings relationships to a stop without the closure of an ending. The promise of resurrection and the rituals of All Saints Day remind us that our stories continue to unfold in mysterious ways—even after death. God shows up in the messiness of loss and mourning, and God’s love carries us through the loneliness and fear. Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Dorothy Kirk with any new or changed prayer concerns at 375-1043.

Please remember in your prayers:

Diane Bakhit who is recovering for neck surgery.

Josh Bakhit who has a brain tumor.

Phyllis Cook who has a lung condition.

Ed Olson, undergoing cancer treatment .

Sandy Hoskin, undergoing cancer treatment again.

Colbie Schueneman, grandniece of Adrian, with a neurodegenerative disease.

Dawn Stallings, daughter of Dolores, who has suffered a stroke.

Healthcare workers and essential workers on the front line of the pandemic.

All service members, fire fighters, and police officers (and their families).

For those living in war-torn regions and all refugees.

For the mission of this congregation, the Monterey Bay Conference, and the entire Sierra Pacific Synod, and for our leaders and for the leaders throughout the world.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing concerns of these listed here.

Torie Hamilton

Rodger Marty

Bonnie Bennett

Jim McMullins

Bill Reynolds

Mary Lee Slater

Marjonie Gabriel

Tom Brown

Aaron Grieg

Byron Heppert

Jacqueline Graham

Gloria Llenaresas

Riley Ann Holland

Ronnie Lyons

Irene McCloud

Thomas Ansley

Linda Henderson

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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Study, pray, and discuss during the week:** Join Pastors Clark and Tony: Wednesday 2 PM **Bible Study. Tuesday Evening Class:** Pastor Clark leads this six-session class based on the video series "We Must Plant the Church." Classes will meet in person at 6:45 pm in the Music/Ed Room and online. Email pastorclark@sttim.org for more information.
- **Online Worship and Social Hour:** You are welcome to worship in person in the sanctuary and you do not need to RSVP. We are still wearing masks during worship. We are welcome to socialize outside following worship. All Sunday services including bulletins are online on **sttim.org**. Information for worship and the social hour will be emailed each week. **If you want to be on our email list or have questions**, email/call/text Pastor Clark at pastor-clark@sttim.org or 831-521-1818.
- **Preparing for communion:** Our online Sunday worship will include communion. As you feel called, prepare to share in communion by setting aside some bread or crackers, and some wine or juice, as you have them available. If you need any of these items, please contact Ida Barber.
- **Offering:** Please remember your offerings to St. Timothy. Offering can be mailed to the church office, sent automatically using your bank, or online by visiting our website **www.sttim.org**.
- **Volunteer to help Thomas Carman Food Pantry** and provide food for needy households and individuals. **YOU CAN HELP!** Sign up to volunteer on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3-6 pm, loading and passing out bags at the Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church at the corner of Carmel and California Avenues in the City of Marina. Address: 425 Carmel Ave, Marina CA. Contact Debby Love-Sudduth at 408-499-4984 or email Rd-sudd@comcast.net.