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Welcome to God's church on this the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, and All Saints Day. These communities of faith, North Beaver Creek and Blair Lutheran Churches have one great aim and purpose: to help people grow in life-giving relationships with their neighbors, their own selves, the earth and God.

Announcements

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God. Let us take a moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

**We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

Hymn Give Thanks for Saints 428

- 1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak—
the strong, who once were weak!
- 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is
clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.
- 3 Give thanks for those whose love is
pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own—
God's love through them is known.
- 4 Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.

Greeting The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day

Holy God

Today We give thanks for the saints,
saints who have laid a path of life and light
for thousands of years, so many of them,
who have blessed us for generations

We give thanks for the pillars of light in our own lives:
elders who taught us, embraced us, blessed us,
who walked ahead and let us follow, watch and learn.
They patiently accepted our immaturity,
they showed us what was possible,
they held me up to see a farther horizon,
and we are grateful for them.

We give thanks for those saints who are peers, who have loved us and grown with us, traveled with us,
who held hope when we faltered,
bore wisdom when we didn't, forgave us,
and believed in us when we most deeply doubted.

We give thanks for the saints yet to come,
the children whose works to bring about the kingdom we cannot yet imagine. The ones who will take up the reformation of our church and who will surely shine with God's glory. Those who will correct our mistakes and carry on what we cannot complete.

For all the saints we give praise
and humble thanks that we may serve with them
in this one holy, remarkable life.
Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that

knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

²**I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s | name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles. R

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation 172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

L: The Gospel for today is from John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You oh Lord

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is

great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

Hymn of the Day 422 For All the Saints (v 1-5,7)

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| 1 | For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 4 | And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 2 | Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | | The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 3 | Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 7 | From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! |

In Remembrance (*Music under “For All the Saints” continues*)

L: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses --Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

C: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.

L: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--Loved ones now resting in the arms of God, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are--your precious children in this community of believers.

List of those who have Died: (Lighting a candle for each)

Lisa Kraemer	Vernon Stone
DeAnn Greenwold	LeSandra Wheeler
Valerie Gunderson	Gary Johnson
Joyce Blaken	Russel McDougall
Robert Hardie	Edward Johnson
Larry Thompson	Betty Fremstad
Robert Kraemer	DeVere Dahl
Russell McDougall	Marlene Berg
Tim Hansen	Gale Toraason
Bruce Johnson	Matthew Rauss
Aaron Kujak	Chuck Frederickson
Robert Sennett	
Carla (Lynghammer) McMahan-	
Mertens	

L: We give you thanks for this cloud of witnesses to your love.

C: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.

L: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

If we have enough candles

We give thanks for these new saints, the future of your church who we welcomed into the body of Christ

Reese Stensven	Calan Lien
Bennett Heintz	Kaisyn Ekern
Carson Crivits	Owen Kujak

Charlotte Tjoflat
Clara Schultz
Kash Tenneson

Samuel Olson
Everleigh Anderegg

C: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

L: 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,

C: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

L: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

C: Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

A brief silence.

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year. In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Amen.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The Offering

Offering Resp. # 686 We Give Thee But Thine Own (V 1 only)

The Offering Prayer

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.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

L: Let us pray

The Pre-Communion Prayer

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

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.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of faith until he comes:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

The Lord's Prayer

The Invitation

The table is open to everyone, without exception. Behold who you are, become what you will receive. Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

The Post Communion Prayer

Prayer after Communion

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.

Amen.

L: We have asked God to change us by his grace, fill us with his goodness and make us a mirrored reflection of the Divine. We ARE the body of Christ – giving

ourselves for others. We are the blood of Jesus – may our lives and love be spilled out for those around us who are hurting. We have become what we received.

C: Amen.

Blessing:

..May your life be a brush in the very hand of God—painting new creation into every nook and cranny of reality that your shadow graces. Be courageous. Be free. Prune that which needs pruning, and water that which thirsts for righteousness. You are the body of Christ, the light of the world. Pick up your hammer. Your brush. Your trumpet. Your skillet. Your pen. Lift up your head. And walk. Run. Dance. Fly. The great Artist calls you into being. So go into your world, your valley, your garden, and create with His grace and in His peace. Amen.

Sending Song *Oh When the Saints, Go Marching In*

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh when they crown Him Lord of all
Oh when they crown Him Lord of all
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When they crown Him Lord of all

Oh, when they gather 'round the throne
Oh, when they gather 'round the throne
Dear Lord, I want to be in that number
When they gather 'round the throne

Dismissal

L : Go in peace. Be the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.