

All Saints Sunday ~ November 3, 2024
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music



AND IN THEE
THY SAINTS SHALL RISE

All Saints Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

This day, we will recall the names of the members and friends of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church who have died since All Saints' Day (11.01) last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PRELUDE ~

GATHERING

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

CONFESSIONS and ASSURANCE

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God’s forgiveness and grace.

**Beloved God,
who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy
on us. We do not always love as you would
have us love. We do not always do as you
would have us do. In our stubbornness, we
turn from you when we should turn toward
you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we
mourn the passing of friends and family, and
help us to know that they are rejoicing in your
presence. We praise you for the grace you
shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don’t share with
any but you. Hear now the silent fears and
worries of our hearts.**

A time of silence

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus paid the price for our sins through his actions on the cross. We are called **saints** not because as believers, we become perfect, but because our relationship with God changes as a result of God's grace. **Luther** said: "The **saints** are sinners, too, but they are forgiven and absolved."

ALL SAINTS PROCLAMATION

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude to a mountain. There he touched, healed, and taught. There he spoke, "Blessed are..."
There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

O God, call us together that we may remember your blessed people of every time and age.

Let us celebrate the memories of your blessed saints whose faith journeys gave witness to your presence throughout the ages. Christ, come among us.

Alleluia!

LIGHTING CANDLES of REMEMBRANCE

As we sing "For All the Saints." We will be lighting the candles of remembrance. Feel free to come forward during the singing of the hymn to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend. Rejoice and believe the good news ... through Christ we all are made citizens in God's new creation.

GATHERING HYMN ~ ELW 422 *For All the Saints*

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.**

PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, **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

FIRST READING: Wisdom 3:1-9

¹The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.²In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster,³ and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.⁴For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. ⁵Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;⁶like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.⁷In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.⁸They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.⁹Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 24

Read Responsively

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

²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

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

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

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you,
O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of
Jacob.**

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

⁸**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong
and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O
everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come
in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of
hosts is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

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.

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Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵ 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.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

² 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.”
³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. 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 have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ 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.” cont’d

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 looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² 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." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

Please stand

HYMN of the DAY ~ **ELW 628**

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. We pray especially for: Karen S., Jacque, Carolyn, Rick, Paul, Larry, Cindi, Tom, Evelyn, Esther, Judy, Kathi, Pr. Karen & Dave, Don and Donna and our Little Library friend's prayers. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING and PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING ~ Choir: *Shine On Us* -M.W. Smith
Arr. B. Greer

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ ELW 424

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones v.1,3



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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.

PREFACE

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. Together we offer our praise and join in the hymn of all creation:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

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

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. **Amen.**

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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.

LAMB of GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

COMMUNION HYMNS ~

ELW 423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Instrumental Meditation

Please stand

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this holy meal and for coming to us as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ~

O, When the Saints Go Marching In pg.14

O, When the Saints Go Marching In

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, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

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
hal - le - lu - jah day, 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.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek the Truth. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

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Remembering Family and Friends
All Saint's Sunday ~ November 3, 2024
**deceased 11.01.23 ~ 11.01.24*

*Helen Kleckner**
*Donald Kleckner**
Joyce Critchfield
by John & Jacque Holmberg

*Diane Farnsworth**
Wilson & Ann Farnsworth
Matthew Keener
by Lee Farnsworth

*Ed Randall**
by Mary Randall

*Ruth Hinkson**
*John "Jack" Wonner**

*Earl Pifer**
*Jack Zimmerly, Jr**
by Matt & Sally Zill

Nicole Woomer
by Mom, Pops
Kayla & Emily

Carrie Jane Paris Fiske
by Barb & Mike Paris

Deanna Marie Tropper
by Jeanne Tropper

Cody Filson
Evelyn Adams
by Cindy & Rich Filson

David Klakamp
by Irene Owens

cont'd

*Jim Pacileo
Joe Pacileo
Jim, Jim Pacileo
by Judi Pacileo*

*LeRoy Doehrel & Charlotte Doehrel
Patty Flanagan Palo
Mary Cree & Donald Cree
by Analee Cree*

*Anthony & Bernice Pokosh
Delona Pokosh Kozlowski
Milton & Colleen Luke
Neal & Bette Moffett
Dean Moffett*

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**PARISH NOTES ~ November 3, 2024**

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This morning the flowers, are given to the *Glory of God*,  
in Memory of Abiding Hope Members, who have passed.

**Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:** Karen Shick, Jacque Holmberg, Cindi Reid, Carolyn Mariotti, Rick Penn, Larry Ruhlman, Judy Nordin, Esther Klakamp, Kathi (Cindy Filson’s sister), Tom Cirillo, Pastor Karen & Dave, Don & Donna Holder, Evelyn Senger, and our Little Library friends requesting our prayers.

**Receiving Communion:** If it is a challenge for you to come forward to receive communion, please alert the usher and you will be served communion at your seat.



**Sunday, November 3: Choir ~ 9a & 10:45a  
No Bible Study ~ Movie, Chosen 11a – F.H.  
Sunday, November 10: Choir ~ 10:45a**

**Stewardship:** The “**Intention for Giving Pledge**” cards are available in the narthex (with privacy envelopes) on the center table and via mail to members and associate members. We ask that you prayerfully consider to **complete/return** your pledges, either in the offering place or to the office, by **Thank You Day on November 10.**

**Monday, November 4: All ladies** are welcome to **join the “Prayer Shawl Gathering” (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays), 10a-12noonish** for prayer, good conversation, knitting/crocheting shawls, prayer cards, lap robes for the homebound. Experience not necessary, showing “how to” will gladly be offered.

**Friday, November 1: St. Paul's Church** of Drakes Mills will be featured on “**The Last Word**”, **6p** on WSEE & WICU TV for their 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Sunday, November 10: New Hope Presbyterian,** (5440 Washington Av.) has graciously invited members **of Abiding Hope** to join them for a “**Friendsgiving Dinner**” @ **12:15p.** Please let Pastor Karen **know today, Nov 3,** if you would like to attend.

**Monday, November 11: Town Hall Meeting** and **Committee Night @ 6p** in the Fellowship Hall. This is an important gathering for **ALL** members for discussions regarding the present and future of your Abiding Hope Family. Please **make an effort** to attend.

**Wednesday, November 13:** The last **Lunch & Listen** of 2024 will feature as guest speaker, Dan Niebauer, VP and Design Specialist from Ralph Miller Jewelers. Join us as Dan discusses original, one-of-a-kind, handmade, fine jewelry creations. **BYO lunch 12n..speaker 12:30p.** Dessert, coffee/tea provided.

**Thursday, November 14:** All ladies of the congregation are invited to **Ladies Night Out** at **Syd's Place**, 2992 West Lake Rd (just west of Peninsula Dr) **5:30p**. Please **sign the sheet** in the narthex or **RSVP** to **Jacque Holmberg 814.490.4470** by **Monday, Nov. 11**. If you can drive or need a ride let Jacque know. **Drivers leave AHLC @ 5:00p**.

**Wednesday, November 20:** **Prayer Warriors** meet **1:00-3:00p** in the Sanctuary. Pray with us silently for whatever time you can or wherever you are during that time. Through intercession prayers believers can bring comfort, encouragement and hope to those facing difficult circumstances.

**Thursday, November 21:** **Volunteers** needed for the **Holy Trinity Sloppy Joe Dinner (3:50p to about 6:45p, 643 W 17th St, Erie)** for the Homeless hosted by Abiding Hope members. **COOKIES** also needed! Cookies for the dinner, labeled "HT", can be placed in the AH freezer between **Nov 13 & Nov 20(by 12n)**. Please try to **sign the volunteer sheet before Nov 10** to aid with planning or contact Jacque Holmberg. Thank you so much. Funding through Thrivent Action Team Request.

**Sunday, November 24:** **Sontheimer Sunday.**

A very special day to celebrate Milton and Mary's talents and to thank their son Paul's amazing gift to us of Milton's paintings. The dedication, of the Abiding Hope's painting, *Les Arbres de Bruges* (the Trees of Bruges) and a reception will follow 9:30a worship.

**Office Hours:** Monday and Tuesday, 9:30 to 3:30. Wednesday, 9:30 to 12:30. For **Pastoral emergencies**, please contact Pastor Karen at 814-881-3266.

**Little Library Update:** God is so faithful to this ministry! We are not in need of books right now, but donations of bookmarks with room for an Abiding Hope address label would be appreciated! The pantry can use dried fruit, meals in pouches or microwave containers, cereals, pasta, rice, juice boxes, packages of graham crackers, and peanut butter in plastic jars. How grateful we are for your generous donations! --you are truly impacting our neighborhood! -*Connie Kerr-Vogt.*

**KAFP Project Dignity:** November item: Shaving Products. Donations can be place in the basket on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

**Altar Flowers:** Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements- **\$20.00 each.** Place the completed form and payment in the offering, or to the office by the Monday prior your chosen Sunday.

**Worship Leaders ~November 3, 20204**

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Videographer          | Analee Cree    |
| Greeter/Coffee        | Mary Randall   |
| Lector/Prayers        | Penny Gresh    |
| Assisting Min/Acolyte | Analee Cree    |
| Communion Cups        | Michele Rion   |
| Communion Tray        | Mary Randall   |
| Presenter             | Lois Kuhns     |
| Presenter             | Cindy Filson   |
| Usher                 | Volunteer      |
| Usher                 | Andy Saska     |
| Counters              | Diana and Andy |

**Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 E. Lake Road**

## A Proper Seat for Emmanuel:

Personal Reflections on the History and Meaning of the Christmas Crèche



Michael E. DeSanctis, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts & Theology, Gannon University

Scholar In Residence, Jefferson Educational Society · Erie, Pennsylvania

**This lavishly illustrated presentation will examine the crèche-building activities of Dr. Michael E. DeSanctis, Professor Emeritus at Gannon and Scholar in Residence at the Jefferson Society. The presentation will address the central role played by St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) in the development of Nativity scenes of the sort that have become fixtures within Christian churches and households during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. It will also describe how Dr. DeSanctis has adapted such scenes to the needs of modern audiences to share the message of Christ's birth.**

**Light refreshments following. All are welcome!**