



RED HILL LUTHERAN

CHURCH & SCHOOL
9:30 Praise Service

November 1, 2009

All Saints Sunday

Rev. Tom Brashears, Senior Pastor

Rev. Seth Britton, Associate Pastor

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *please stand*

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection. Congregation kneels/sits

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Jesus Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

1. GIVER OF LIFE Tim Hughes

Giver of life You never change
All that is perfect comes from You
Your wonders never cease
Not even Life not even death
Nor any power in heaven or earth
Can separate us from Your love

*For You are good
And Your mercies last a lifetime
You are good always, always
Everyday Your love is never-ending
For you are good always, always*

Freely You give, new everyday
Your mercies will never fail
So great is Your faithfulness
Your love is Kind, Your love is pure
Your love will always perseveres
For every blessing comes from You

Bridge

You delight to pour Your goodness down (2x)

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2. MORE LOVE, MORE POWER Unknown

More love, more power
More of you in my life (2x)

*And I will worship you, with all of my heart
And I will worship you, with all of my mind
And I will worship you, with all of my strength
For You are my Lord, You are my Lord*

□unknown

3. SHOUT TO THE LORD Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter; Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of your name
I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You*

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READING

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Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Reader: Here ends the reading

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to _____.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

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John 11:32-44

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then 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?"

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GREETING

MY GLORIOUS

Martin Smith / Stuart Garrard

The world's shaking with the love of God
Great and glorious, let the whole world sing
And all you ever do is change the old from new
People we believe that

God is bigger than, the air I breath

The world we'll leave

God will save the day and all will say

My Glorious!

Clouds are breaking, Heaven's come to earth
Hearts awakening let the church bells ring
And all you ever do is change the old for new
People we believe that

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MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Brashears

Please see the Brick for an outline of this morning's sermon.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please complete your worship response card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERING SONG **TRUST** Matt Slocum

Lord, sometimes it gets so tough
To keep my eyes on You when things are going rough
But then I turn my eyes up to the sky
And I hear Your voice it says to me

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
Lean not on your own understanding
In all of your ways acknowledge Him
And He will make your paths straight
Don't worry about tomorrow
He's got it under control
Just trust in the Lord with all of your heart
And He will carry you through*

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SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

The congregation shares the peace of Christ.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 our Lord; 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 the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending praise:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE 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

COMMUNION

*In our church, all baptized believing Christians are invited to receive communion. Please join us.
Although we use wine, a chalice of white grape juice is also available.*

COMMUNION SONGS

THE NAILS IN YOUR HANDS Richard Cimino

The nails in your hands, the nail in your feet,
They tell me how much you love me.
The thorns on your brow, they tell me how,
You bore so much shame to love me.

And when the heavens pass away,
All your scars will still remain,
And forever they will say
how much you love me,
So I want to say.

Forever my love, forever my heart,
Forever my life is yours. (2x)

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GOD YOU REIGN Lincoln Brewster

You paint the night; You count the stars
and You call them by name
The skies proclaim God You reign
Your glory shines;
You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings God You reign

*God You reign, God You reign
Forever and ever; God You reign*

You part the seas;
You move the mountains
with the words that You say
My song remains God you reign
You hold my life; Y
ou know my heart and You call me by name
I live to say God You reign

Hallelujah, hallelu (repeat)

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LET THE EARTH PROCLAIM Gus Chiggins

Oh God, I want to be Holy; to Your glory; for Your name
Oh God, You're perfect in all your ways;
Your Word is forever; Your promises true

Take my heart and make it Yours
To You alone, I bow my will,
No other name, salvation brings

*Holy God, the One who reigns
Above the Heavens let the earth proclaim
You are God above, You are God above, You are God
Holy God, who loves and saves
Above the Heavens let the earth proclaim
You are God above, You are God above, You are God*

Oh God, friend of the wounded soul, Your touch it restores us whole,
Jesus....

Oh God, so near to our very hearts, Your kindness is leading us, oh to You

Oh we need You, our hearts are yearning, no other fount, does mercy
spring

Oh we need You, You are our everything, You are the only thing, so we
cry out to You

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CLOSING SONG

OH, WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN African Spiritual

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

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes: Oh when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number; Oh, when the Lord in glory comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed; Oh, when the new world is revealed
O Lord, I want to be in that number; Oh, when the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather 'round the throne:

Oh, when they gather 'round the throne

O Lord, I want to be in that number; Oh, when they gather 'round the throne.

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Readers

8:00 Laura Hendricks 9:30 Nancy Pace 11:00 John Baab

Altar Guild

8:00 Donna Anderson 9:30 Celia Young 11:00 Sue Bodenschatz

Acolytes

8:00 Alexis Wilmoth & Shannon Wilmoth

11:00 Taylor Spinoglia & Christine Larsh

Ushers

8:00 Brad Brooks Group 9:30 Tom Schell Group

11:00 Art Christensen Group

Greeters

8:00 Gerry Deibert and Carol Gravesen

9:30 Jim and Nancy Ryan

11:00 Jan Hundebly and Marlene Thorson

Communion Servers

8:00 Nadene Pickford & David Kulcinski

9:30 Michael & Sue Portune, Ann Charles-Alerini & Cindy Conrad

11:00 David & Jill St. George

Worship Leaders

Director of Liturgical Arts James M. Schaefer

Director of Music Jason Harney

Organist Dennis Siebenaler

Praise Leader Isaiah Coughran



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THE WEEKLY BRICK

November 1, 2009.

As you come to him, the living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 2:4-5

JESUS: THE ONE MAN SUPER POWER

1. JESUS GIVES US AN IMPORTANT PROMISE AND QUESTION (11:25-26) :

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

2. OUR CHALLENGE: TO HOLD ON TO THE PROMISE OF CHRIST (11:27)

“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

3. HIS PROMISE IS BASED ON WHO HE IS: GOD. (Come on, who else can raise dead people?) 11:28-38

a. God cares--11:32-35

b. God has power--11:37-38

c. God gives life to dead people with his Word--11:39-44

d. God demands we put our faith in Him--11:45

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Monday, November 2nd Read John [11:33-36](#)

Here's something great: the understanding, feelings, and compassion of Jesus. Note three things.

1. Jesus “groaned [*enebrimēsato*] in spirit.” The word “groaned” is often interpreted to mean stern reaction, displeasure, or anger (because of its use in other places). Some interpreters feel that Jesus was angry with the friends and neighbors because of their loud wailing and moaning, feeling that they were being hypocritical and insincere in their sorrow. This interpretation is difficult to see.

- Mary was certainly sincere in her sorrow, and Jesus was definitely touched by her need.
- The Jewish friends and neighbors (which were “many,” [John 11:19](#)) were sincere in “comforting” her ([John 11:31](#)), and many were open to trusting the Lord ([John 11:45](#)). Jesus was certainly touched by those as well.

In light of the whole scene, it seems best to see Jesus gripped with intense emotion. He was deeply moved...

- by Mary, who was so broken in sorrow.
- by Martha, who was gripped by pain and hurt.
- by those who were really feeling the death of Lazarus and the sorrow of the family.
- by the terrible tragedy of death and the pain it causes.
- by the terrible price He was soon to pay conquering death. (This was certainly glimpsed by Jesus in such

a scene as He was now experiencing.)

Jesus does *groan in spirit*: He groans in understanding and feeling and compassion for all who are hurting and suffering. The words “was troubled” (*etaraxen heauton*) mean agitated, moved deeply, disturbed within. Jesus was actually feeling the misery and pain of all. His spirit was disturbed and agitated, deeply moved by the whole scene of sorrow and death.

2. Jesus asked where the dead (person) was. Note that Jesus knew where the grave was, but He asked where it was for two reasons.

- ⇒ If He had gone straight to the tomb, there was the possibility of some charging Him and Lazarus with being in collusion and tricking the people.
- ⇒ He needed to distract the people from their deep wailing and arouse their expectation for something unusual about to happen.

Note also that Jesus demonstrated His concern over the dead. He wishes to know where every dead person is, both those who are *spiritually dead* and those who are *physically dead*. He wants to point man’s attention to the fact that all men lie in the grave. All must look to Him if they wish to escape death.

3. “Jesus wept” in love. Why? He wept over death, over man’s pain, sorrow, suffering, and fate. Man was never made for sin and death; man was made for righteousness and life. Sin and death.

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| • deceive and lie | • misuse and defeat |
| • hurt and maim | • destroy and corrupt |
| • separate and alien-ate | • condemn and doom eternally |

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.

Psalms 78:39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

Tuesday, November 3rd Read John [11:38-39](#)

Jesus confronted the dead. Note three striking points.

1. Jesus groaned in Himself. He stood face to face with the grave. Again...

- He saw the pain of Mary and Martha and their dear friends.
- He sensed the terrible dread and bondage that death held over His dear friend Lazarus, and over the whole human race.
- He was keenly conscious of His own terrible death that lay only a few days away.

He felt the emotions of both compassion and anger, sympathy and indignation. He groaned from deep within, sensing an intense love for all who suffer and a holy anger and displeasure against death.

2. Jesus was confronted with an objection from a believer. Note two things.

- a. An unbeliever might question if Lazarus was truly dead. Note the emphasis upon the fact that Lazarus *was* truly dead.
 - Lazarus was in a real tomb, a tomb of the wealthy. Martha’s wealth was indicated by her having owned a house large enough to lodge Jesus and His disciples. If by any stretch of the imagination Lazarus had been mistaken for dead, he was certainly dead now, for it had been four days since he was buried. He would have been placed in an enclosed tomb, being critically ill and very weak. Four days without food or water in such circumstances would kill any weak and critically ill person.
 - There was Martha’s shock at Jesus’ request. The body would have started to decompose after four days.
- b. It was a believer who objected to Jesus confronting the situation. There was distrust and uneasiness in Martha’s objection. She was not sure that Jesus’ action was wise and for the best. She was uneasy about what Jesus was doing and asking. She did not want the situation disturbed. She was satisfied with things as they were, with Lazarus laid to rest as he was. What she wanted was to be comforted, not disturbed.

Some Lutherans want things left alone, being happy with things as they are. They want only enough of Christ to give them comfort and security and ease. They want little if anything to do with His demands and confrontation with the sin and death of the world.

Matthew 13:58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

John 12:37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.

Romans 11:20 Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid.

Hebrews 4:11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

Wednesday, November 4th Read John [11:40](#)

We have a great promise of unlimited, resting faith. This is a great and possibly new concept for you. Jesus challenged Martha to take an enormous leap of faith. He wanted her to conquer her complaining and to set aside her objections. He wanted her to trust Him, to quit questioning what He did. He wanted her to trust...

- His judgment and will.
- His knowledge and understanding.
- His Word and instructions.

Very simply, He wanted her to *rest* in Him, to place an unlimited, resting faith in Him.

there is a rest for the believer. It is called *the believer's rest* or *God's rest*. The believer enters *God's rest* by what may be called a *resting faith* or an *unlimited faith*. An unlimited, resting faith is the summit, the highest level or stage of faith. It is the level of faith God desires for every believer. He longs for every child of His to enter the rest of God. A resting (unlimited) faith is a faith that rests in at least four things.

1. A resting faith is a rest of *deliverance and salvation*. It is to rest in God's Word, to know beyond all question...

- that one is truly saved and delivered from sin and shame, death and hell.
- that one is freed from the guilt and nagging of conscience.
- that one has open access into God's presence through prayer.

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2. A resting faith is a rest of *service and ministry*. It is not inactivity, not a life that does nothing for God and the world. It is a rest that comes from committing one's life to the call and purpose of Jesus Christ, a rest that is...

- filled with purpose, meaning, and significance.
- committed to sharing Christ with a world lost and full of desperate needs.
- surrendered to God's call for personal involvement and service.
- filled with God's Spirit and equipped with His gifts for service.
- pleased with God's call and gifts, with one's lot in life and place of service.
- complete, fulfilled, satisfied, and unashamed with one's life.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

3. A resting faith is a rest of *assurance and confidence in the future*. It is a rest of peace about the future. It is...

- the knowledge that all the enslavements and bondages of this life have been conquered in Christ, even death.
- the knowledge and experience of God's daily care through all of life; the knowledge that God will take care no matter what may come or fall.
- the knowledge and very real presence of hope: the hope of eternal life, of heaven, of the *eternal and perfect rest* for the people of God.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

4. A resting faith is a rest of *courage and knowledge*. It is a faith that does not question or complain. It is a faith that truly believes, trusts, and rests in God, that actually...

- takes God at His Word and does exactly what He says.
- knows that God's presence and blessing are upon one's life.
- puts everything into God's hands and launches out as He says.
- knows that what happens is under God's control.
- knows that all things, no matter how terrible, will be worked out for good to those who love God ([Romans 8:28](#)).
- experiences God's presence and care day by day, being taken care of and looked after.
- knows victory over all: being filled with all confidence, assurance, hope, and peace.

Thursday, November 5th Read John [11:41-42](#)

This is Jesus' point: He was praying for a specific purpose, and in so doing He demonstrated the purpose and the power of prayer. When you truly pray with purpose, you receive the answer to prayer and witness to the power of prayer. Note Jesus' prayer.

1. **Jesus addressed God as “Father.”** Jesus had an intimate and continuous relationship with God: a Father-Son relationship. He knew God as His “Father,” and God knew Jesus as His Son.
2. **Jesus requested that His Father do something:** “Thou hast heard me.” What Jesus asked was not stated, but the reader knows from the context that it has to do with...
 - the power to conquer death.
 - the strengthening of believers standing around and watching Him.
 - the stirring of others to believe and trust Him.
3. **Jesus offered thanksgiving to the Father,** praising the Father for the glorious privilege of prayer and of being heard and having His prayers answered. This is a striking lesson for believers. God is to be praised for prayer, for the open access He allows into His presence and for the glorious fact that He hears and answers us (cp. [John 16:23-24, 26-27](#)).
4. **Jesus expressed a perfect and confident knowledge in God:** “I knew you always hear me.” There is no hesitancy, doubt, or questioning on Jesus’ part. He knew perfectly that God heard His prayers—*always*. Same for us. Cool!
5. Jesus bore testimony through the prayer. He prayed...
 - to show the close personal relationship between Himself and God.
 - to stir belief that He was the *Sent One* of God.

Friday, November, 6th Read John [11:40-42](#)

Note that the above points could be stated as the purposes for prayer. The purposes of prayer are fivefold:

1. To honor and worship God as “Father.”

Romans 8:15-16 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

2. To secure whatever is needed to live righteously and to minister.

Matthew 21:22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Luke 11:9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

John 14:14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

3. To praise and thank God.

1 Corinthians 6:20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Isaiah 25:1 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

4. To prove and demonstrate one’s confidence in God.

1 John 5:14-15 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 3:22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

5. To bear testimony and proclaim that Jesus is the One sent by God.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

John 17:8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

Jesus always prayed with purpose; therefore, He always received the answer to His prayer and bore testimony to the power of prayer. So it is with every true believer. When we pray with purpose, God answers our prayer, and by so doing He proclaims...

- that Christ is the Son of the living God.
- that Christ is the One sent into the world to open the door (secure access) into God’s presence.
- that Christ is the One who has the power over death.

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