

Cross of Hope Making Faith Connections Small Group Ministry

November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

Say What!? – love your enemy

15 Minutes **Gathering and Check-in ... *share where you've encountered God this week.***

Prayer 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. (ELW p59)

45 Minutes **Introduction:** In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory. (from Sundays and Seasons)

Discussion Questions:

Read again Luke 6:20-31

- What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
- What is challenging or confusing as you read/hear it this time - *Say What!?*
- What does this sermon reveal about God? About us?
- Why do you think this message is powerful? Unpopular?
- How is it both so simple and so complex at the same time?
- Where do you hear echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary’s song of praise?
- What does that reveal on All Saints Sunday?

Read again Ephesians 1:11-23

- What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
- Who does the writer understand to be ‘all the saints’?
- What is the writer’s relationship to ‘all the saints’?
- How does that influence our understanding and relationship to all the saints?
- How is ‘our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people’ testified to and proclaimed in the death of the faithful who have gone before us?
- Why is faith an important part of seeing the body of Christ to include all saints?

Read again Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

- What do you notice about this story as you read/hear it this time?
- How is this a vision of hope for the faithful?
- What is the importance of community in the journey of faith?

Read and reflect on psalm 149 if you’d like.

20 Minutes **Prayer Requests and Prayer**

10 Minutes **Wrap Up and Get Ready to Leave Session**