

ALL SAINTS' DAY
Forever Blessed
November 6 & 7, 2021

AS WE GATHER

How blessed you are! Yes, you! Right here, right now, the Lord Jesus is ready to speak His blessings over you. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6). Jesus promises to satisfy you as you lay your sins at His feet and receive the blessing of His forgiveness this day. But not only are you blessed right here and now, you are forever blessed! "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). One day, Jesus will wonderfully bless you and all His saints by welcoming you into His presence forever. God grant you the heart to receive and share all the blessings He so freely gives.

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

"According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved,
since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot
or blemish, and at peace."

2 Peter 3:13-14

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #822 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Alleluia! Let praises ring!
To God the Father let us bring Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory.

Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto the Lamb of God we sing, In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood, And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy, Is our union And communion. His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending.

Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought, Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.

Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our triune God we sing; Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Blessed to be in God's presence, let us confess our sins to Him.
We take a moment for silent prayers of confession.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Help me, Lord, for I am in great need! My sins are too many to count. My burdens are too heavy to carry. I call out to you for mercy! I ask for your forgiveness, full and free. As the Father who loves me and sent Jesus to die for me, forgive me of my sins. By your Holy Spirit, create in me a pure heart that I may worship you in the company of all your saints. As your Word has promised, bless me as your own. Amen.

Pastor: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” You have been blessed by Jesus with the purity of heart that comes from sins forgiven. Now we see God with eyes of faith; one day, we shall see Him face-to-face. This is all because of His mercy, which He has poured out upon you and all who trust in Him. As your pastor, it is my privilege to announce this grace to you and, as He has commanded, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav’nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you knit together your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: You bless us now by your Word and Spirit.

Pastor: You will bless us for eternity with joy in your presence.

People: Grant us hearts to receive and share all the blessings you so freely give;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

☩ WORD ☩

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:2–17* (The blessed ones surround the heavenly throne of God.)² Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea,³ saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. ⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–3 (The blessing of being God’s children)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 EVENING CHOIR “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12 (Jesus speaks blessings over His people.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Jesus in the Morning”

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning, Love Him at the noontime,
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.

Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morning, Serve Him at the noontime,
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down.

SERMON HYMN #677

“For All the Saints”

Stanzas 1-6

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!

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!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christian Stewardship is the **free and joyous activity** of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing **all of life and life's resources** for God's purposes.

SERMON

“A Holy Life as God’s Child”

1 John 3:1-3

HYMN #677

“For All the Saints”

Stanzas 7-8

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

5:00 EVENING CHOIR

“There Are Many Rooms”

ALL SAINTS’ REFLECTION

Pastor – Introductory Words

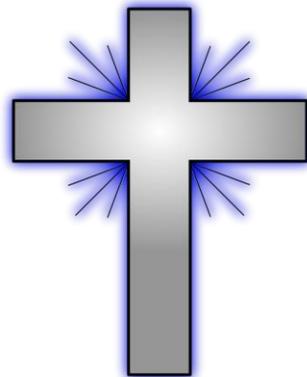
Pastor: Alleluia! Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

People: Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Alleluia.

Pastor: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

People: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

Pastor: We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:



Patricia Lee Lamp 11/12/2020

Edith Florence Wollerman 11/19/2020

John Lewis Ficken 12/25/2020

Danny Jerome Key 1/4/2021

Donald Walter Lorenz 1/30/2021

Leonard F. LaCoursiere 2/25/2021

Junie Mae Lorenz 3/13/2021

John Larkin Barber 3/27/2021

Arlene Virginia Kurer 4/17/2021

Steven Ryan Sarff 4/24/2021

Lola Mae Taylor 6/7/2021

Carol Joyce Schuerman 6/23/2021

Janet Ann Koehn 7/11/2021

Barbara Jean Pederson 9/26/2021

Nancy June Luke 10/6/2021

Versa Agnes Reichert 10/9/2021

Marilyn Clara Albrecht 10/10/2021



(Rise)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our fellowship folder located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

Pastor: Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Pastor: God of grace, grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life.

People: As we live in Jesus and for Jesus, grant our lights to shine until that day we pass through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, move us to be generous and good stewards of all things, sharing what you have entrusted to us for the support and extension of Christ's kingdom.

People: Deliver us from greed and move our hearts to treasure the kingdom of heaven above all things, and so give of our possessions that others may know Jesus and possess eternal life.

Pastor: Lord of life, grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of your Son may live in your grace and one day be raised to immortality.

People: Grant us to receive this precious gift in repentance and faith.

Pastor: Lord of the harvest, bless all missionaries, especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family. Bless also all ministers of the Gospel and the congregations committed to their care. We pray especially for Pastor Weston Wildauer and Good Shepherd Lutheran as he deliberates the Divine Call we have extended him.

People: Father, grant us to see pastors as your gifts to us, that we may be led into all truth and receive the comfort of Christ's sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection.

Pastor: Lord of the nations, bless all in authority over us, especially those who work to bring peace and justice, that they may be inclined to your will and walk according to your commandments.

People: Grant wisdom to our citizens, bless us to be good neighbors, and give courage and competence to our leaders.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, preserve all who travel, those in need, the sick and injured, and those who have asked our prayers, especially Dorothy, Austin, Pat, Richard, Cindy, Helga, Steve, Ray, Judy, Don, Nancy, Steve, Cindy, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah.

People: Grant them healing and help and fill them with your Holy Spirit to relieve and comfort them in the confidence of saving faith.

Pastor: King of kings, help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to trust in your promises and believe in your reign above all things.

People: Help us also to find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Pastor: Lord of heaven and earth, as we worship remembering All Saints Day, grant us to rejoice in the saints who dwell in glory with you as we are united with them in Christ.

People: Gather us united in the blessed Sacrament around the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, whom saints and angels adore around your eternal throne.

Pastor: Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, O Lord, and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

“There is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

**Chorus: Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done**

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Hope for sinners slain **Chorus**

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place **Chorus**

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HYMN #676 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snowclad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?

These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.

They now serve God both day and night;

They sing their songs in endless light.

Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;

But now, how glorious they appear!

Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.

On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.

They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;

The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

O blessed saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,

Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.

The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;

Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.

The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!

Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

HYMN #821**“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us: Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,

Here on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have blessed us with pardon and peace through the saving gift of your Son’s body and blood. Having received your mercy, purity, and peace through your Word and Sacrament, grant us courage to show these blessings to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

People: Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

Pastor: Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee

Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry

Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest

Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be

Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war

Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise

Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways

Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least

Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light

Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally

Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee

Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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