

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 3 & 4, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



## AS WE GATHER

This Sunday we observe the feast of All Saints' Day. While many congregations use this service to remember those saints who have departed this life in faith, we do well to remember that "saint" is simply another word for "believer" or "follower of Jesus." All of those who gather to confess Jesus as Lord are indeed already saints. The Gospel for today is a section of the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. Jesus begins this sermon by recounting the present reality of those who have faith: they are blessed. Even when it looks as though the faithful are the opposite of blessed, they are indeed blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. They are a part of the reign and rule of God. All saints, including you, are a part of the reign and rule of God; therefore, you are blessed.

## PRELUDE

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



**WELCOME**

*(Please Stand)*

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Jerusalem the Golden"

*LSB 672*

**Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—  
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest—  
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:  
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!**

**Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;  
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.**

**Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight.  
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.**

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Revelation 14:13; 7:14; Psalm 149:4; 1 John 3:1*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.  
People: **Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors.**

Pastor: They have washed their robes  
People: **and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: As we celebrate God's salvation and remember the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, we are reminded that all saints, both living and dead, have led sinful lives. Even though we are God's children, what we will be has not yet appeared. We remain contaminated by sin and evil until Jesus returns. As we come before God, let us consider our sinfulness and ask God for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,  
People: **we are all guilty and ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We have not always lived as Your children. We have often failed to seek peace. We have not been pure of heart. Forgive us, renew us, and bless us, so that we may rejoice and be glad to be counted as Your children.**

Pastor: God has lavished His love upon us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise again for us all. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will be our shepherd, and He will guide us to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are God's children, and ours is the kingdom of heaven. Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

✘ **WORD** ✘

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*LSB 940, v. 3*

**Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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: **Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;**

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

People: **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**FIRST READING** *Revelation 7:9–17* (Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!)

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,<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”<sup>11</sup> 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,<sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are

these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”<sup>14</sup> 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.”<sup>15</sup> “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.”<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.<sup>17</sup> 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* (Beloved, we are God’s children now.)

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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.**

*(Please Stand)*

**GOSPEL VERSE** “Blest Are They”

*LSB 982, Refrain only*

*(soloist sings 1<sup>st</sup> Refrain, Congregation sings 2<sup>nd</sup> Refrain)*

*Soloist: Refrain: Rejoice and be glad ! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

**Congregation: Refrain: Rejoice and be glad ! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:1–12* (Blessed are the poor in spirit.)

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

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

**Pastor:** Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**People:** **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are those who mourn,

**People:** **for they shall be comforted.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are the meek,

**People:** **for they shall inherit the earth.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**People:** **for they shall be satisfied.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are the merciful,

**People:** **for they shall receive mercy.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People:** **for they shall see God.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People:** **for they shall be called sons of God.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**People:** **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Pastor:** Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. 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.**



**APOSTLES' CREED**

*LSB 207*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(Please Be Seated)*



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" *LSB 912, v. 1*

**Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "For All the Saints" *LSB 677*

**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!**

**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!**



**SERMON**

*(Please Stand)*

## REMEMBRANCE OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” On this All Saints’ Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith.



12/10/17	<i>Florine R. Kratzer</i>
2/18/18	<i>Thiema Marie Bauman</i>
2/20/18	<i>June Bardle</i>
4/13/18	<i>Carolyn Annetta Schwaninger</i>
5/21/18	<i>Wesley William Schnitzmeier</i>
5/28/18	<i>Ryleigh Kitson-Long</i>
5/28/18	<i>Helen Troll</i>
6/5/18	<i>Kurt Koerner</i>
6/14/18	<i>Olive A. Linton</i>
7/28/18	<i>Jill A. Hill</i>
10/27/18	<i>William E. Thompson</i>

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Please Stand)*

**THE DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Matthew 5:3–9*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, in this world we are often overwhelmed by the difficulties of life, yet You have promised that in Your heavenly kingdom there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more scorching heat, and no more tears. Strengthen us to keep turning to You in the midst of struggle, for You say, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until Christ comes again. On this All Saints’ Day, we remember all who have died in the faith. For You say, “Blessed are those who mourn,

**People: for they shall be comforted.”**

Pastor: Lord, this world is filled with power-hungry, prideful people who seek to rule the earth without any thought of You or care for Your creation. Keep us faithful to Your kingdom so that we do not run after the false gods of power and prestige, for You say, “Blessed are the meek,

**People: for they shall inherit the earth.”**

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Also, Lord, encourage those who struggle to belong in our society, including addicts, immigrants, refugees, those with mental and physical disabilities, and the poor, for You say, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**People: for they shall be satisfied.”**

Pastor: Lord, we live in a world of cruelty and indifference, but You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light so that we might love our families and friends, our neighbors and enemies. Cheer the hearts of all those who show mercy to others, for You say, “Blessed are the merciful,

**People: for they shall receive mercy.”**

Pastor: Lord, protect those who cannot protect themselves, including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities, for You say, “Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People: for they shall see God.”**

Pastor: Lord, break and hinder the plans of Satan, for he always seeks division, war, and conflict in this world. Raise up those who will work for reconciliation and harmony, for You say, “Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People: for they shall be called sons of God.”**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

*(Please Stand)*



## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper.*

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



**Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!” Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song: “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!” To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One: “Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

*LSB 676*

**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!**

*(Please Stand)*



## **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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** “By All Your Saints in Warfare” *LSB 517, v. 1, 4, & 3*

**By all Your saints in warfare, For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory Reflected from Your throne.**

**Apostles, prophets, martyrs, And all the noble throng  
Who wear the spotless raiment And raise the ceaseless song—  
For these, passed on before us We offer praises due  
And, walking in their footsteps, Would live our lives for You.**

**Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One  
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory and praise to God alone.**

**POSTLUDE**

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