

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School**  
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# All Saints' Day

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -  
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## *ALL SAINTS' DAY*

10:45 a.m. Sunday, November 3, 2019

**Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu

**Elders:** Tim Draube & Randy Johnson     **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

**Ushers:** Doug Lehr Team

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,  
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortright

**Reader:** Judy Seaman

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** 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. 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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

### The Ringing of the Bells

### The Hand of Fellowship

#### The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### Opening Sentences *Revelation 14:13; 7:14; Psalm 149:4; 1 John 3:1*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

**C: Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors.**

P: They have washed their robes

**C: and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P: The Lord takes pleasure in His people;

**C: He adorns the humble with salvation.**

P: See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

**C: that we should be called children of God.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### Opening Song “Step by Step”

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

(repeat)

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,  
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And I will follow you all of my days.

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#### First Lesson Revelation 7:9–17 (Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!)

<sup>9</sup>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."

### **The Epistle** 1 John 3:1–3 (Beloved, we are God's children now.)

<sup>1</sup>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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

### **Holy Gospel** Matthew 5:1–12 (Blessed are the poor in spirit.)

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are

the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **Children's Message**

**Baptism** - Sophie Lewis (Daughter of Michael and Nicole Lewis)

## The Song of Instruction “Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to  
me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor

(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,  
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)  
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**The Word** “Are You blessed?” 1 John 3:1–3 & Matthew 5:1-12

### The Commemoration

P: With God's people throughout the New Testament Church, we celebrate this day  
all those saints who have been given faith and life through the waters of Holy  
Baptism. We especially praise God for those who have joined this Church Militant  
during the days of this last year: *(bell will be tolled after each saint)*

<i>Vincent Schwartz</i>	<i>02/16/2020</i>	<i>Anastasia Morgan-Baker</i>	<i>06/28/2020</i>
<i>Christian Hsu</i>	<i>07/19/2020</i>	<i>Natalie Hsu</i>	<i>07/19/2020</i>
<i>Andrew Hsu</i>	<i>07/19/2020</i>	<i>Nevaeh Hsu</i>	<i>07/19/2020</i>
<i>Jade Bottger</i>	<i>09/06/2020</i>	<i>Bailey Lambert</i>	<i>09/26/2020</i>
<i>Raven Lambert</i>	<i>09/26/2020</i>	<i>Sophie Lewis</i>	<i>11/01/2020</i>

P: With God's people throughout the New Testament Church, we celebrate this day  
all those who have finished the race and have kept the faith. We especially praise  
God for those who have gone to the Church Triumphant during the days of this last  
year:

*(bell will be tolled after each saint)*

<i>Eugene Dirks</i>	<i>11/02/2019</i>	<i>Maxine Jones</i>	<i>12/22/2019</i>
<i>Curtis Stoever</i>	<i>01/15/2020</i>	<i>Rosella Dage</i>	<i>01/20/2020</i>
<i>Bev Mc Callister</i>	<i>02/14/2020</i>	<i>Cody Lethcoe</i>	<i>03/19/2020</i>
<i>Edward Petersen</i>	<i>04/11/2020</i>	<i>Lois Donaldson</i>	<i>06/04/2020</i>
<i>Roy Sampson</i>	<i>07/02/2020</i>	<i>Beverly Larsen</i>	<i>07/02/2020</i>
<i>Loretta Lenz</i>	<i>08/10/2020</i>	<i>Barry Hueschen</i>	<i>09/19/2020</i>
<i>Vera Stoltze</i>	<i>10/14/2020</i>	<i>Dorothy Krom</i>	<i>10/15/2020</i>

P: We pray.

**C: It is with thanksgiving that we remember the names of these faithful servants in Christ. They, even now, enjoy the heavenly crown given to them by You, gracious God. It is with this certainty that we are able to follow in their example. Give to us the spirit of thanksgiving as we serve You in all the ways You call us to. Give to us the spirit of thanksgiving as we serve You, knowing that when we are called to our eternal rest You will be able to say of us, "Well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*Deuteronomy 16:16b, 17—They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord our God that He has given you.*

### **Offertory "I Worship You, Almighty God"**

I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You.

I worship You, O Prince of Peace,

That is what I want to do. I give You praise for You are my righteousness.

I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. (Repeat)

There is none like You.

(Words & music by Sondra Corbett, 1992 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, used by permission CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

### **The Prayer of the Church**

P: Lord, as we approach a time in our nation to choose our leaders and representatives, we ask You to grant wisdom to all who will cast their ballots. Help us to choose the best and most honorable among us to lead us. Use the consciences of all, Your law written on the hearts of all people, to guide everyone in all their decisions. Give us leaders who will govern with wisdom and laws that bring order and justice to our nation. Provide a continued environment in which Your Church may preach and teach all of Your Word and administer Your sacraments without interference or persecution. We ask that you help our citizens to unite for the common good of all, obeying the law of the land, setting aside selfishness and all evil thoughts. When all decisions are made, help us to support our leaders in all their work, and to obey all laws that do not oppose You and Your Word.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Elliot Knowles, Mandy Steele, Mckenzie Steele, Jack Smith, Sami Kasdorf, Evy Ferris, Bennett Haller, Dominic Maffit, Lillian Gardner, Bernice Johnsen, Emily Tyger, and Jessica Wilcox.

## **Confession and Absolution**

P: 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)*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

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

**INVITATIONAL SONG** ("Praise Team):

**He said come to the table**

**Come join the sinners who have been redeemed**

**Take your place beside the Savior now**

**Sit down and be set free**

**Come to the table**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**"Breathe"**

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me

And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ----, I'm lost without you, (repeat)

And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ---, I'm lost without you

I'm lost without you I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe

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## The Benediction

### The Going Out Song      “Nobody Loves Me Like You”

Morning, I see You in the sunrise ev'ry morning. It's like a picture that You've painted for me, a love letter in the sky.

Story, I could've had a really diff'rent story, but You came down from heaven to restore me, forever saved my life.

CHORUS:

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true; Nobody loves me like You.

Mountains, You're breaking down the weight of all my mountains. Even when it feels like I'm surrounded,  
You never leave my side, oh.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!  
Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song my heart keeps singing!

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!  
Oh, what a song to sing! Jesus, You love me, and I love You, God.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, I will worship You, forever worship You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true. Nobody loves me like You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.  
Nobody loves me like You. Nobody loves me like You.  
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# “Are You blessed?”

Date: 11/01/20

Text: 1 John 3:1–3 & Matthew 5:1-12

## Verse for Meditation

***“See what kind of love the Father has given to us,  
that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”***

*1 John 3:17*

## Points to Ponder

1. Are you blessed? What does it mean to be blessed?
2. What did the people in Jesus' time looking for in life?
3. What did Jesus offer to the seekers who came to listen to Him?
4. What are you looking for in life?
5. Who are you?
6. What does this mean?
7. How does who you are define what you do and say?