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All Saints' Day

6 p.m. Sat., October 31 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., November 1, 2020



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- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

ALL SAINTS' DAY

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Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat. Ruthie Witte; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

Ushers: Tim Draube Team

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

Elders: 6 p.m. Sat. Randy Johnson; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Ron Cason & Robert Greene

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat. Elizabeth Sanders, 8:15 a.m. Sun., Jim Winckler

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.

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677 1-4

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

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!

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word

The Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (*Sung*)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

This is the Feast (*Sung*)

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(Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

¹ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

² Power, riches, wisdom, and strength and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)

³ Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

⁴ Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

⁵ For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

(Final Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (*Sung*)

P: Let us pray.

C: Heavenly Father, You have lavished a great love upon Your children from every nation, tribe, and language. Show us mercy and comfort, Lord, as we mourn those saints who have gone before us in the faith, so that we continue to share Your love with all nations, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading Revelation 7:9–17

(Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,⁴

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!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 149 *Psalm 149:1–9*

L: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

C: his praise in the assembly of the godly!

L: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

C: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

L: Let them praise his name with dancing,

C: making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

L: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

C: he adorns the humble with salvation.

L: Let the godly exult in glory;

C: let them sing for joy on their beds.

L: Let the high praises of God be in their throats

C: and two-edged swords in their hands,

L: to execute vengeance on the nations

C: and punishments on the peoples,

L: to bind their kings with chains

C: and their nobles with fetters of iron,

L: to execute on them the judgment written!

C: This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1–3 (Beloved, we are God’s children now.)

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

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.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel)

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew , the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*Sung*)

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*Sung*)

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

LSB 932

Sermon “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 Stoeber</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.

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

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 and Communion 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 Hymn "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: 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, Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially Charles Striegel, Troy Hunt, Kim Sparr, Karen Baker, Marla Anderson, and Linda Brinkert. Also, Lord, encourage those who struggle to belong in our society, including addicts, immigrants, refugees, those with mental and physical disabilities, and the poor, Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

(stand as you are able)
Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*Sung*)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Sung) Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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Words of our Lord

Pax Domini The Peace of the Lord John 20:19

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

C: **Amen.** (sung)

Agnus Dei “Lamb of God” (Sung) John 1:29

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” LSB 676

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575

(Stand as you are able)

The Post Communion Collect

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P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

P: 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.

C: **Amen.** (sung)

The Closing Hymn “For All the Saints”

LSB 677 5-8

Silent Prayer

Postlude

“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?