

# Worship in Person and at Home

## All Saints Day

### November 1, 2020



*In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather all together for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot all be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. We gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

## Announcements

## Prelude

## Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

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.**

## **First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”** <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood 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>singing,

**“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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>**For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

## **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

## **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

## **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children 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 people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Homily**

### **Reflection**

We can hardly avoid knowing, in these days, that we are surrounded by so much death: those hurt by the coronavirus; those killed by the violence of terrorism and war; our own beloved dead. And we ourselves are often afraid. All Saints Sunday comes with these texts to speak life and comfort. With all the children of God, with all the baptized, living and dead, with our own congregation, with all the unknown and unheralded ones who in making peace and showing mercy bore witness to God — with all of them we sing to God and to the Lamb. That “Lamb,” Jesus Christ, is himself the most profound example of all the values praised in the Beatitudes. We are washed and saved in his blood. Now we will undertake again to live in the Spirit of those values: joy, mercy, simplicity. And this week, in civic responsibility, we will pray to elect public officials who themselves manifest something of that Spirit.

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

Let us remember all the saints who have served the church and the world as we offer our prayers to God:

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who have ministered in your church. Give us now, we pray, pastors, deacons, teachers, and lay leaders who will guide your people in the way of truth. Bless all who minister during this difficult time. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who lived in communion with animals, with the earth and the seas. Bless the earth, that all creatures will live out your intention for their place in creation. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who were peacemakers. Give us now government authorities who will strive for peace between and within their nations. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who strove for equality and justice. Guide us during this election week, that those who seek the common good will be elected; protect those who vote; and preserve our nation from all forms of civil discord. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who worked to renew society. Give us now persons who will struggle against prejudice, lethargy, and evil, and will work to improve the lives of others. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who ministered to the needy. Give us now people who will care for those in need. We pray for those in need, the war-torn, the unemployed, those who experience discrimination, those who are weighed down with anxiety, and those whose needs are known only to you. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who nursed the sick. Support physicians, nurses, and all medical staff, especially as they confront the continuing crisis of the coronavirus. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the faithful who have suffered in body, mind, or spirit. Give wholeness to the sick, especially to those with the coronavirus. Send your healing power on those whose names we call out to you now. . . .Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints, both the famous and the forgotten, who lived in faith and now live in you. We thank you, O God, especially for those whom we name here now: . . .Bring us at the last with them to be in your triune presence. Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Communion Liturgy**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Music for Meditation During Communion**

#### **The Benediction**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

#### **Music to Send Us into the World for Service**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**For those worshipping in real time from home, Zoom Fellowship will be available immediately after the 9AM Sunday service: 596-621-1441, passcode 8675309**

## Readings for the Week:

**Monday** Matthew 5:1-12. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639) Lamentation 2:13-17. **Wednesday** Proverbs 16:21-33. **Thursday** Psalm 70. **Friday** Amos 3:1-12. **Saturday** (commemoration of John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873); Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719); Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries) Matthew 24:1-14. **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost** Amos 5:18-24 or Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

Reflection text: Gordon Lathrop. Intercessory Prayer: Gail Ramshaw

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## Schedule

### Meetings –

Monday: Stewardship Committee Meeting via Zoom at 7 PM

Thursday: Worship & Music Meeting viz Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

### In-Person Worship

Sunday: 9AM in the Sanctuary, 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

### Online Worship

Sunday: 9AM Livestream from the Sanctuary

Monday & Friday: 9AM posted Hymn Devotions

Tuesday & Thursday: 9AM & 9PM Morning & Night Prayer

### Online Study

Tuesday — Friday: Midday Kids' Devotions

### Shoe Boxes Needed



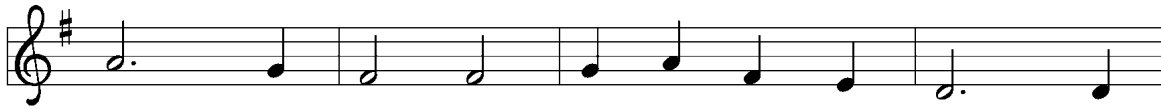
If you have spare medium to large size shoe or boot boxes that you'd like to get out of your house, please drop them off at the church by November 20th. We need them for an Advent project.

# Hymn for Contemplation *For All Your Saints Oh Lord*

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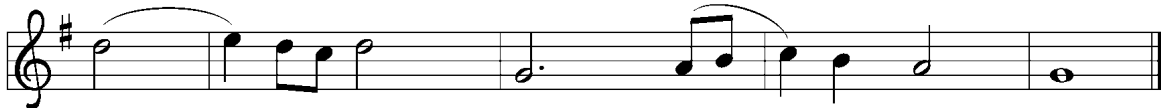
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; ..  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, ..



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the  
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
 dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are  
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 strong.  
 blest.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Nancy Uber, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:**, John Aljets, Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Helena Bassler, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Freyer, Erika Hallam, Betty Helsel, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jenny, Janet Kreider, Darren Kreutzer, Kristen Malloy, Rick McIntyre, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Nathan, Zowe Orczeck, Aunt Mica, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Connie Smith, Luther Steele, Wyatt Sweinhart, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Ashley Zanfino, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

**Our college students:** Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

**Basic Training for the Army:** Nathan Smith

### Serving God and Us Today

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant– Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Shawn Orczeck

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Anna Klepser

Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*United Lutheran Seminary*”



### All Saints' Sunday

Today, November 1<sup>st</sup> we remember those from our congregation and friends who have, by God's grace, joined that "Company of Heaven" since All Saints' Sunday of 2019.

*Jim Calvert*

*Mary Jane Carpenter*

*Ruth Clapper*

*Gary Dauberman*

*E. Louise Frederick*

*Ryan Guyer*

*Mary E. Hatch*

*Dean Hinish*

*Nick Hoenstine*

*John Klepser*

*Jean McDonald*

*Paul J. Manion*

*Donald Mills*

*Janet Miller*

*Betty Jane Moore*

*Donald Ormsby*

*Judith Phillips*

*Zane E. Wright*

*Leanore C. Yingling*