

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Woodbury, Minnesota

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 | 7:00 PM

ONLINE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 | ALL SAINTS' DAY

RINGING OF THE BELL | WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

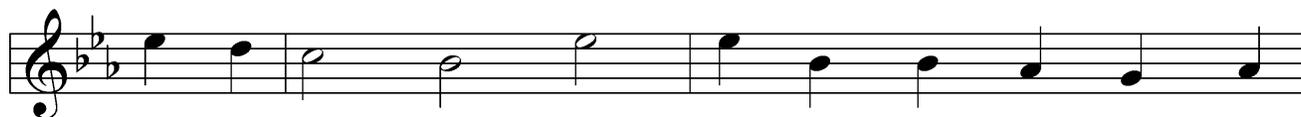
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" [LSB 670], vs. 1-3



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye



ser - a - phs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION | EXHORTATION

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

People: Amen.

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

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

CONFESSION | ABSOLUTION

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

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 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. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1–3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“There Is a Higher Throne” [Cheryl Stadler, soloist]

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Blessed are the poor in spirit ... Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Sing for All the Unsung Saints” [LSB 678]



1 We sing for all the un-sung saints, That count-less, name-less throng,
 2 Though un-in-scribed with date or place, With ti-tle, rank, or name,
 3 So we take heart from un-known saints Be-reft of earth-ly fame,



Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope stead-fast and strong
 As liv-ing stones their sto-ries join To form a hal-lowed frame
 Those faith-ful ones who have re-ceived A more en-dur-ing name:



Through all the dai-ly griefs and joys No chron-i-cles re-cord,
 A-round the mys-t'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sac-ri-ficed,
 For they re-veal true bless-ing comes When we our pride ef-face



For-get-ful of their lack of fame, But mind-ful of their Lord.
 The Love that wrest-ed life from death, The wound-ed, ris-en Christ.
 And of-fer back our lives to be The ves-sels of God's grace.

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SERMON

“A Year of Death” Revelation 7:9-17

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ALL: 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.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

[online at <https://stjohnwoodbury.org/give> ~ or ~
via U.S. mail to SJLC, 1975 St. Johns Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129]

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they continue to serve Him forever.

*[At this time, we remember those who have died since last All Saints' Day.
As each name is read, the bell will be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.]*

- + Carol Jaspersen (December 14, 2019)
- + Herbert Lohse (January 31, 2020)
- + Susan Schmidt (April 11, 2020)
- + Derald Borscheid (May 9, 2020)
- + Glenn Jenkins (June 6, 2020)
- + Mathilda (Tillie) Schmidt (June 11, 2020)
- + Orville Brede (July 21, 2020)
- + Elizabeth (Tenny) Raschke (September 1, 2020)
- + Leon Schmidt (September 11, 2020)

THE PRAYERS

Pastor: ... let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION | COMMUNION *[in-person only]*

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

SEND—OFF PRAYER

ALL: Knowing that the time is drawing near, may I by Your Spirit's prompting, support the mission and ministry of my church with my personal witness, my earnest prayers and my sacrificial gifts. Grant that through me, many may be saved from the kingdom of darkness for the kingdom of Your Light, through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"For All the Saints" [LSB 677], vs. 1, 2, 7 & 8



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, 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!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS | DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Thanks to Cheryl Stadler for providing special music and leading the hymns today!



All Saints' Day

Sunday Worship | 8:00 am
Outdoor Worship | 10:30 am
+ Education Time | 9:15 am +

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