

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
✠ Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost ✠
The Feast of All Saints
Sunday, November 2, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Oh, how blest are they whose toils are ended, Who through death have unto God ascended! They have arisen From the cares which keep us still in prison. Christ has wiped away their tears forever; They have that for which we still endeavor. By them are chanted Songs that ne'er to mortal ears were granted. Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us; Lead us forth and cast this world behind us. With You, the Anointed, Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed. LSB 679

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 149

- L Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly.
C **Let all God's faithful ones rejoice in their Maker; let the children of the Lord be glad in their King.**
L For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
C **Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy through all generations.**

ALL We praise You, Lord, for all Your saints—for Your goodness that endures forever! We will sing of the goodness of God.

Opening Song

"Goodness of God"

Verse 1

I love You Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse 2

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

Bridge

Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.

Chorus 2x

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Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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. 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.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

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, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 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, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 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.

“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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1–3

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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

“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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn

“For All The Saints” LSB 677

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 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!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ✠

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

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P These are Your saints, Lord. We are grateful for the gift that You have given us in these loved ones, and the gift that You are to these dearly departed. You are for them and for us as our Savior.

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P Watch over those who are called upon by You for great faithfulness these days, particularly those who are ill, those who mourn, and those who suffer for Your name’s sake. They are our brothers and sisters. They are Your saints.

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

7 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!

8 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

"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"

Nicene Creed

C 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 $\dagger$ of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory

"Reckless Love"

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus

O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
Reckless Love of God.
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
Leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
Still You give Yourself away.
O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
Reckless Love of God. Yeah!

Verse 2

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me,

Chorus

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up,
Mountain You won't climb up,
Coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down,
Lie You won't tear down,
Coming after me. (repeat)

Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

$\dagger$ Thanksgiving for 34 years of marriage for Ken and Nancy Ohlemeyer (Nov. 3).
 $\dagger$ Mark Kuhlmann upcoming surgery (Nov. 4).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

- 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.**

Silence for reflection

- 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 $\dagger$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*
C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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 Our Lord

Mark 14:22–24

Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

- C **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.**

John 1:29

Distribution

Verse 1

All my words fall short; I got nothing new.
How could I express all my gratitude?

Verse 2

I could sing these songs, as I often do,
But every song must end and You never do.

Chorus

So I throw up my hands
and praise You again and again,
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.
And I know it's not much,
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing, "Hallelujah, Hallelujah."

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"Gratitude"

Verse 3

I've got one response, I've got just one move:
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You.

Chorus

Bridge

Come on, my soul, Oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord. (repeat 3x)

Chorus

"You Never Let Go"

Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil, For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go,
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go,
Lord, You never let go of me.

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Yes I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You,
Still I will praise You (Repeat)

Chorus (2x)

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Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

Closing Song

“United in Christ”

Verse 1

**People of the Lord, come now and sing.
Every nation and tongue, to Christ our King.
With empty hands, His gifts receive.**

Verse 2

**Whether young or old, you’re a child of God.
Whether rich or poor, no matter what you got.
He gathers all at the foot of the cross.**

Chorus

**His body broken makes this body whole.
His resurrection, it assures us all.
No darkness, nor doubting, nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ.**

Verse 3

**Sinners and saints, you have a place.
With the Spirit’s gifts, proclaim His grace.
There’s nothing too small
To be used by the Living God.**

Chorus

Bridge

**We are the body, Christ is the head.
Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
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Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
Our confidence.**

Chorus

Tag

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Savannah Richards, piano
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Sound

Jonny Thompson

We rejoice in the following Baptisms in the Sanctuary this weekend!

✝ Ethan Robert Fiehler ✝
Son of Nick and Sarah Fiehler
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