



On November 1 or the 1st Sunday of November, we pause to remember the saints. Lutherans teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, sinner-saints redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and saints-with-the-Lord who gave us examples of trusting not in their own works but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. Why remember saints? The *Augsburg Confession* of 1530 says it clearly: "Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling." Why remember the saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our walk of faith, and to remember, rejoice, and thank God for giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew. May Jesus wipe away tears of sorrow and give us also the gift of HOPE!

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

SONG SET *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace band*

Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.

Run and Run; The Lion and The Lamb

INVOCATION *Pastor Oesch*

Matthew 28:19

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN, FORGIVENESS *1 Jn 3:1-3; Ps 51:12; Jn 20:19-23; Mt 5:12*

P: John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father: Most merciful God and Father,

C: we are sinful by our very nature. We confess our lives do not always reveal that we are Your children and You are our Father. We sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.

P: John reminds us, "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." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

C: Amen. Alleluia!

SONG Lord Have Mercy

FIRST READING Revelation 7:1-17

Travis Jarvi, Lector

[St. John continues describing the revelation he received from God:]

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

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."

EPISTLE 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.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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 children 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."

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Sam Scheck*

OFFERING AND PRAYER *for giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

SONG The Beatitudes (Blessed Are You) *Text: Matthew 5:3-12 Music: Michael Amidei, © 2022*

MESSAGE "The Party at the End of the World" Revelation 7:1-17



STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED *Please see the screens for text.*

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED SAINTS

P: Today, we remember with thanksgiving those saints who have gone before us in faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever; redeemed by Jesus, God's Son; and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They were nourished in God's family through the Lord's Supper and the Word; and in His mercy, God has summoned them to His presence, that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever! We especially remember this day:

(as each name is read, a bell will toll)

+ Donna Buehner + David Galpin + Carole Stoltenow + Robert Wichmann +

P: In Holy Baptism, all saints were clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all their sin. Paul says in Romans chapter 6: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

ALL: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."

P: And St. John reminds us in Revelation, chapter 14: "Blessed are they that die in the Lord from now on,

C: for they will rest from their labors, and their deeds will follow them."

P: We pray: In joyful expectation for the resurrection of the body to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all those who have gone before us in faith, whom

we pause now to name in our hearts. *(a moment of quiet)* We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and we hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. May the memory of these saints be blessed among us, and may we follow their footsteps of faith to Your eternal presence in the heavenly kingdom.

C: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In November, we Pray with an Open Heart for those without shelter, family, food.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Please see the screens for text. Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

HOLY COMMUNION: PREPARATION

Examine oneself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. Anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. *1 Corinthians 11:28-29* Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

*You will be ushered forward for Communion.

*If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.

*You may request wine without alcohol and/or a gluten-free wafer.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Revelation Song; Goodness of God

GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share **HIS**tory!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG Song of the Saints

✠ **TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY!** ✠



JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING WORSHIP!

Wednesday November 26 @ 7pm

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper at this service.

**LORD, LAY SOME SOUL UPON MY HEART AND LOVE THAT SOUL THROUGH ME:
AND MAY I GLADLY DO MY PART TO WIN THAT SOUL FOR THEE. AMEN!**

CONNECT CARDS Guests and members, please:

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Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

