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

Serving Today...

Message:

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Ben Oesch

Worship Assistant:

10:45 David Renner

Organist:

Gail Black



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL *Please take this time to quiet voices as we prepare to worship.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b

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 SINS

1 John 3:1; Psalm 51:12

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.

ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

1 John 3:2-3; John 20:19-23; Matt. 5:12a

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!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We 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!

*✠ Please turn and face the cross as it processes toward the front.
The cross symbolizes Christ’s presence dwelling with us. ✠*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 670:1, 3 & 4 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,

Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs, virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:

“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest:

“Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song:

“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

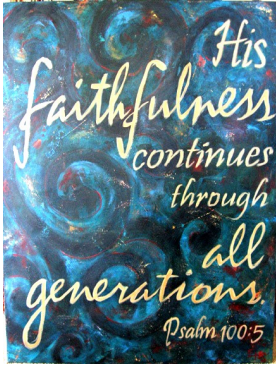
△ O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing:

“Alleluia, alleluia!”

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:

“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

△ The delta symbol indicates a stanza which praises the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit



All Saints Day: Since the 3rd century A.D., Christians have observed the custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day. Today, we remember all the people of God, living or departed, who are the Body of Christ, the Holy Christian Church. We are saints—even while at the same time sinners—because we are declared righteous and holy through Jesus' death and resurrection!



The observance of All Saints' Day is a source of recurring comfort. It gives us reassurance that our loved ones who have gone before us have not been removed from our fellowship but still share with us the same blessed communion. Theirs is the glorious prize; ours is the joyous hope. The day will come when we shall join with them before the heavenly throne, praising our Savior, as *Revelation 7* states:

Amen!

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT *Let's get to know each other better!*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Sam Scheck*

+ Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands +

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

FIRST READING Revelation 7:2-17

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

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."

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN # 677:1-4 "For All the Saints"

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!

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!

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!

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

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.

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Alleluia and Verse and the reading of the Holy Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Hebrews 12:1-2

P: Alleluia! Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

C: **Let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Alleluia!**

ACCLAMATION

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE 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.”

RESPONSE

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY # 461:1-4 & 6 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;

He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;

He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;

He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;

He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

MESSAGE “How Great the Father’s Love for Us!” text: 1 John 3:1-3

For the LORD is
good; his
steadfast love
endures forever,
and his
faithfulness to all
generations.

Psalms 100:5



Scripture speaks of the death of the saints, as if they fell asleep and were gathered to their fathers, that is, had overcome death through this faith and comfort in Christ, and awaited the resurrection, together with the saints who preceded them in death....

Death is a fine, sweet and brief sleep, which brings us release from this vale of tears, from sin and from the fear of real death and from all the misfortunes of this life, and we shall be secure and without care, until the time when He shall call and awaken us together with all His dear children to His eternal glory and joy.

~Martin Luther



The **Nicene Creed** is historically connected with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, because it stresses more fully the Biblical teaching that Jesus Christ is true God, which is intimately connected with Christ's true body and blood being present in Holy Communion. The Council of Nicaea occurred in 325 AD.



The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

HYMN OF THE DAY # 461:5, 7 & 8 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

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!

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 Stoltzenow + 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)

P: 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

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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



Preparation for Holy Communion

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Corinthians 11:2-29

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.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

PROPER PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY [IS THE LORD]

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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 OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

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

C: **And also with you!**

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

P: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

C: **O Christ, Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

ALL: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away. Have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

- ♦ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ♦ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ♦ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ♦ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

678 "We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"

672 "Jerusalem the Golden"



Sanctus is Latin and means "holy is." The Sanctus is one of the highest points and has some of the grandest music in the Divine Service, because we are joining our voices not only with our own church family but with all Christians all over the world, with the saints in heaven—the great cloud of witnesses who have died in Jesus and are now in heaven, and with all the angel hosts.

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus is Our All In All!



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



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!

NUNC DIMITTIS AND GLORIA PATRI

John 11:25-26; Luke 2:29-32

- P: "I AM The Resurrection and The Life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
- C: Lord, now You let your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
- 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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen!

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD WORD OF BLESSING *Ps 103:1; Num 6:24-26*

- P: Let us bless the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!
- 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!

HYMN # 677:5-8 "For All the Saints"

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!

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

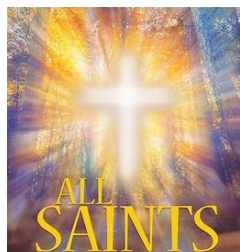
But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The
Saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠



Every year on November 1 or the first Sunday of November, we pause our busy lives to remember the saints. Lutherans teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ; they are sinner-saints redeemed by the cross of Jesus; and they are saints-with-the-Lord who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats 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 our tears of sorrow and give us also the gift of HOPE!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING WORSHIP!

Wednesday November 26 @ 7pm

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