



**Macedonia Lutheran Church
49 Macedonia Church Road
Prosperity, SC 29127**

Established 1847, 173rd Year of Ministry

**YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE OF
UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO US! WE MUST REMAIN IN
COMPLIANCE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES;
THEREFORE, WE KINDLY REMIND YOU THAT
IT IS IMPERATIVE TO REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE FOR
THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE.
UPON CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE, PLEASE FOLLOW
THE DIRECTIONS OF OUR PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS
FOR A SAFE AND TIMELY EXIT SO THAT WE MAY ALL DO
OUR PARTS TO FLATTEN THE CURVE!
GOD BLESS!**

**November 1, 2020 - 9:30 am
All Saints Day**

**A white rose on the altar is in memory of
all the saints who have gone before us.**

**Altar Flowers – To the glory of God and in memory
of D. M. Morris by Telina Morris**

Quiet Gathering, Silent Prayer and Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN “Rejoice in God's Saints:”

- 1 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- 2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish, their purpose is God.
- 3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!
- 4 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One, **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

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

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

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

(Sing in Unison)

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

¹I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

²I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,

and let not your faces | be ashamed.
⁶I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
 and saved me from | all my troubles. R
⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
 and de- | livers them.
⁸Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
 happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
 for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
 and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. R

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

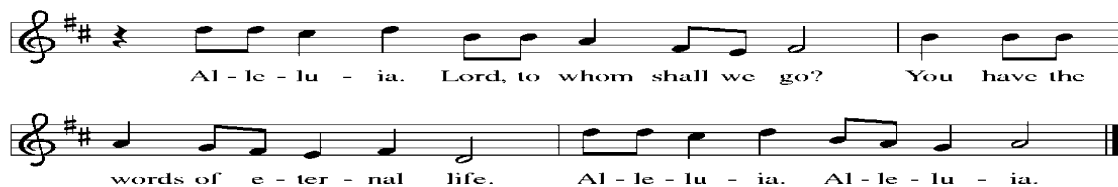
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

Glory to You, O Lord

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice 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.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Commemoration of Saints

Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace, Offering and Offertory Anthem

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.**

HYMN "For All the Saints"

- 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, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 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!

Doxology

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for your presence and participation in this worship service!
Love offerings are gratefully accepted in the bucket at the exit gates.

Attendance last week	
9:30 Drive-in Service	141
Offering	\$4,851

Today's Helpers

Ushers & Greeters: Rudie Tarver, Donald Wise, Timmy Graham

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Pastor: The Reverend Terry Hundley, 803-360-5294

Special welcome to this Lakeshore Service! You are invited to dress casually and appropriately for outdoor worship. If you would like to become a member, be baptized or receive Holy Communion, please contact any Church Council member or the Pastor. Please ask an usher if you need assistance, and thanks so much for being with us today! Come again soon!

September Memorials

In memory of:	Given by:
Barbara Lyerly	Rick & Nancy Richardson to Handbell fund
Bill Smith	Rick & Nancy Richardson to Cemetery fund
In honor of:	Given by:
Angela Bowers & in memory of Angela's father	Rick & Nancy Richardson to KFC

- **DON'T STOP NOW!!! LAKESHORE SERVICES** will continue until further notice, so please continue to join us for worship by car or boat! While present at our drive-in service, you can now tune in to 90.1 FM on your radio for a more up-close and personal audio experience! A copy of our weekly bulletin is now available online for those who are watching on Facebook or in a boat; just visit our website at macedonialutheran.net, click on the bulletins tab and select the bulletin to view it. As other changes arise, we will announce them here at the service, on our Facebook page "Macedonia Lutheran Church – ELCA" and on our website macedonialutheran.net. We are truly blessed to be able to come together for drive-in worship, and we sincerely appreciate the love and support of our members and this wonderful community!
- **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** will be available in the hallway outside the church office. Brochures will be included in each box. Please return filled boxes by Sunday, November 15th. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful ministry to provide a little joy in the lives of children around the world.
- **Fall Festival, THIS EVENING!** - (Social Distance) Drive-thru Trunk or Treat 5 – 6 pm; theme – "RESPECT". We need a MINIMUM of 20 cars to set up to hand out treats (provided by the church). If you are willing to participate with handing out treats, please let Chris Amick or a member of the Christian Education committee know.
- **Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Grace congregation** will not be able to hold its annual Free Community Thanksgiving Meal. Instead, they are going to prepare and distribute free Thanksgiving meal boxes of traditional fixings to individuals or families who are in need in our community. Free Thanksgiving Meal Boxes will be distributed at Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd from 1-3 pm. Call the church office at 803-364-3331 to reserve your box. Reservations will be taken through Monday, Nov. 16th or until all boxes have been reserved, whichever comes first.
- **Heartiest thanks from Pastor and Edith Clark** for the wonderful and generous "not goodbye, but see you later" sendoff Sunday before last! And

what a joy and pleasure it has been to share ministry with you these past two years! We look forward to continuing the friendships we have made here. May God's grace and peace be with you all in this exciting new chapter of your history!

- **Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church** is hosting a blood drive Monday, November 16th, 1–6 pm. To schedule your appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **MtPilgrim**. Donors will receive COVID-19 antibody testing, plus a free Carolina vs. Clemson t-shirt!
- **Sincere condolences** go out to the family and friends of Jeremey Schumpert with his passing on Tuesday, October 20th. May you all be comforted and supported by the eternal love and promises of our risen Christ.

Prayer Requests - Members

Dovie Adams	Juanita Fulmer	Karen Ruff
Ann Amick	Ola Mae Fulmer	Joe Sabbagha
Jeannette Ayers	Craig & *Tina Hipp	Shelby Seibert
Dorothy Berenbrok	Joye Irons	Jimmy Shealy
Mickey & Angela Bowers	Richard & Freida Koon	Katie Mae Slice
Tommy & Janet Brown	Frank Lyerly	Larry Tolbert
Christy Bundrick	Dale McCain	Nellie Woods
Wayne & Lynn Dowd	Carrie Pritchard	Mickey Yarbrough
JoAnn Fulmer	Bill Rampey	

Prayer Requests - Friends

Marie Fulmer	Johnny Nobles
Jesse Key	Terry Shaver
Lynnette Lever	Duke Warren
Geraldine Morris	Michael Wise

Nursing Home & Hospital Prayer Requests

Saluda Nursing & Rehab Center, 581 Newberry Hwy., Saluda, SC 29138

- Judy Kesler, Room 224
- Wayne Fulmer, Room 214

The Heritage at Lowman, PO Box 444, White Rock, SC 29177

- *Janette Cain, Room 319, Cana Hall

November 1, 2020 + ALL SAINTS DAY

Blessed Are You

When Jesus sits on the mountain and begins his long sermon in Matthew's gospel, he begins with these statements of blessing. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so on. Jesus speaks of the positive outcomes of these conditions: they will be comforted, they will inherit the earth, they will be filled. "Blessed are you now," Jesus is saying, as well as "Blessed you will be."

God's promises are for today as much as they are for after we die. We trust that baptized into a death like Jesus' death, we are also baptized into a resurrection like Jesus' resurrection. In baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Proclaimed on a mountain or in the valleys that can come in daily life, our identity as blessed, baptized saints moves us to live in ways that give thanks to God for God's many gifts and blessings.

All Saints Day isn't just about remembering those who have died and whose names may be read during worship today. All Saints Day is about all the saints, the ones who have gone before, those living now, and those still to come. Today we remember with thanksgiving our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died within the past year, and we also give thanks for the saints who labor and worship on this side of heaven's gate.

Today we recall and celebrate with those who have gone before us as we gather at the font and the table, where in water and word, wine and bread, God reminds us, "Blessed are you." We are blessed, and so we live in ways that manifest this blessing for and toward others.

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