

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
Blessed Are You!  
November 1 & 2, 2014

**AS WE GATHER**

In speaking of the final judgment in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (*Matthew 25:34*) On All Saints' Day, we rejoice in the blessings now being experienced by those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who now enjoy the eternal presence of God in His heavenly kingdom. We remember the blessed saints of times long past and of the recent times as well. As we think of their blessed state, we also rejoice that we are among the blessed as we live out our daily lives as the baptized children of God in this time and place. By God's grace, we are numbered with the saints! We, too, are the blessed ones!

**WELCOME**

*This righteousness from God comes through faith  
in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,  
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
and are justified freely by his grace  
through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:22-24, NIV)*

**HANDSHAKES & HUGS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN "Saints of God, the Faithful Band" Tune: LSB #463**

Saints of God, the faithful band, Alleluia! Trust the Father's mighty hand. Alleluia!  
Trust His promise, ever sure; Alleluia! Trust His Word, which will endure. Alleluia!

Saints of God, the white-robed throng, Alleluia!

Sing to Christ an endless song. Alleluia!

Sing the love which conquers sin, Alleluia! Sing the Kingdom of the Lamb. Alleluia!

Saints of God, the countless host, Alleluia! Glorify the Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Glorify His pow'r and care, Alleluia! Glorify the gifts He shares. Alleluia!

Saints of God, awake, at rest, Alleluia! Saints of God, from east to west, Alleluia!

Saints of God of ev'ry race, Alleluia!

Join your hands and shout His praise. Alleluia!

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(Rise)

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 34:1, 3, 8-9*

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

**People: Amen.**

Lector: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

Lector: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**People: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest"**

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Lector: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**People: (sung)**

Lord, God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lector: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Lector: Eternal Father, in the words of Jesus Christ, your Son, you have shown to us the way of those who are truly blessed. Grant us grace to live out our days as those who walk in ways of meekness and faith, following the path of our Lord and imitating the faith and virtues of the saints in our lifetimes. Send your Holy Spirit to direct and counsel us in all things and bring us at last to your eternal Kingdom. In the name of Christ we pray,

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### **+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 7:2–17* (The worship of God by multitudes in heaven)

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, 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 12,000. 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 in front of 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 spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon 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."

**EPISTLE** *1 John 3:1–3* (We are God's children now.)

How great is the 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 he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

**5:00 CHOIR ANTHEM**      *"There Are Many Rooms"*      Liam Lawton & Paul A. Tate

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:1–12* (Jesus speaks the 'Beatitudes' on the mountain.)

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "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 sons 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.

(Be seated)

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #677 "For All the Saints"** Stanzas 1,2,7,8 *Rise for the last stanza*

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!

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!

(Rise) 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** "What We Are and What We Will Be" 1 John 3:1-3

(Rise)

**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Pastor: With God's people throughout the New Testament Church we remember this day all those who have finished the race and have kept the faith. We especially note this day those who have gone to the Church Triumphant during the days of this last year.

*A time of silence is observed as the names of all who have entered eternity since last All Saints' Day is read.*

Richard Burkee 10/26/2013

Russell Paul Wollerman 11/10/2013

Cecelia Marie Prasser 11/15/2013

Harold Louis Kaltenbrun 12/4/2013

Eugene Joseph Bergner 12/6/2013

Elmer Frank Heinichen 1/8/2014

Corinne Louise Christensen 3/5/2014

Arlene Grace Johnson 3/13/2014

Almon E. Stroud 3/29/2014

Donald Carl Quint 5/6/2014

Dennis Kurt Seifert 6/1/2014

Joseph Jasen Orth Jr 6/5/2014

Michael Peter Koller 7/10/2014

Raymond Arnold Ziolecki 7/19/2014

Corrinne Iva Plopper 7/20/2014

Frank Harvey Gabler 9/1/2014

Leona Alice Kaltenbrun 9/5/2014

Betty Marjorie Heffling 9/15/2014

Ed Weiland 9/2014

Dorothy Lydia Schaefer 10/21/2014



**NICENE CREED** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: We pray for those who grieve. Heavenly Father, the souls of everyone who has departed in the faith are with you, and in your presence there is no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Comfort those who mourn with the certainty that you will come again to gather all your faithful together at the end of all things.

**People: Remind us, in the midst of our sorrow, that the marriage feast of the Lamb — and the joyful reunion with those we love — is coming soon.**

Lector: We pray for the world in which we live. Dear Lord God, you made the heavens and the earth and everything in them. Our sin has corrupted your good world, Father; therefore, we ask that you would have mercy on us according to your good pleasure.

**People: Give wisdom to the leaders of the nations — and especially to those in authority in our country — that they would make good and God-pleasing decisions. Bless the people of our nation to elect godly leaders with integrity. For the sake of your people, restrain violence and war and allow the Good News of Jesus Christ to bring the only peace that really lasts.**

Lector: O patient Father, have mercy on these United States of America. So many are lost and separated from you! Lord of glory, it is not your will that any should be lost, but rather that all people would be saved and come to repentance and knowledge of the truth.

**People: Send out your Holy Spirit to enlighten the hearts of rebels and wanderers alike. Demolish the strongholds of Satan's deceptions — set the prisoners free through faith in the finished work of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Lector: Lord Jesus Christ, you taught that the harvest is plentiful and the laborers few. Bless the work of Groundwork Guatemala as our fellow members share the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

**People: Lead and guide them this entire week, give them joy in their service to you, and bring them back safely into our midst.**

Lector: Lord Jesus, when you were on earth, men mocked and abused you, yet you did not retaliate. You blessed those who cursed you and loved your enemies.

**People: Grant us the same grace — enabling us to give a gentle answer even when we're unjustly treated — so that wrath can be turned away and your name honored in everything. Grant us the strength to persevere even unto the end.**

Lector: Father, you invite us to call upon you in the day of trouble. Hear us as we pray for those who are sick or suffering especially Ken, Ginger, Robert, Pastor Stanton, Cindy, Marilyn, Gretchen, Charles, Ray, Marion, Jack, Mark, Richard, Virginia, Rosalie and Sarah.

**People: Comfort them in their time of trial. Meet them in their need and, according to your good pleasure, grant them healing and peace.**

Lector: Almighty God, every good and perfect gift comes from your hand. Bless the Rauter family as they celebrate Vince's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**People: Grant us all to rejoice daily in all your good gifts.**

Lector: Precious Lord Jesus, as the day of your suffering drew near, you gathered with your disciples and gave them — and us! — a precious gift. Under the bread and wine, you give us your own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

**People: Grant us grace, Lord Jesus, to receive these gifts rightly as we come to your table.**

Lector: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served you in your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Bless Nancy as she remembers Jimmy. Keep us all in fellowship with all your saints and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

**"Lamb of God"**

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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.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

### HYMN #676 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"

Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snowclad mountains bright!

With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?

These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came

And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.

They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.

Their anthems rings As they all sing With angels shining bright.

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!

Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.

On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,

Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.

They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;

The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

O blessed saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,

Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.

The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;

Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.

The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!

Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

## HYMN #682 “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”

God of the prophets, bless the prophet’s sons; Elijah’s mantle o’er Elisha cast.  
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;  
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

Anoint them prophets, men who are intent To be Your witnesses in word and deed,  
Their hearts aflame, their lips make eloquent, Their eyes awake to ev’ry human need.

Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,  
For pardon and for love and hope and peace, That, through their pleading,  
guilty sinners may Find Jesus’ mercy and from sin release.

Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord. Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.  
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a blood-stained sword;  
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.

Make them apostles, heralds, or Your cross;  
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace. Inspired by You, may they count all  
but loss And stand at last with joy before Your face.

## HYMN “For All Your Saints, O Lord” LW 195

For all Your saints, O Lord, Who strove in You to live,  
Who followed You, obeyed, adored, Our grateful hymn receive.

For all Your saints, O Lord, Who strove in You to die,  
Who counted You their great reward, Accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death, With You, their Lord, in view,  
Learned from Your Holy Spirit’s breath To suffer and to do.

For this Your name we bless And humbly pray anew  
That we like them in holiness May live and die in You.

To God, the Father, Son, And Spirit, ever blest,  
The One in Three, the Three in One, Be endless praise addressed.

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## COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at your gracious Table. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received that we may be the peacemakers, the meek, and the pure in heart. Keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in your kingdom with saints and angels in light everlasting. This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### CLOSING

Pastor: God cares about His people and calls them as His saints in every generation. We thank God for that blessing as we speak words of encouragement from the Psalmist:

**People: For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

Pastor: Although on All Saints’ Day we remember many of God’s people by name, there are also many people worthy of our remembrance and thanksgiving who are unable to be recalled individually. Acknowledging the gifts to us through anonymous saints of all centuries we offer praise to God. As we celebrate the saints of every age, we take to heart the exhortation of the psalmist: O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of His saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**People: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!**

## **BENEDICTION**

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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN #670 “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!

O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim, Lead their praises:  
“Alleluia!” Thou bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
“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!”

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