



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The Future of the Saints-Your Future

November 2 & 3, 2013

### AS WE GATHER

All Saints' Day celebrates our Lord's victory over sin, death, and the devil, bringing His people of faith into His presence in eternity. They have been forgiven and are therefore declared to be saints. We, too, have that gracious title bestowed on us, although we are sinners at the same time. As those "called to be saints" (1 Cor. 1:2) we are encouraged with the saints of old to give generously to support the work of the gospel (2 Cor. 8:1-15), not to gain God's favor but that others may come to know the grace of God and join all the saints who believe in Christ.

### WELCOME

*"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

*But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15*

### FELLOWSHIP GREETING

+ PREPARATION +

#### OPENING HYMN #813

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

Stanzas 1-5

Rejoice, O pilgrim Throng! Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.

**Refrain**      **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. **Refrain**

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. **Refrain**

Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,  
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. **Refrain**

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,  
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. **Refrain**

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Our rejoicing this day is tempered by the reality that although our gracious God has declared us to be saints-holy in His sight, one with those who have preceded us to heaven-while living on earth, we continue to sin. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident of God's mercy and grace for Jesus' sake. In the Beatitudes, Jesus called "blessed" those who are poor in spirit, meek, and hungering after righteousness.

**People: We confess that we have sought our personal happiness; we have striven to gain power; and we have neglected the disadvantaged and oppressed people around us. Forgive us in your mercy, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: In the Beatitudes, Jesus called "blessed" those who are merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers.

**People: We confess that we have sought our own advantage; we have become distracted from God's will for us; and we have let conflicts go unresolved. Forgive us in your mercy, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: In the Beatitudes, Jesus called us "blessed" when we are persecuted for His sake.

**People: We confess that we have sought to avoid persecution at all costs, seeking approval from the people around us and failing to proclaim the faith inside us. Forgive us in your mercy, Lord Jesus. Renew in us right spirits that we may walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

Pastor: In the Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to rejoice. He knows our failings and forgives them; in His infinite mercy He calls us His saints, united with prophets, apostles, and martyrs who have gone before us. 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #813****“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”**

Stanzas 6 &amp; 7

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

**Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. **Refrain**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Lord over all, your Son, the Lamb on the throne, won the final victory for us; our sins have been washed away in His blood.

**People: Grant us strength of faith in Him that we may be comforted through our troubles while here on earth and join the saints who have gone before us, celebrating your eternal victory in heaven;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING** Revelation 7:9-17 (*Saints and angels praise God before His throne.*) 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** 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God’s will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: “He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little.”

**10:30 ANTHEM**

*“Wait On the Lord”* Willis L. Barnett

*St. Paul’s Choir*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-12 (*Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes.*) 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 #783 "Take My Life and Let it Be"**

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

**SERMON "Challenged to Give" 2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

**HYMN #677 "For All the Saints" Stanzas 1,2,8 (Rise for 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!  
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!

**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.*



Gordon Alfred Goede	10/30/2012
Jeffrey Takala	11/23/2012
Katherine Jean Bergner	12/11/2012
Edith May Lindemann	12/23/2012
Stan Jackson	1/18/2013
Alice Whittow	2/7/2013
Arthur Marvin Greve	2/8/2013
Margaret Marie Habanek	2/12/2013
Gerald Dale Boehm	2/14/2013
Geraldine Mabel Schank	3/7/2013
William Henry Grayson	3/26/2013
Carol Mary Wilton	4/10/2013
Irma Bertha Maria Olson	4/28/2013
Dolores E. Takala	5/3/2013
Adrian Schild	5/22/2013
Orval Gerndt	5/29/2013
Gerald Scott Lemke	5/31/2013
Adeline Bernice Murawski	6/17/2013
Lucille Sigred Korth	7/4/2013
Arnold Vincent Schank	7/30/2013
Luke F. Schuster	8/16/2013
Loni May Orth	8/17/2013
Louise Sarah Dahl	9/8/2013
Richard J. Weiland	9/17/2013
Della Martha Sell	9/26/2013
David Joseph Condon	10/2/2013
Helen Florence Brunner	10/17/2013
Woodrow Jacob Rebernik	10/18/2013
Rebecca Glenn	

**APOSTLES' CREED** (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)  
(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** 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.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us join our hearts and minds together in prayer, trusting the promise of our God to hear and answer us. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we pray for an increased appreciation of the communion of saints to which Christ has called us. Strengthen our faith in our daily lives, that we may ever live with the sure and certain hope of everlasting life.

**People:** **Grant us a blessed end, that we may join those who have gone before us in the faith, rejoicing with them in the salvation Christ has won and given to His holy people.**

**Pastor:** Lord of the Church, we pray for the holy Christian Church throughout the world, praying that she be preserved from false teaching, deceptive doctrines and every temptation that would destroy body or soul; and that she be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, so that Christ's name would be reverently honored and His people and creation lovingly served.

**People:** **Bless her life and witness to ever testify to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

**Pastor:** Dear Father, you have provided us with all that we have and all that we call our own. Grant us to grow in understanding that we are but stewards of all your gifts.

**People:** **Lead us by your Spirit to be good stewards, to sacrificially support the work of the gospel with our tithes and offerings, and to serve Christ day by day.**

**Pastor:** Lord of all, you gave your life into the death of the cross for all mankind. Open our eyes to see those around us who need to know of your great salvation.

**People:** **Fill us with a spirit of boldness, that we may humbly invite others to join us in your holy house.**

**Pastor:** God of mercy, grant us all to manifest the mercy of Christ, whose tender mercy prevailed even when He was cruelly mocked. Lead us to be peacemakers, that we may make known the peace of Christ in word and deed in matters both temporal and eternal.

**People:** **We pray also for those who are persecuted for their confession of Christ, that they may gracefully endure their afflictions, faithfully testify to the Lord who bore the cross for us all and trustingly remain in Christ Jesus.**

**Pastor:** God of compassion, we pray for the sick, the homebound, and all for whom our prayers are desired, especially Russ, June, Jerry, Dolores, Marlene, Joyce, Eugene, Nancy, Helen, Eleanor, Lorina, Jean, Sarah and Joe, that they may be supported in their suffering, loneliness and grief with the strength of Christ who endured the cross and the grave.

**People:** **Comfort all the afflicted, that through the compassion of Christ, He would build them up in the true faith until He gives them final deliverance, health and peace, that neither sickness nor health, prosperity nor loss, life nor death may tear us from confidence in Christ, our Savior.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, who brings us hope and encouragement, we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, who continue to grieve their loss and keep them in their hearts: comfort Peggy Cody, Jack Burkee and family, and Pastor and Chris Hinz; bless Marion and family as they remember Ralph and Bea who remembers Dalton.

**People:** **Grant hope to all those who grieve and lovingly remember loved ones, hope in the resurrection and reunion that is yet to come.**

**Pastor:** All these things and whatever else you know that we need, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself into death for our trespasses and rose again for our justification that we might live together with all your saints in Him, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

### **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, 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 #680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee

Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry

Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest

Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be

Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war

Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise

Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways

Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least

Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light

Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally

Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee

Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

### **HYMN #664 “Fight the Good Fight”**

Fight the good fight with all your might;

Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God’s good grace;

Lift up your eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies;

Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.

Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;

Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Pastor: My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless His holy name.

**People: My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all His blessings.**

Pastor: It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your life with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle's.

**People: My soul, give thanks to the Lord! Give praise to the Father almighty, to His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you 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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