

ALL SAINTS' DAY
God's Blessed and Beloved Children
November 3 & 4, 2018

AS WE GATHER

This Sunday we observe the feast of All Saints' Day. While many congregations use this service to remember those saints who have departed this life in faith, we do well to remember that "saint" is simply another word for "believer" or "follower of Jesus." All of those who gather to confess Jesus as Lord are indeed already saints. The Gospel for today is a section of the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. Jesus begins this sermon by recounting the present reality of those who have faith: they are blessed. Even when it looks as though the faithful are the opposite of blessed, they are indeed blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. They are a part of the reign and rule of God. All saints, including you, are a part of the reign and rule of God; therefore, you are blessed.

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT – L.C.E.F. Representative Jo Bender

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail
on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Revelation 1:7

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN #671 "Sing With All the Saints in Glory" alt tune: Beach Spring (#848)

Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
God, has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

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Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

People: Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors.

Pastor: They have washed their robes

People: and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: The Lord takes pleasure in His people;

People: He adorns the humble with salvation.

Pastor: See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

People: that we should be called children of God.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we celebrate God's salvation and remember the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, we are reminded that all saints, both living and dead, have led sinful lives. Even though we are God's children, what we will be has not yet appeared. We remain contaminated by sin and evil until Jesus returns. As we come before God, let us consider our sinfulness and ask God for His forgiveness.
Heavenly Father,

People: we are all guilty and ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We have not always lived as your children. We have often failed to seek peace. We have not been pure of heart. Forgive us, renew us, and bless us, so that we may rejoice and be glad to be counted as your children.

Pastor: God has lavished His love upon us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise again for us all. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will be

our shepherd, and He will guide us to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are God's children, and ours is the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

10:30 BAPTISM SONG #605 "Father Welcomes"

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **Refrain**

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. **Refrain**

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

10:30 BAPTISM of Levi David Lacey

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✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Revelation 7:2-17 (Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!) 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1-3* (Beloved, we are God’s children now.)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 CHOIR SONG *“God’s Peace”* arr. C.D. Adams

(Rise)

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

People; Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12* (Blessed are the poor in spirit.)

Seeing the crowds, he 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 sons 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel our the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #677 **“For All the Saints”** Stanzas 1-6

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!

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!

SERMON **“The Multitude in White Robes”** **Rev. 7:2-17**

HYMN #677 **“For All the Saints”** Stanzas 7 & 8

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!

(Rise)

5:00 & 8:00 APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(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)

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end. We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:



<i>Jeannine Gertrude Boehm</i>	<i>10/29/2017</i>
<i>Ervin S. Yanke</i>	<i>11/28/2017</i>
<i>Doris Ruth Bohlman Janecky</i>	<i>12/6/2017</i>
<i>Elaine Alma Teske</i>	<i>12/18/2017</i>
<i>James Edward Gager</i>	<i>2/16/2018</i>
<i>Shirley Mae Schuppert</i>	<i>2/20/2018</i>
<i>Eleanor Ruth Luebke</i>	<i>2/27/2018</i>
<i>Nicholas Daniel O'Brien</i>	<i>3/1/2018</i>
<i>Jean H. Weigand</i>	<i>3/20/2018</i>
<i>Ruth Linda Baumgart</i>	<i>3/22/2018</i>
<i>Richard Roy Wilton</i>	<i>3/29/2018</i>
<i>Edith Esther Mendez</i>	<i>4/2/2018</i>
<i>Manley Clarence Hurst</i>	<i>4/11/2018</i>
<i>John Douglas Gallatin</i>	<i>5/10/2018</i>
<i>Donna Lynne Strigenz</i>	<i>5/22/2018</i>
<i>Patricia Ann Sorcic</i>	<i>5/24/2018</i>
<i>Merle Joyce Hess</i>	<i>6/8/2018</i>
<i>Dorothy Ruth Ruthenberg</i>	<i>8/3/2018</i>
<i>Carlene Ruth Kroh</i>	<i>8/7/2018</i>
<i>Lloyd Porte</i>	
<i>Roberta (Bobbie) Loucks</i>	<i>9/15/2018</i>
<i>James Roger Smith</i>	
<i>Ruth Agnes McMahan</i>	<i>10/11/2018</i>
<i>Helen G. Lacoursiere</i>	<i>10/11/2018</i>
<i>Dorothy Ann Konkel</i>	<i>10/24/2018</i>
<i>Anita Mary Bushner</i>	<i>10/28/2018</i>
<i>Ralf Hemke</i>	
<i>Isabelle Hemke</i>	
<i>Isaiah Murphy</i>	

Pastor: . . . and all the saints of God dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord Jesus.

Let us pray. Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows you have turned to joy. We humbly implore you to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord our God, who raised Jesus from the dead. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Pastor: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life day by day.

People: At the end of our days, grant us to pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection.

Pastor: Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption.

People: Fill us with faith to look for and long for the resurrection to eternal life and to our special place with Him at the heavenly banquet.

Pastor: Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in your loving care. We pray especially for the family and friends of Dorothy Konkell as well as those who knew and loved Anita Bushner.

People: Help them to cast all their sorrow on you, that they may know the consolation of your love. Bless also Marion and her family as they remember Ralph, a loving husband, father, and grandpa.

Pastor: We give thanks to you for Levi David Lacey as he is baptized in Christ this weekend. We rejoice that he is claimed by you as one of your children, cleansed of sin, and called to walk with you all his days.

People: Bless us all to grow together with him in the faith, that we might serve you with all our hearts and walk in your ways each day.

Pastor: Give courage and faith to your people who pass through difficult and trying times especially commending to your care this day Dorothy, Larry, Marge, Dolores, Bob, Herb, Cindy, Scott, LuEva, Dick, Nancy, Jan, Shirley, Gladys, Russ, Arlene, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Leonard and Sarah. Give them relief according to your will and strength to meet the challenges ahead.

People: Above all, fill them with the assurance of a holy and certain hope of the final healing at the resurrection of the dead.

Pastor: Remember in your kindness all entrusted with civil authority among us.

People: Give them wisdom, courage and integrity.

Pastor: Raise up ever new servants of the Word, and strengthen and sustain those whom you have sent, especially our Together in Mission partners, Pastor Chuck Ferry and Family and Rachel Meyer.

People: Prosper the preaching and teaching of the good news of sin's forgiveness and death's defeat that many others may be brought to everlasting joy.

Pastor: Almighty God, you are the source of every blessing in life. Therefore we join with the Rauter family as they celebrate Vinny's birthday.

People: Make us to be a thankful people, rejoicing in you and all your gifts day by day.

Pastor: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we have remembered before our Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in the faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

People: Fill us with hope and peace as we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors.

Pastor: Keep us 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.

5:00 & 8:00 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

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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 #879 "Stay With Us" *1st verse sung by soloist – congregation joins on following verses*

Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to You this day be sung.
Bless our bread, Open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh: Hear when our weary spirits cry,
Feel again Our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to Your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our eyes Forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

Talk with us, till we behold A joyful life You will unfold:
Heal our eyes To see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the heart, Your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

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 ring 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.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

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

"Blest Are They"

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Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.

**Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.**

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.

Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God! **Refrain**

Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see. **Refrain**

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