

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
The Unsung Saints  
November 5 & 6, 2016

**AS WE GATHER**

When we think of saints, we likely picture well-known disciples, martyrs, and leaders of the Church throughout the years. Familiar names from the pages of Scripture come to mind such as Peter, John, and Paul—the type of people we name churches after. Perhaps this is rightly so. After all, the Lord worked in the lives of these individuals in powerful ways. On All Saints' Day, however, we also give thanks to God for “unsung saints.” We remember faithful Christian men and women whose names may not be known to the world but are known to us. We remember the names of mothers and fathers, friends and family, and fellow congregation members who bore witness to Christ through word and deed. We take time to rejoice that they are now in the nearer presence of the crucified and risen Savior they served while among us.

**WELCOME**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –  
and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God –  
not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

**HANDSHAKES & HUGS**

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**OPENING HYMN #669 “Come, We That Love the Lord”**

*Choir will sing verse 1 , then congregation will sing entire song.*

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

**Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;  
but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King  
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

(Rise)

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

**People: who created us.**

Pastor: In the name of the ✠ Son,

**People: who redeemed us.**

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

**People: who sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith.**

**All: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

**People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In today's Epistle, John writes, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.” Yet, we do not live our lives as if we are children of God.

**People: Father in heaven, forgive us for not always living in ways that honor your name, which we bear as your baptized children. You lavishly love us, but we have not shown love for you or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: “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”. 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.**

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
 Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
 We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
 Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
 In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

**People: you knit together your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: 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;

**People: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Be seated)

### ✠ WORD ✠

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 7:9–17* (The saints praising the Lamb 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** *1 John 3:1–3* (The Father's love for us)

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 ANTHEM**      *"God is Our Refuge and Strength"* Allen Pote

**10:30 ANTHEM**      *"Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land"*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:1–12* (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 #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****“Who Are These in White Robes?”****Revelation 7:9-17****HYMN #677****“For All the Saints”**

Stanzas 7-8

*Rise for the last stanza*

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!

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Pastor: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith.

*Peter Eldon Brant**10/31/2015**Emil Frank Kaczmarek**11/28/2015**Shirley Adeline Marie Eggers**12/12/2015**Roy Alfred Scheffner**12/31/2015**June Delores Colberg**1/18/2016**Leila M. Lipke**2/9/2016**Virginia Mildred Sell**2/16/2016**Marian Katherine Whitson**4/23/2016**Gretchen Irene Ficken**5/8/2016**Janice Eileen Weil**5/22/2016**Arline Anna Brick**6/10/2016**Lois V. Crittenden**7/16/2016**Donald Lee Weiland**9/16/2016**Marie Lucy Goelz**10/4/2016**Marion Emma Durski**10/6/2016**Irene Dortha Bloland**10/7/2016**Lois Laverne Unger**10/7/2016**Rosalie Jean Kwiecinski**10/13/2016**David Daniel Timm**10/25/2016**Ernest Michael Wachs**10/29/2016*

Pastor: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served you in your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. 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.**

(Be seated)

**HYMN #953 "We All Believe in One True God"**

We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Everpresent help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

**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**

Pastor: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to you, our God, now and forever! Hear us who pray in peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord of the church, we pray for the one holy Christian church and all her members, who belong to you by Baptism and faith, and for our gathering this day at the bidding of the Lamb, our Shepherd.

**People: Give us ears to hear His Word and faith to receive Him who comes to us in Word and Sacrament.**

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for the ministers of your holy Church, who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection.

**People: We pray for the Spirit to work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, to kindle faith in those who do not yet believe, and to sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming.**

Pastor: Lord of the nations, we pray for the world and those who lead us in this nation and in every place.

**People: We plead for the reign of peace among the nations, for good laws and the respect of those laws, and for thankful hearts to use our lives in service of our neighbor.**

Pastor: King of kings and Lord of lords, we pray for the elections this week and for those who will be elected, that all our leaders would faithfully fulfill their duties.

**People: Bless us all to be good citizens, that we may pray for those elected to honor your law and serve with faithfulness in the offices committed to their care.**

Pastor: For the many who suffer in body or spirit, for their healing and comfort, for grace to sustain them in their trials, and for patience to endure the day of trouble, especially for Jeanette, Matthew, Edith, Henry, Eleanor, Arlene, Mae, Jerry, Wendy, Carol, Jerry, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Richard, Roemelle, LuEva, Kathleen, Jean, Russ, Helen, Leonard, Linda, Gladys, Jack, Shirley, Sarah, and for those whom we name in our hearts.

**People: Grant them healing and relief in accord with your will and hope through faith in Christ.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we pray for the blessedness of the Spirit to lead us to conform our daily lives to your Word.

**People: Bless all your people, that we may be peacemakers, people who graciously forgive others, people who love righteousness, and people who stand firm in the faith.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, give us glad hearts created clean and new, fill us with the joy of our salvation, and bless us with the desire to love the Lord above all things.

**People: Grant us to serve our Lord with the worship of our lips and the living of our lives.**

Pastor: God of every gift and blessing, we give thanks with those who rejoice in these days. Bless the Knapp family as they rejoice in Kayla Marie who is baptized into Christ this weekend. We join with the Rauter family as they celebrate Vince's birthday.

**People: Grant us all to count our blessings day by day.**

Pastor: God of all comfort, bless Jean Wachs and family as they mourn the death of Ernie. Bless also Marion and family as they remember Ralph, and Dorothy as she remembers Art.

**People: Bless us all with hope and peace as we look to the resurrection and life of the world to come.**

Pastor: Almighty God, look with mercy upon the cause of the poor and the poor in spirit, guard and protect those who are persecuted for the sake of the faith, and grant us all to remain faithful unto death.

**People: We give you thanks for all those we have remembered in our hearts this day, rejoicing that all who die in the Lord and rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Grant us a glorious reunion with them in the life to come.**

Pastor: Standing with those of every tribe and nation before the Lamb of God, we rejoice and cry out: Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, to whom be glory with the Father 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.**

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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!

## “Blest Are They”

## AGPS #74

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*

### **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 CANTICLE**

#### **#805 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, you gather the lambs of your flock into the arms of your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; 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 #813 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" Stanzas 1,2,5-7**

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**

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,

As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. **Refrain**

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. **Refrain**

Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. **Refrain**

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