

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sing to the Lord a New Song!

October 31 - November 1, 2015

### AS WE GATHER

Today is the Feast of All Saints. This is an occasion to remember with thanksgiving to God all people redeemed by Jesus throughout the ages, and especially our own loved ones who have died in the Lord. The love of God is astonishing. The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation. God even calls us His own dear children! He calls us from every nation, tribe, people-group, and language. He calls us—poor sinners—the poor in spirit who hunger for righteousness. We, though burdened by our sins, trust in Jesus, our Savior, who has given all for us to live in communion with God. Today is a day of rejoicing not that we or our departed loved ones have been such great saints, but that our Savior has graciously numbered us along with all His saints as His own beloved people. For all this we sing to the Lord a new song of thanksgiving and praise!

### WELCOME

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.  
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,  
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.  
(1 Corinthians 15:58, NIV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #677 “For All the Saints” *(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!

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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!

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!

### INVOCATION

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

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 149:1–4*

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!**

Pastor: Let them praise His name with dancing,

People: **making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!**

Pastor: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

People: **He adorns the humble with salvation.**

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 1 John 3:1

Pastor: Father of all sinners and saints,

**People: we, Baptism and faith in Jesus, are at the same time sinners and saints. We confess to you that we have turned away from you and naturally turn inward upon ourselves. The essence of our sinfulness is our turning away from God’s will and disobedience to His Law. But Jesus—through His incarnation, life, death, and resurrection—has stood in the place of us sinners so that through Him we have become saints, beloved sons and daughters of God. So, Father, please forgive us for all the ways we still fail to live into our sainthood. Turn our hearts toward you. Strengthen our weakness with the power of Jesus’ love.**

Pastor: People loved by God, see what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are. While at the same time sinners and saints, we are all the time the beloved sons and daughters of God. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ Jesus, 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**People:** (sung)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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)

**☩ WORD ☩**

**FIRST READING** Revelation 7:9–17 (Servants of God from every nation, tribe, people, and language) 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 (God’s astonishing love)

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.

**8:00 CHOIR ANTHEM**      *"Be Thou My Vision"*      Mary McDonald

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1–12 (All saints are but sinners saved by Jesus.)

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 #671**      **"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"**      Tune: Ode to Joy

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.

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!

### SERMON

**"From Grief To Glory"**

Revelation 7:9-17

(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.*

<i>Gilbert Reichert</i>	<i>12/11/2014</i>	<i>Dennis Reichert</i>	<i>6/17/2015</i>
<i>Warren Baumgart</i>	<i>12/19/2014</i>	<i>Beatrice Pieper</i>	<i>6/25/2015</i>
<i>Arline Haas</i>	<i>12/24/2014</i>	<i>William Schuppert Sr.</i>	<i>7/20/2015</i>
<i>Harlyn Hansen</i>	<i>3/1/2015</i>	<i>Diane Ebert</i>	<i>7/31/2015</i>
<i>Ginger Neeley</i>	<i>3/29/2015</i>	<i>Albert (Skip) Habanek</i>	<i>8/31/2015</i>
<i>Mark Maline</i>	<i>4/1/2015</i>	<i>Jack Delaney</i>	<i>9/4/2015</i>
<i>Bernice Brant</i>	<i>6/13/2015</i>	<i>Gretchen Halstead</i>	<i>9/8/2015</i>

**NICENE 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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to our God forever and ever. Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those whom you have redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, washed in the saving water of Baptism and brought to faith by the Spirit.

**People: Keep us in this faith and in holy fear, lest we depart from your way and are lost to the eternal future you have prepared for us.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who trust in your mercy, who live out their faith through daily repentance and love of their neighbors. Bring to faith those who do not believe.

**People: Rescue them from the poverty of their lost lives, and renew them in the holy joy of your salvation.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who mourn and grieve over the passing of loved ones. Bless Angie as she remembers Kaden and Denton as he remembers Linda.

**People: Grant them hope in Christ, whose resurrection guarantees our own joyful resurrection and reunion with the saints who have gone before us.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are the meek, who trust not in their own merits and who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**People: Make their hearts pure, and equip them by your Spirit to live holy, upright and godly lives now and forever in the life to come.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are the merciful, who know the pureness of your heart and strive by the power of your Spirit to show forth your mercy through the grace of forgiveness and the witness of service.

**People: Bless them by your mercy each day and bless also the witness of their lives.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for your sake and whose witness calls those who live in safety to the noble life of faithfulness.

**People: Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are the wounded in body and spirit. Bless and be with those who struggle with sickness, affliction, and difficulties, especially your servants Marion, Peter, Debra, Helen, Leonard, Jerry, Mae, Shirley, Mary Anne, June, Wendy, LuEva, Eleanor, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Kathleen, Jack, Shirley, Marion, Gretchen, Lois and Sarah.

**People: Grant them healing according to your will, grace to sustain them in their trials, comfort in their pain and, at the last, bring them to everlasting life.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who know the riches of your mercy and the power of your promise that you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

**People: Fill us with faith in your promises and move us to use the resources you have entrusted for your glory and the furtherance of Christ's kingdom.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those whom you have invited to the Table of your Son.

**People: Grant us to faithfully receive the precious food of His body and blood now, until we rejoice in the marriage supper of the Lamb in your Kingdom forevermore.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who trust in you, whose joy and gladness flows from your generous mercy, who are filled with your springs of living water and who follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. Hear us in His name and for His sake, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**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.**

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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, 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 #563 “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”**

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
 Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
 Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
 Pleads for the captives’ liberty, Was also shed in love for me.  
 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
 Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.  
 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
 This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.  
 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
 For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

**HYMN #411 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
 God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
 In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.  
 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
 Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father.  
 In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.  
 I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
 When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
 In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**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!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: 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 #878

### “Abide With Me”

Stanzas 1, 4, 6

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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**Renewed in Christ** This weekend we are distributing **Renewed In Christ** Devotional Booklets at all services. We hope you have received one and will be blessed as you read the daily devotions. If you did not receive one, please contact the office. May we be filled with hope, strengthened for service and soar into the future God has prepared for us. Our school children have been eagerly praying for you. 4K through 8th grade are involved using the prayer cards that were submitted. We remember students and faculty in our prayers.

### Renewed in Christ Initial Commitments

On **Tuesday, Nov. 17**, our congregation is celebrating a special event which will represent an important milestone in our Renewed in Christ campaign. Many of us who are in positions of leadership at St. Paul's are going to be the first to make our commitments toward the vision God has given us. We are asking for your prayers as we prepare to do this, because our response to the vision God has given us will be a vital component of our campaign and the future of our church.

If you would like to be among those who make initial commitments with our leaders and attend this event, I invite you to call Barb at 545-6618 or email Barb at [barb@splcwa.org](mailto:barb@splcwa.org) or Ellen at [Ellen@splcwa.org](mailto:Ellen@splcwa.org) by **Monday, Nov. 9** in order that we may take your reservations. The Initial Commitments Event will be held here at St. Paul's on Nov. 17, 6:30 pm, with finger foods, fellowship, worship and desserts.