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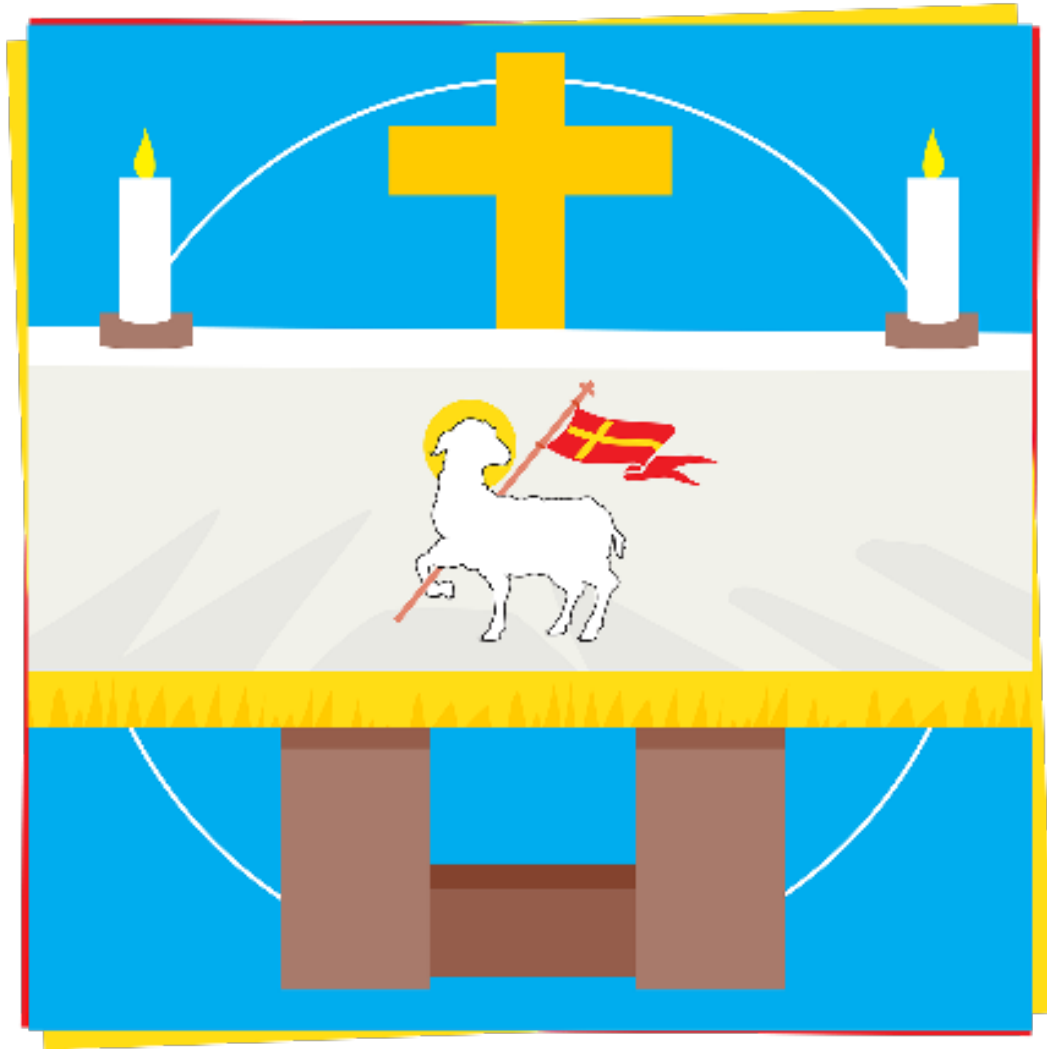
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ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

November 2, 2025, 8:30 AM

Contemporary Service



AS WE GATHER

When we think about “saints,” we typically think of “really good people.” But as we gather for All Saints’ Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are “saints” because they are really God’s people. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become God’s children and saints. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus comes back because God’s call does not change. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).



FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"I Will Rise"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Bridge, Chorus)

**There's a peace I've come to know,
Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome,
and the grave is overwhelmed;
the victory is won, He is risen from the dead.**

Chorus:

**And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise.
I will rise.**

**There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear,
And my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.**

Chorus:

Bridge:

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,

“Worthy is the Lamb!”

And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart,

“Worthy is the Lamb!” (repeat Bridge)

Chorus:

WELCOME

INVOCATION *(Please stand)*

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John wrote, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Most merciful God and Father,

We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your

**righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness.
Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit.
Amen.**

John reminds us, "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." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

Alleluia! Amen!

INTROIT

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

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.

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

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.

(Please be seated)

SONG OF PRAISE

"Yesterday, Today, and Forever"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

Everlasting God

The years go by but You're unchanging

In this fragile world

You are the only firm foundation

Always loving, always true

Always merciful and good, so good

Chorus:

Yesterday, today and forever

You are the same, You never change

Yesterday, today and forever

You are faithful and we will trust in You

We will trust in You

Uncreated One

You have no end and no beginning

Earthly powers fade

But there is no end to Your kingdom

Always loving, always true

Always merciful and good, so good Chorus:

Bridge:

Yahweh, God unchanging

Yahweh, firm foundation

You are Yahweh, God unchanging

Yahweh, firm foundation Chorus

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:2–17

²Then 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, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵"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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1–3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SONG OF THE MONTH: "Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man"

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior passed that way, He looked up in the tree.

SPOKEN: *And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down."*

For I'm going to your house today.
For I'm going to your house today.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"Blest Are They"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

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

Chorus:

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. Chorus:**

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

**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. Chorus:**

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

MESSAGE

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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.

(The names of those who are being remembered are read)

Willis (Bill) McQueen	January 1, 2025
Delores Cybulski	January 18, 2025
Jeannine Blaz	February 14, 2025
Norma Bates	February 20, 2025
Julia Thompson	May 3, 2025
Lynn Hayward	May 3, 2025
Eleanor Krueger	September 30, 2025
Nancy Vant	October 9, 2025
Clara Schultheis	October 12, 2025
Dorothy Cottrell	October 24, 2025

(A time of silence for remembrance of others not listed here)

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.

Amen.

OFFERING *(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you)*

PRAYERS *(Please stand)*

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *(AGNUS DEI)*

O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us

O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

(Please be seated)

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Marvelous Light "

(Chorus, Verse, Prechorus, Chorus, Verse, Prechorus, Chorus)

Chorus:

**Into marvelous light I'm running,
Out of darkness, out of shame.
Through the cross You are the truth,
You are the life, You are the way.**

**I once was fatherless, a stranger with no hope.
Your kindness wakened me,
Wakened me from my sleep, now.
Your love, it beckons deeply,
A call to come and die.
By grace now I will come and take this life,
Take Your life.**

PreChorus:

**Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting.
From the grave You've risen victoriously. Chorus:**

**My dead heart now is beating,
My deepest stain's now clean.
Your breath fills up my lungs;
Now I'm free, now I'm free.
My dead heart now is beating,
My deepest stain's now clean.
Your breath fills up my lungs;
Now I'm free, now I'm free. PreChorus and Chorus:**

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"I Am the Bread of Life"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

**I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me
Unless the Father draw him**

Chorus:

And I will raise him up

And I will raise him up

And I will raise him up on the last day

The bread that I will give

Is my flesh for the life of the world

And he who eats of this bread

He shall live forever

He shall live forever (Chorus)

I am the resurrection

I am the life

He who believes in me

Even if he dies

He shall live forever (Chorus)

Yes, Lord, I believe

That you are the Christ

The Son of God

Who has come

Into the world (Chorus)

PRAYER OF THANKS *(Please stand)*

Amen

BLESSING

(Please be seated)

SONG TO DEPART

(Verse, Chorus, Verse)

May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord smile on you

Shine His light upon you

May the Lord lift you

Turn His face towards you

Give you His peace

Give you His peace

"Benediction"

Chorus:

**Blessed we came to this place today
And blessed now we will go
In the name of the Father
The Spirit and the Son
Blessed we came to this place today
And blessed now we will go
In the name of the Father
The Spirit and the Son**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us
May the Lord smile on us
Shine His light upon us
May the Lord lift us
Turn His face towards us
Give us His peace
Give us His peace**

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