



November 3, 2024

All Saints' Sunday

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Prelude

Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

Psalm 97:11-12

For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.

Psalm 37:28

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Psalm 34:1, 3

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

Psalm 34:8-9

Confession and Absolution

Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

Almighty God, we repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.

A Time of Silence

Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

♪ 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.

~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. ~We're...

♪ 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. ~We're...

♪ 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. We're....

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Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

- ♪ Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- ♪ God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms he bears them.
- ♪ Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- ♪ Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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First Reading

Revelation 3:7–13

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹²The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The 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.

Gradual Hymn *Please Stand*

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.
- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
- ♪ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

- ¹Seeing the crowds, he 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^[a] 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.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“For All the Saints” (vv. 1-4 & 8)

- ♪ 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!
- ♪ 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!

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 677-Text: William W. How 1823-97

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Proclamation of the Word

“Where Are You Calling From?”

Revelation 3:7–8

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface *Please Stand*

Music: “Beautiful Savior”, Hymn 537

- ♪ The Lord be with you.
 ♪ **And also with you.**
- ♪ Lift up your hearts unto the Lord
 ♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- ♪ Let us give thanks to God.
 ♪ **'Tis right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Music: “Beautiful Savior”, Hymn 537

- ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth Your glory fills
Hosanna in the high'st. Blessed is He who comes In the name of the Lord our God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

- ♪ Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus
Going on before. Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!
~Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
- ♪ Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod. We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. ~Onward...
- ♪ Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane, But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain. Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail...~
- ♪ Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song: Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. ~Onward...

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“Beautiful Savior”

- ♪ Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- ♪ Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- ♪ Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- ♪ Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 537- Text: Munsterisch Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677, tr. Joseph A. Seiss 1823-1904
Tune: Silesian, 19th cent., setting: Service Book and Hymnal 1958; Public Domain.

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Commemoration of the Saints

Those who have passed away in the last year:

11/10/2023 Grace Holtkamp
01/18/2024 Margaret Jean Jatzlau
03/19/2024 Patsy Ekarius Novosad
03/24/2024 Robert Jeffery Anderson
04/07/2024 Loretta Dziadek
09/08/2024 Carrie Jeanette (Garling) Steinbach
09/09/2024 Robert (Bob) Witte

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Jerusalem the Golden”

- ♪ Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!
- ♪ Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessèd Shines bright with glorious sheen.
- ♪ Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released, Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast. They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.
- ♪ O sweet and blessèd country, The home of God’s elect! O sweet and blessèd country
That faithful hearts expect! In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

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Postlude