



All Saints Day

November 4th, 2018



Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here! In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

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We are living in the end times. Jesus promised that the end times would be perilous for Christians due to the increase of wickedness and the decrease of faith and love. The times are also perilous for those outside the Church, because judgment is near for all. However, God's Word gives us reason to be confident. Today, we hear that can be confident in these end times because we have seen and heard how God took care of the saints who went before us. Forgiven in our Savior, we can look forward to God's gracious care here on earth and eternal triumph in heaven.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the Scripture readings, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN | #728 *Jerusalem the Golden*



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the



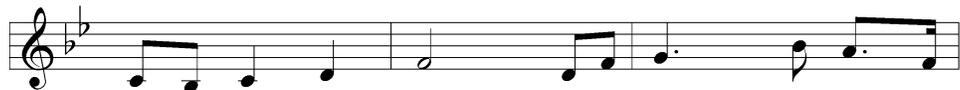
fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
bring us To that dear land of rest Where
glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The



midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

GREETING

~Please stand

Leader: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Silence for personal confession and reflection

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY | *Kyrie, eleison*

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Greeting: This blessing from 2 Corinthians 13:14 reminds us of the foundation of worship: God's grace. He loves us because of Jesus and we have fellowship with God and each other because of the faith the Holy Spirit gives us. The congregation responds by praying the same blessing on their pastor.

The Confession and Forgiveness of Sins: Our God is a holy God, and we are unholy sinners. Before we meet our God, our status before him must change – or he would destroy us. We confess our sins, trusting God's promise to forgive us (See 1 John 1:9). Our Lord wants to forgive our sins. He sent Jesus to make us "at one" (atonement) with God by dying on the cross for our sins. The pastor makes the sign of the cross to remind us we are forgiven only because Jesus died on the cross.

For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

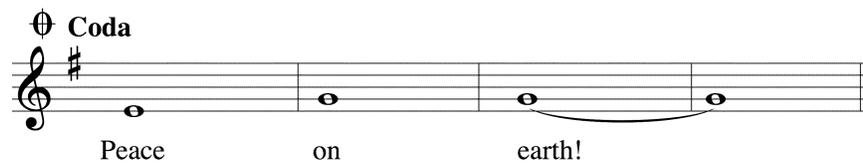
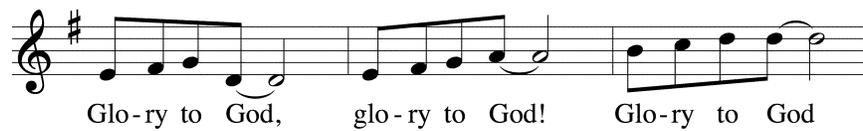
Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD | *Gloria in Excelsis*

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

REFRAIN

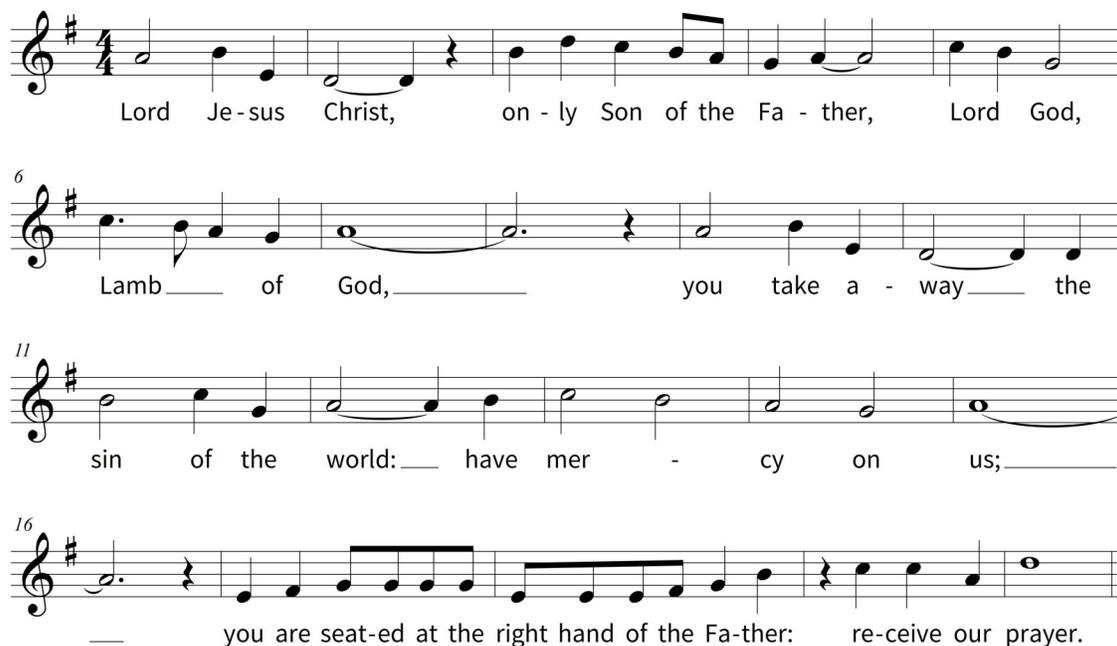


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Verse 1 (followed by refrain)



Verse 2 (followed by refrain)



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Verse 3 (followed by refrain repeated twice)



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~Please be seated

Salutation: *This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship. Because God has forgiven us, we have a special bond with our Lord and with each other as Christians. Pastor and congregation express this bond of fellowship with a blessing for each other – that the Holy Spirit would bless you as you hear God’s Word and that he would bless the pastor to preach God’s Word with power.*

Prayer of the Day: *Following an ancient outline, the collect for the day asks for one specific blessing. This prayer changes each Sunday, according to the Bible readings for that Sunday.*

FIRST READING | *Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg. 1096)*

Isaiah had the unenviable task of preaching judgment to his own people. The people of Israel rejected God and in so doing typified all people. In spite of being rejected by his people, God has mercy on all who repent and trust in him. He has removed our shame, guilt, and sin and the fitting punishment of death. And he will give us the undeserved reward of happiness, peace, and eternal celebration.

⁶On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
 a feast of rich food for all peoples,
 a banquet of aged wine—
 the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
 the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
 the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
 The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
 from all faces;
 he will remove the disgrace of his people
 from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,
 “Surely this is our God;
 we trusted in him, and he saved us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word: *We sit at the feet of Jesus, like Mary did, to hear the Word (Luke 10:42). Here is time for meditating, strengthening, forgiveness, instruction, and response.*

First Reading: *The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts. In it we learn of God’s mighty words and deeds with the Old Testament Church, the people of Israel.*

PSALM OF THE DAY | *Psalm 149*

Refrain

Sing to the Lord. Sing a new song.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!

The leader will introduce the refrain and sing the verses of the song.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain as indicated.

Refrain.

Refrain.

Sing praise to the Lord, come sing a new song, Amid all the saints God's praises prolong.

Let Israel be glad in their Maker and sing; Let all Zion's people rejoice in their King.

Refrain.

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim, With dancing and song give praise to God's name.

For God in the faithful great pleasure will seek, With robes of salvation adorning the meek.

Refrain.

In glory exult, you saints of the Lord; With songs in the night high praises accord.

Go forth in God's service, be strong in God's might To conquer all evil and stand for the right.

Refrain.

For this is God's Word; the saints shall not fall, But over the earth their faith shall prevail.

All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sword—Thus God shows great glory, sing praise the Lord!

Refrain.

SECOND READING | *Revelation 20:4-6 (pg. 1936)*

John is in the middle of a vision. At the beginning of this chapter, he pictures Jesus as an angel. He introduces the devil as a dragon. He speaks of hell as a deep pit, the Abyss. In these verses, John's attention is drawn to thrones of judgment in heaven. Seated on these thrones are the saints and martyrs. These are the faithful who had died on earth as believers. Jesus promised Martha, "Whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:26), and he assured the thief on the cross, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). Those who die with Christ begin to reign immediately. The thousand years John speaks of is not a literal reference to time (remember, he is in the middle of a vision) and refers to the New Testament age. The New Testament age began with the coming of Christ and will end with his return on Judgment Day.

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Look at how Jesus marches into the enemy's darkest valley. In the very shadow of death, he brings resurrection and life. In fact, he makes it clear for the first time in world history that he is indeed the Resurrection and the Life. The devil can have no triumph over those who believe in Jesus.

³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated

Gospel: *The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel. (In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.) Christ—his life, his words of law and Gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to the Church, his promise to return—is the center of the Gospel. The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence. After hearing the Gospel, we respond with a joyful acclamation of praise.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

HYMN OF THE DAY | #731 *The King Will Come at Age's End*

1 The King will come at age - 's end,
 2 The book of life will name its names,
 3 All - glo - rious on his gleam - ing throne,
 4 And nights of tears, though late and long,
 5 A - men, a - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

The trum - pets trill, the heav - ens rend,
 Each bought by cross - 's bit - ter pain,
 The King will claim his saints, his own,
 Will dis - ap - pear in splen - did dawn,
 My Sav - ior fair, come bear me home.

Un - veil - ing new Je - ru - sa - lem.
 Each inked in blood and sealed in flame.
 And with them dwell and make a home.
 And deeps of death will all be gone.
 For you are King of kings a - lone!

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn of the Day: The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

Sermon: The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

APOSTLES CREED | *Credo*

~Please stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Throughout the prayer, when the leader says, "Lord, in Your mercy:" the congregation responds by saying, "**hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING

This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Our Savior Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work of sharing the Gospel. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.

If you would like to help Our Savior with this important mission, there are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution (the latter two provide options for either one-time or recurring gifts):

Place your offering in the plate

Use the "Tithe.ly" app on your phone (iOS or Android)

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Confession of Faith: *We respond to our Shepherd's voice by confessing what we believe concerning our God and all he's done for us.*

Prayer of the Church: *The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.*

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The congregation remembers her members who have fallen asleep in Jesus and live as saints in heaven.

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:35,40

Refrain, Verses 1-2, Refrain.

Jimmy Snowden (†1981)

Helen Kluz (†2011)

Murray Schoel (†1995)

Wally Stern (†2011)

Helmut Herda (†2003)

Fred Bender (†2013)

Juanita Snowden (†2005)

Erika Herda (†2014)

Warnie Griffin (†2006)

Dale Roberson (†2016)

Refrain, Verses 3-4, Refrain.

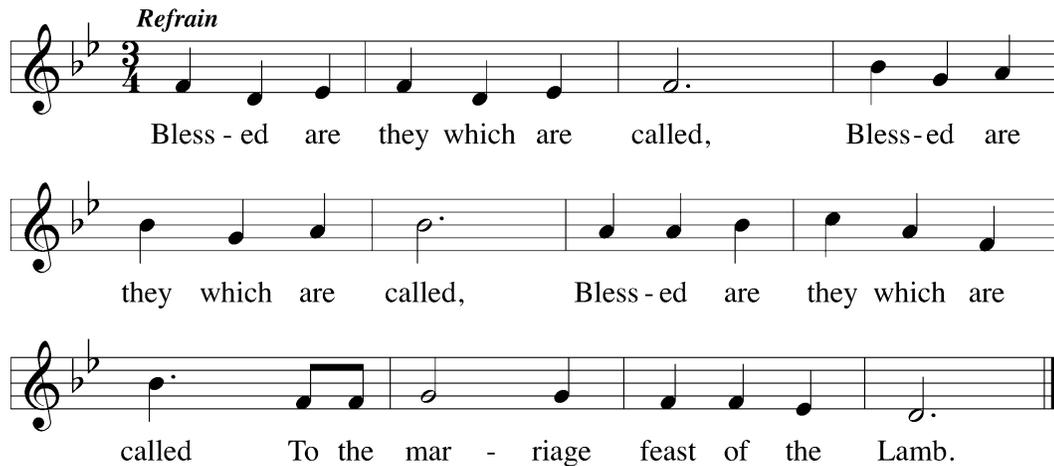
I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11:25-26

Refrain, Verse 5, Refrain.

HYMN | #730 *Blessed Are They*

Refrain



Bless - ed are they which are called, Bless-ed are
 they which are called, Bless-ed are they which are
 called To the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Verses



1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes,
 2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst,
 3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry,
 4 Ser - vant, saint, mar - tyr at rest,
 5 Wor - thy are you, Lamb of God,



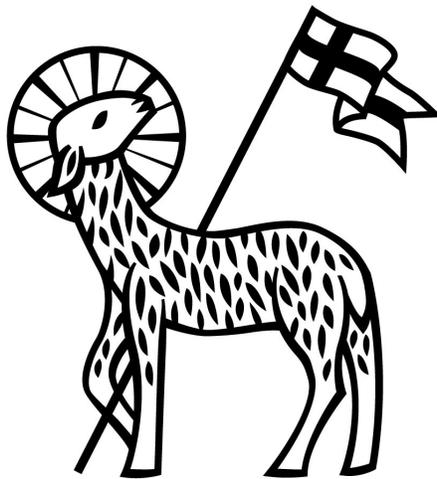
From ev - 'ry na - tion and tongue,
 Death, sor - row, pain van - quished now,
 Un - to the Lamb that was slain,
 Sanc - ti - fied, ran - somed, re - stored,
 To re - ceive glo - ry and praise.



Stood be - fore God and the Lamb At the
 God wipes all tears from their eyes By the
 Re - deem - ing us with his blood In the
 Thun - d'rous - ly sing a new song Of the
 Al - le - lu - ia and a - men! For the



mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Verse 2*
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PRAYER

~Please stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

BLESSING

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 (t) give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN | #219 *Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See*

~Please be seated

Lord's Prayer: *The Lord's Prayer was given by our Savior to his Church in response to the disciples' request to be taught to pray (See Matthew 6:9-13). The conclusion to the prayer, also known as the Doxology, was a common conclusion to ancient prayers.*

Blessing: *This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. It is known as the Aaronic blessing because the Lord first instructed Aaron, the first High Priest of the children of Israel, to share the promise of blessing: "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).*





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