

*“They have*  
**WASHED**  
*their*  
**ROBES**  
*and made them*

**WHITE**

*in the blood of the*  
**LAMB.”**

REVELATION 7:14, NIV

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ALL SAINTS DAY  
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Missoula, MT

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## As We Gather

At Christmas is sung "God rest you merry, gentlemen," with "tidings of comfort and joy." Those tidings were made because our Lord had entered human history. We will finally realize those tidings for ourselves when we join the saints in eternal glory, they who are seen in the vision we will read from Revelation. In the meantime, in these mean times, we rely on hope to get us through each day, as St. Paul writes in the Epistle. That hope is based on our being God's adopted children, brothers and sisters of our risen Lord Jesus. It is both comforting and joyful, no matter our circumstances. As Jesus proclaims in the Gospel's Beatitudes, people with such hope are blessed indeed!

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn LSB 677

## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And  
We fee-bly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Thou, with the dark-ness drear, their one true light.  
win in the them the vic-tor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



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

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!

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Welcome

- P** Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life. That hope is summarized in today's short Epistle.

## Epistle

### 1 John 3:1-3

See 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. 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.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Confident of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.
- C** **We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Father in heaven. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.**
- P** Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God's children now because of the hope God has poured into us. 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## WORD

### Hymn LSB 686

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy  
sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,  
Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er  
glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine  
ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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## Kyrie

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For heaven-sent peace and the hope of salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**

**P** For global peace and the Church's growth in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who here return thanks to God for the hope within them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Christ, have mercy, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** 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.

**C** **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;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Classical School Choir**

### **"All Depends on Our Possessing"**

### **First Reading**

### **Revelation 7:2-17**

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

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

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

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

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 149; antiphon: v. 4*

**C** **The Lord takes pleasure in His people;  
He adorns the humble with salvation.**

**P** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
His praise in the assembly of the godly!  
Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!  
Let them praise His name with dancing,  
making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

**C** **The Lord takes pleasure in His people;  
He adorns the humble with salvation.**

**P** Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.  
Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,  
to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,  
to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,  
to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all His godly ones. Praise the Lord!

**C** **The Lord takes pleasure in His people;  
He adorns the humble with salvation.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

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

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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

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

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**C** **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.

Sermon Hymn LSB 738

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Sermon

Rev. David Johnson

Prayer of the Church  
 (following each petition)

- P** Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** Hear our prayer.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Benediction

*Romans 15:13*

**P** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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.

**C** Amen.

† Remembering those called to their eternal rest in the past year †

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## Hymn LSB 678

## We Sing for All the Unsung Saints



1 We sing for all the un-sung saints, That count-less, name-less throng,  
2 Though un-in-scribed with date or place, With ti-tle, rank, or name,  
3 So we take heart from un-known saints Be-reft of earth-ly fame,



Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope stead-fast and strong  
As liv-ing stones their sto-ries join To form a hal-lowed frame  
Those faith-ful ones who have re-ceived A more en-dur-ing name:



Through all the dai-ly griefs and joys No chron-i-cles re-cord,  
A-round the mys-t'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sac-ri-ficed,  
For they re-veal true bless-ing comes When we our pride ef-face



For-get-ful of their lack of fame, But mind-ful of their Lord.  
The Love that wrest-ed life from death, The wound-ed, ris-en Christ.  
And of-fer back our lives to be The ves-sels of God's grace.

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## Announcements

### Dismissal

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!

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