

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saints are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

November 5, 2023

AS WE GATHER:

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

***COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God,

People: 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Responsive Prayer 2

Announcements

Opening Hymn

LSB 677

“For All the Saints”

Opening Versicles

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First Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17

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Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-3

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***Holy Gospel:**

Matthew 5:1-12

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Hymn

LSB 676

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Sermon

***Kyrie**

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*Lords Prayer

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*Apostles' Creed

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*Versicles

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Collect of the Day

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Collects

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*Benedicamus and Blessing

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Please help us keep our prayer requests current by calling the office (235.6705) with updates – especially with our long term requests and military personnel.

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women – a woman please pray over her life as she starts anew here in Waterloo, after moving from Chicago. a woman please pray that she will "Live myself to care for others", and to be good role model for my grandkids living with me. a woman please pray over her grief as she thinks about all the losses she has faced over the years. a woman please pray for her to continue to move forward and for financial stability. a woman please pray for her dad having heart surgery soon. a woman please pray for her physical and mental health. Also, please pray for her children and grandchildren. a woman please pray for her as she has her 6 grandkids living with her, and she is not in good health herself. a woman please pray for Strength; financial stability; clear mind/focused; husband--forgiveness. a woman please pray over her life and her circumstances. a woman please pray that her transportation issues get resolved, and that her situation improves. a woman please pray for her two sick children, and a husband recovering from surgery, and she just lost her job due to the business shutting down. For men - a man please pray over his circumstances, and that his life will change. a man please pray for his peace of mind. a man please pray for his health, and for his family's health.

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