





# THE REST OF THE STORY: *Loving God & Serving Others*



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## SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

5 November 2023, 10:15 am



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### AS WE GATHER

On the Feast Day of All Saints', we pray that we would be numbered among those who rejoice in the blessings of the fuller presence of God in His eternal kingdom. With thankfulness, we recall those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who now rest from their labors. On this special day, we remember the blessed saints of times long past and those of recent times as well. As we think of their blessed state, we also rejoice that we, too, are among the blessed, living out our daily lives as the baptized children of God in this time and place. By God's grace in Christ, we have a promised place among the saints and can joyfully claim this day as ours!

*During the PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, please observe a time of quiet meditation and prayer.*

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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### INTROIT

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



*These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\**

*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 de- | liver 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.**

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

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**KYRIE ELEISON** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* p. 152

**HYMN OF PRAISE** ~ **"This is the Feast"** p. 155

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*[\*Please refer to the back page of the worship folder, the screen, or to the Bible in the pew.]*

**FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17** *"Children of God"* David Cink

**GRADUAL** *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

*These are the ones coming out of the great tribu | la - tion.*

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of  
the Lamb.**

*Blessed are those whose strength | is in You,*

**in whose heart are the highways to | Zi - on.**

**EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1–3** *"Children of God"* Roy Tedsen

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** p. 156

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12** *"The Sermon on the Mount"*

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"* #857

*(Kindergarten – 6th grade students are excused to attend CHILDREN'S CHURCH in the ANNEX)*

**MESSAGE** *"The Big If . . . The Big Result"* Rev. Daniel Cloeter  
Isaiah 58:6–12

*Please stand.*

## THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.***

*Our ability to continue to serve you, the church, and our community is greatly dependent upon our members' willingness to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD's church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the special grey box sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

## OFFERTORY ~ What Shall I Render To the Lord

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## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

- P** Lord, on this All Saints' Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.
- C** **We remember the ones we love—ones loved also by You.**
- P** We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace, and filled them with faith.
- C** **We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.**
- P** We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.
- C** **We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.**
- P** We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us nor forsake us.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to each of them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence, so that they may continue to serve Him from everlasting to everlasting.

# RECOGNITION OF OUR DEAR SAINTS

† At this time individuals who have died since last All Saints' Day are remembered by name.  
As each name is read, a bell may be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.

† MARK LASSLE † WINNIFRED MILLER † BUD NEWTON  
† JUNE SADLIER † MARTY SCHULLER † JOHN "BUCK" SHAW  
† ALICE VOSS † ERIC WEST † ERIC T. WILSON † RON WOLD

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us lift up our prayers for the Church, for the world, and for ourselves before almighty God, trusting in the promise of our Lord.

*Pastor ends each petition with, "Lord, in Your mercy..."  
The congregation is invited to respond with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ 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. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

## PREFACE

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**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth . . . we praise Your holy name as we say:

**G "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**PAX DOMINI** ~ *Peace of the Lord*

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**AGNUS DEI** ~ *Lamb of God*

*Please be seated.*

### MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

- I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
- I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
- I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
- I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me through this Holy Supper.
- I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
- I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #700
- "Children of the Heavenly Father" #725
- "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" #711
- "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" #680

*Please stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** ~ *Thank the Lord*

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### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

### DISCPLESHIP CHALLENGE

*Pastor Marty*

- ☐ The saints remind us that we are not alone. We have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and brought into the fellowship of all the saints through Baptism. We live this new life by faith now, but then we shall see Him face-to-face and know Him as we are known by Him. When lonely or fearful, the company of the saints encourages us, and their devotion to the Lord inspires us to endure to the end that we might be saved. Whether known well or known only to God, the faithful are not forgotten and neither will we be.

## SAINTS LIVE LIVES OF SERVICE, HUMILITY, OBEDIENCE AND SACRIFICE

HOW WILL YOU EXPRESS YOUR SAINTHOOD THIS WEEK?

- DONATE TO FFTP AND/OR TO THE GRACE FOOD PANTRY
- VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL OR AS A MINISTRY LEADER
- CONNECT WITH THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST

### CLOSING SENTENCES

- P** In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!
- C** **For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**
- P** But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand.
- C** **Love the Lord, all you His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful.**
- P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

### BENEDICTION

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### HYMN TO DEPART

*"For All the Saints"*

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.*

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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