

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Feast of All Saints

November 7, 2021





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Feast of All Saints

Almighty God, we come before You on this day that is set aside to honor all those in the faith who have gone before us and are now in the heavenly mansions of blessed rest. You have knit together Your elect into one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace so to emulate these blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may one day join them in singing Your glory. May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace which we humbly implore and may that grace be with us until that day when all the saints are called to their eternal and everlasting glory. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord 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. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

677 For All the Saints

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Stand



Service of the Word

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.

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.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17

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."

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

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5



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.

**Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



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.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

672 Jerusalem the Golden

Sermon

“The Lamb Will Be Their Shepherd”

Text: Revelation 7:9-17

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering





Service of the Sacrament



Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

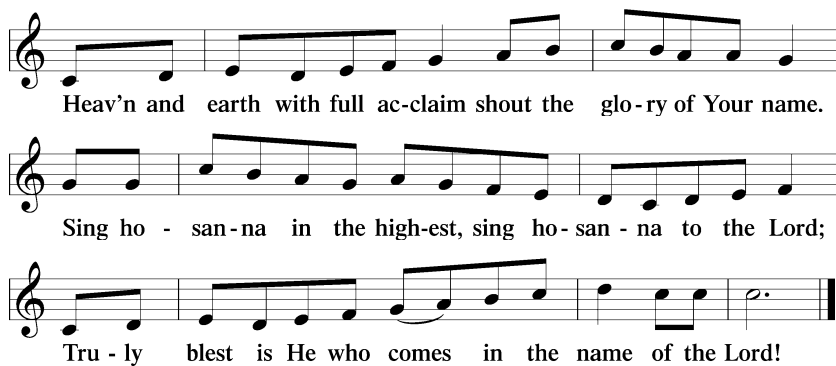
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

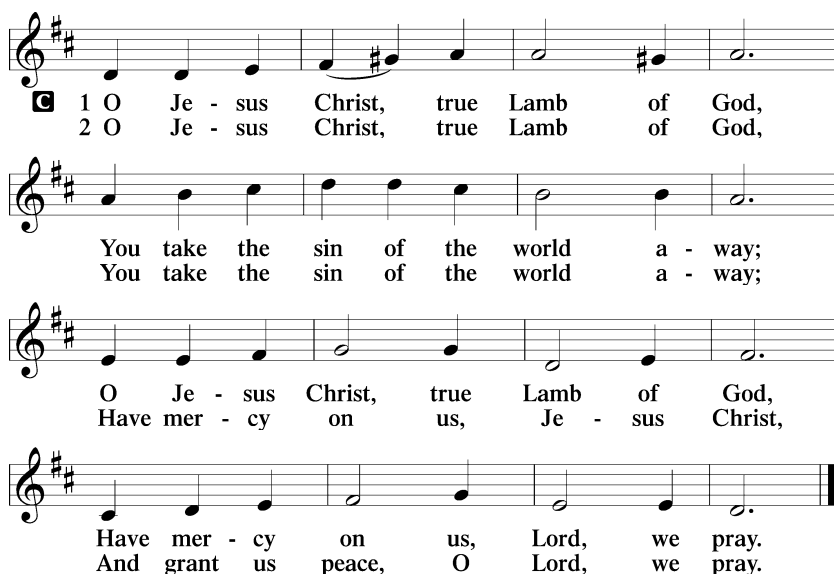
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

679 Oh, How Blest Are They

Stand



Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** 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.

670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver

We look not to things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

Saints ... And All Saints' Day



All Saints' Day is a day on which churches glorify God for all of God's saints, known and unknown. Since Pope Gregory IV ordered its church-wide observance in 837, All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 in the West. The origin of All Saints' Day lies earlier in the common commemorations of martyrs who died in groups or whose names were unknown. Over time these celebrations came to include not only the martyrs but all saints. Since the time of the Reformation, the Protestant churches have understood "saints" in its New Testament usage as including all believers and have reinterpreted the Feast of All Saints as a celebration of the unity of the entire Church. In medieval England the festival was known as All Hallows, hence the name **Halloween** [= *All Hallows' Eve*] or holy evening for the evening preceding All Saints' Day.

Still today, All Saints' Day is observed in some churches. The occasion raises the question of who is a saint. We restrict the meaning too much when we use the term to refer only to such dead Christians who once led exceptionally holy lives and/or performed miracles.

The Bible speaks of all Christians as sanctified people, as saints. St. Paul, for example, addresses the Corinthians as follows: "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints" (1 Cor. 1:12). Christians are saints despite the fact that we are sinners. We are saints—from the Latin word **sanctus**, which means holy, sanctified, consecrated—not because we are sinless but because by Spirit-given faith in Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven and God declares us just and holy in His sight.

All Saints' Day is observed on November 1 or on the Sunday following November 1. The day commemorates not only all the martyrs but all the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ.

The color of the paraments is white, pointing to eternity and the perfection which those saints who have gone before us now enjoy.

*The above material is excerpted from **The Columbia Encyclopedia**, Sixth Edition (published by the Columbia University Press); **The Altar Guild Manual** by Lee A. Maxwell (published by Concordia Publishing House); and **Manna** by Carl Manthey-Zorn (published by John Sullivan).*

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31

New study/discussion group opportunity



Continuing on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 PM at Church, we will be discussing the four Solas; fide, scriptura, gratia, and Christus (one each week). There will be time for fellowship as we gather so please bring a snack or dessert to share if you like. Joshua Christian will be presenting the evenings Sola followed by time for small group discussion. This short series is planned to be completed before Thanksgiving. Come for one or all. We hope to see you then!

Your Evangelism Board



The next **Men's Study Group** meeting is Saturday, November 13 from 8-10 a.m. We are exploring Luther's Large Catechism. Join us for study and fellowship.



Lord God Almighty, we thank You for the land we live in, and for those who have served our country in its defense. Through their sacrifice, You have defended and guarded this land from so many dangers. We pray that we all would be true soldiers of the cross, willing to stand and speak for the freedom to exercise our religion in a way that is pleasing to You, our Mighty Defender. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Out in the Desert

My neighbor Tamiran and her 7-year-old daughter, Jamie, were reading the story of Jonah. When they had finished, mother asked daughter, "Why did Jonah run away?"

Jamie answered full of confidence, "Because he didn't want to go to Nevada."

(He didn't want to go to Nineveh either.)

Again, close, but not quite

On a recent family trip to visit Grant's Farm in St. Louis, I was driving across the Mississippi with downtown in front of us. "Look," I said, "there's the Arch."

My 4-year-old niece replied, "Yep, Noah built it!"



Congregational Christmas Giving “Blessings at Christmas”

This Christmas we again have the opportunity to support "Blessings at Christmas" through Bethesda Lutheran Communities Ministry headquartered in down-town Littleton. This project is sponsored by "Women of the Cross."

Gift-giving this year is purchasing Gift Cards in any amount determined by your Heart. Suggested gift cards for easiest shopping: Walmart or VISA cards.

Place your "Gift Card" in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box. This will be located on your right side as you depart the Sanctuary. (Cards will be collected after second service.) We will receive you gifts beginning Sunday, November 7 through the deadline of Sunday, December 5.

Should you wish to make a cash donation or by check, make your check to: LWML - Women of the Cross - Memo: For Bethesda Christmas Blessings, and put in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box.



Bethesda Lutheran Communities will purchase meaningful and useful gifts using the donated gift cards for those living in Bethesda's home situations. Bethesda will wrap and place the gifts under the Christmas trees.

Thank you for your generosity in making someone's Christmas special! Women of the Cross

Petitions and Prayers: In its simplest form, prayer is “calling upon the name of the Lord.”



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, You are the Great Physician. You took our flesh upon Yourself: You know our weaknesses because You bore them on the cross. We pray that You would deliver those with illnesses and afflictions. Likewise, enable them to believe that Your grace is sufficient for them in all circumstances. Thank You that we can look to You for hope and healing. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik’s brother) – in Hospice
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver’s father) – finding right medications
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues
- Linda Olson (mother of Andy Olson) – hospitalized and intubated with Covid

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for All Saints’ Day

**Lord God, heavenly Father, praise, glory, and honor be to Your holy name for the salvation of those who have received the crown of everlasting life and now reside with You in heavenly bliss. Keep us in Your gracious care until that Day when we shall be in the multitude that no one can 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!” We pray in the name of the One who is the Lamb. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life November 7, 2021

“Abortion isn’t somebody else’s issue. It’s your business, it’s my business, and it’s our business. It’s our issue as Christians, it’s our issue as citizens, and it’s our issue as human beings. Abortion and the sanctity of every human life matter very much for elections—more so than anything else. And it matters for much more than elections. It’s a whole life issue!”

*Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry,
Lutherans For Life*

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18

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for myspace
in heaven.*