



*Blessed are you*

MATTHEW 5:11



## **HOLY COMMUNION at PEACE**

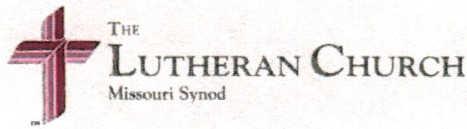


We celebrate Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We believe that Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift in which Christ comes to us. We believe that, as Jesus said, His body and blood are truly in the Sacrament. We believe that we are sinners forgiven by Jesus Christ. We repent of our sins. We are baptized children of the one true God. As we partake of this Sacrament, we express our unity in faith. We come at Jesus' invitation, for He is the Host.

Because the Bible also teaches (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) that this Sacrament may be spiritually harmful to those who are unprepared or lack true faith in Christ, our congregation practices close communion. Any who are not yet a member of the congregation, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with our pastor prior to communing.

Even if you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, cross your arms over your chest. Non-communing children are also welcome at the altar.





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*“Where the Love of Christ is Shared ”*

**Visitors:** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Flachsbart. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

**November 5, 2023**

**All Saints Day**

**About the Cover:** At the conclusion of the Beatitudes, Jesus directly addresses His disciples, then and now, with the words of blessing during persecution. The key to understanding this is knowing who is with us in hardship. We are blessed because we are with Jesus. Jesus knows persecution firsthand as He faced the cross for us. But on the third day, He was raised. Being joined to Him means forgiveness and life. To be counted with Jesus is nothing but a blessing.



## **ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE – Held on Sunday, November 5th**

### **Why Remember Saints?**

#### **As We Gather**

Every year on either November 1 or the first Sunday of November, we pause our busy lives to remember the saints. Lutherans teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, they are sinners redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and they are sinners who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. Why remember saints? Our Augsburg Confession of 1530 says it clearly: “Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling” (AC XXI 1). Why remember the saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our walk of faith, and to remember and rejoice for God giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew.

Today is bittersweet. Bitter, because some of us will be remembering someone we love who died recently, and we are still grieving. Yet sweet, because that loved one was also loved by God, redeemed by Jesus, and lives in that place Jesus went ahead to prepare. We grieve, as Paul says, but not “as others do who have no hope.”

### **PREPARATION**

#### **Opening Hymn**

**LSB 677 For All the Saints**

*v. 1, 2, 7, 8*

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.

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#### **Invocation**

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



## Confession and Absolution

*1 John 3:1*

P In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.

C **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**

P Today we hear these beautiful words from John: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

## WORD

### Introit

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

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

P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C **in your righteousness deliver me.**

P For you are my rock and my fortress;

C **and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**



- P Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
C **you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
- C **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.**
- P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.  
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood  
of the Lamb.**

### **Salutation**

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P Let us pray. When we are poor in spirit.  
C **You bless us.**
- P When we mourn.  
C **You bless us.**
- P When we are meek.  
C **You bless us.**
- P When we hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
C **You bless us.**
- P When we show mercy,  
C **You bless us.**
- P When we are heartbroken,  
C **You bless us.**



**P** When we make peace,

**C** You bless us.

**P** When we are persecuted for Your sake,

**C** You bless us.

**P** Your blessing abounds in all circumstances. Guide us to be a blessing to the people around us. Fill our hearts with peace as we remember those who have gone before us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **First Reading**

*Revelation 7:2–17*

<sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

<sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.



<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>"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.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>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."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

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

R These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

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



R Blessed are those whose strength is in You,  
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

## Verse

*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

P Alleluia.  
C **Alleluia.**

P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
C **let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**

P Alleluia.  
C **Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:1-12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.



<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup>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.

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **LSB 678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints**

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## **SERMON “When the Saints Come Marching In”**

*Matthew 5: 1-12*

## **Nicene Creed**

**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.

## Offering

*Offertory:*

**LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

## Prayer of the Church

- P As loved and redeemed children of God and in communion with all the saints, let the incense of our prayer ascend to God.
- P That the Church, called from death to life by our Lord Jesus, would follow in the footsteps of all the saints who by God's grace were agents of Christ's life-giving service in the world, and for pastors, church workers, and all people of the Church, that they proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of our salvation with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.



P For the leaders of the world and of this nation; for all voters and for those elected, that they will respect the truth of the God-given dignity of every man, woman, and child; for all who serve in the armed forces; for victims of violence and war; and for our enemies, Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all those in any kind of need, those whom we have named and whom we name silently before You. [*Hear us especially for ...*]. Bring peace to the dying and comfort the bereaved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all the households of this congregation, that they be havens of peace and lively places of faith in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For this holy assembly, that, setting our hope on Christ, we live to the praise of His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In remembrance of all those who have died in the communion of Your Church:

*Read the names of those who have died. Toll a bell for each name.*

**1.Cathy Crabb**

**2. Mike Phelps**

**3.Robin Pitcher**

**4.Lenona Ficher**

**5.Eileen Bartkus**

**6.Len Martian**

**7.Frances (Fran) Tierney**



P With thanks and praise, along with heavy hearts, we remember these loved ones. Having hope in Christ, we await the day we shall sing our praise reunited with the faithful, gathered before the throne of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear us when we call upon You, most merciful Father, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to Your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### Preface

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.**

### Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sustains us with faith, fills us with undeserved grace, and works in us to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



## **Sanctus LSB 960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** God of grace and glory, in love You created us and all living creatures.

**C** **You called Abraham and Sarah to follow Your guidance in a confusing world.**

**P** You fed the Israelites in the wilderness.

**C** **You fed Elijah the prophet in a time of drought.**

**P** Now, in the fulness of time, You sent Jesus, our Lord, who now feeds us with His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

**C** **Thank You, Lord.**

**P** We give You thanks for this gift of Christ's body and blood, shared at this altar with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven. Feed our faith, fill us with Your grace, and guide us by Your Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**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."



## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **The Lord's Prayer** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.**

## **Pax Domini**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## **Distribution Hymns**

**LSB 550 Lamb of God**

**LSB 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Text:** Charles Wesley, 1707-88, **Tune:** Rowland H. Pritchard, 1811-87; **setting:** Service Book and Hymnal, Text & Music: Public Domain



## **LSB 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703, tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851-1928, Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed, Louis Bourgeois, setting: Common Praise; 2000. Text/Music: Public Domain

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- P Let us pray,  
As You, Lord Jesus, took bread, gave thanks, blessed it, broke it, and  
gave with thanks, use our gifts to bless the world, share our bounty  
for the safe of Your kingdom, and give our lives in service to You.  
C **Amen.**

### **Closing Sentences**

- P Blessed are you  
C **when we are poor in spirit.**
- P Blessed are you  
C **when we mourn.**
- P Blessed are you  
C **when we are meek.**
- P Blessed are you  
C **when we hunger and thirst for righteousness.**
- P Blessed are you  
C **when we are merciful.**
- P Blessed are you  
C **when our hearts are right within us.**
- P Blessed are you  
C **when we struggle to make peace.**



P Blessed are you  
C **when we are reviled for trusting in Christ.**

P Blessed are you.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of God!  
C **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

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.**

## **Closing Hymn**

### **LSB 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

**Text:** Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926. **Music:** Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929, **Text & Music:** 1983 Augsburg Publishing House

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# **Membership Covenant**

**In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:**

- 1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.**
- 2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.**
- 3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"**
- 4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.**
- 5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."**
- 6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.**
- 7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.**
- 8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.**
- 9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation**



## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

- **Peace and Harmony in our Church**
- **Karen Reynolds for healing. She Broke her wrist**
- **For patience and guidance as our Congregation seeks to receive the call of a Pastor to serve Peace and Bethlehem.**
- **Jamie Hart is responding well to rehab and at home . He will have his Skull reattached at Sacred Heart in Spokane on November 17<sup>th</sup> .**
- **Linora Rittenhouse : Is home and Doing well, and still healing.**
- **For Israel , their people, and their military to overcome the current terror.**

### **For those battling cancer:**

Rachel Snyder  
Barbara Peter  
Robert Phillips  
Lisa McCloud  
Brina Brown

Eric Ragot  
Jaclyn Freeborn  
Louise  
Julie Colgan

Joe Koreis  
Bob Darnell  
Jackie Henneghan  
Shirley Davis

### **Birthdays for Week of Nov 5th**

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**Mert Lehman 11/8**  
**John Cox 11/9**

### **Anniversaries for Week of Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**Robert & Katherine  
Lundberg 11/9 (12 years)**

### **Attendance:**

**10/29/2023     56**

### **Offerings:**

**\$ 1,630.00**