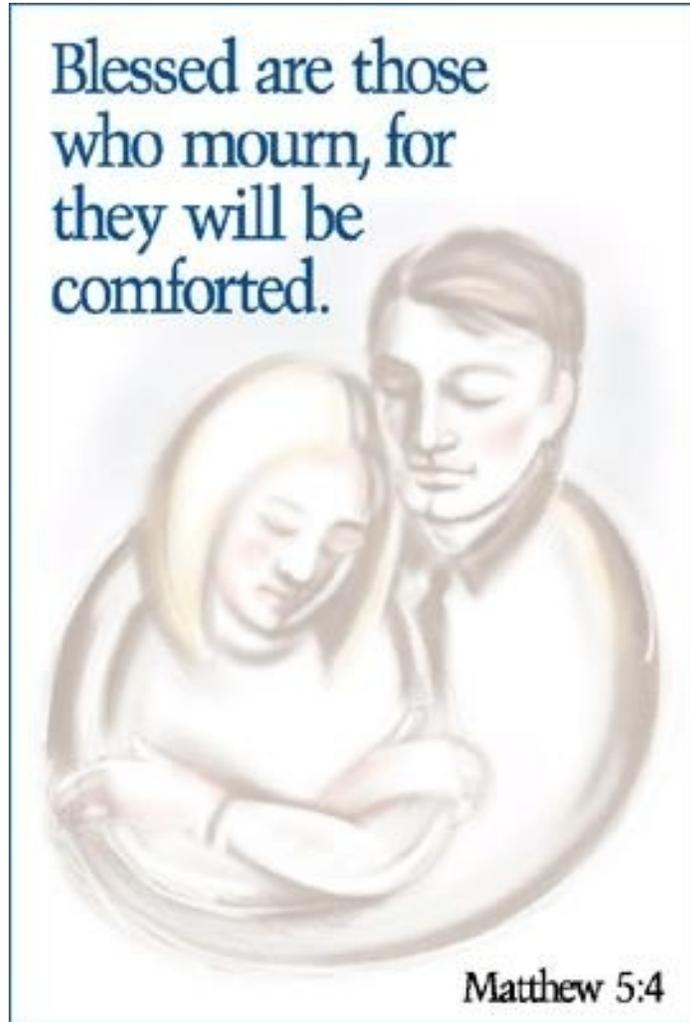


## All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 2020 10:30 a.m.



**Welcome in the name of Christ!** We are glad to have you as part of our community this morning. Your presence makes our celebration even more joyful!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

#### **Prelude**

Two Norwegian Folk Hymn Preludes  
"In Heaven Above" and "Behold a Host"

arr. John Ferguson

#### **Welcome**

**Change Ring for All Saints' - Reading of Names of the Honored Dead**



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia!  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia!



“Al - le - lu - ia!” Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 “Al - le - lu - ia!” Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 Al - le - lu - ia!” Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 Al - le - lu - ia!” To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



“Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!” Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Moment

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**First Reading**

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing "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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

**All: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Reader: Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

**All: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

Reader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God! Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

**All: O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

**Second Reading:**

1 John 3:1-3

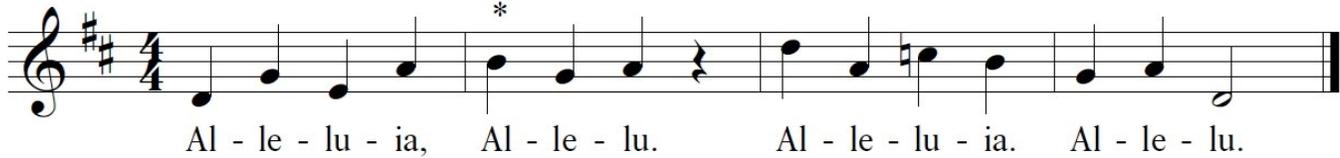
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Refrain sung by all*



*Verse sung by the choir: Thy words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.  
Repeat refrain.*

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12

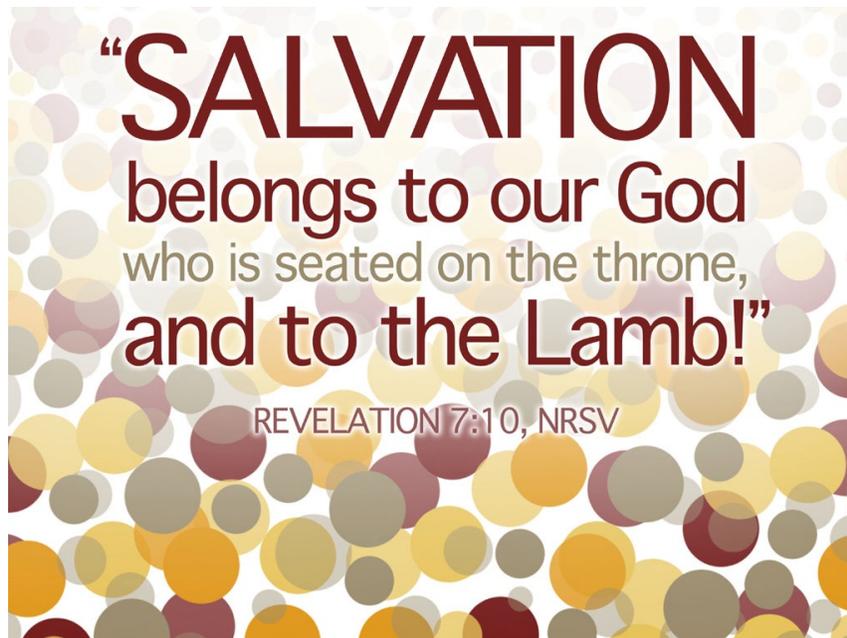
The Holy Gospel according to John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Rachel Laughlin



Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

## Apostles' Creed

Leader: Joining the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

O - pen our ears, o - pen our eyes, o - pen our hearts, o - pen our lives.

5  
Heal us, u - nite us. Hold us to - geth - er in love.

## Prayers of Intercession

### The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Repeat "Open Our Ears" after The Lord's Prayer.*

## Sharing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

## Offering

When we give our offerings, we are offering to God a portion of what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Take a moment to consider the ways God has blessed you this week. Where have you seen God's gift of resurrection and new life at work? What can you offer in return for these blessings?

If you'd like to give a gift in support of God's work at Prince of Peace, you can give online at [www.poppportage.org](http://www.poppportage.org), contact book keeper Sarah Maurer ([bookkeeper@poppportage.org](mailto:bookkeeper@poppportage.org)) to set up recurring online giving, use the QR code on the last page of the bulletin to give electronically or mail a check to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1747 W. Milham Ave. Portage, MI 49024. We appreciate your support.

## Offering Song

"Children of the Heavenly Father"  
*Virtual Choir*  
soloists - Carole and Gregg Nelson

Arr. JH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

**Announcements**

Stay up to date with all the latest community information on our website: [www.popportage.org](http://www.popportage.org)!

We miss seeing you and talking with you each Sunday in worship. We'd love to hear from you in the comments on the worship video posts on Facebook or YouTube or via e-mail to any of our individual staff members. Share the link with family and friends!

We'd also love to see you at our Sunday Zoom fellowship hour at 11:45 AM after worship on Sundays. Contact Pastor Rachel ([pastorrachel@popportage.org](mailto:pastorrachel@popportage.org)) for instructions on how to join the conversation!

**Final Blessing**

Leader: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✕ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

All: **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

"For All the Saints"  
*vs 1, 2, 6, 7*

No. 422



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; ..  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, ..



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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

## Dismissal

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

“Toccata Giocosa”

Gilbert Martin

## Today's Participants

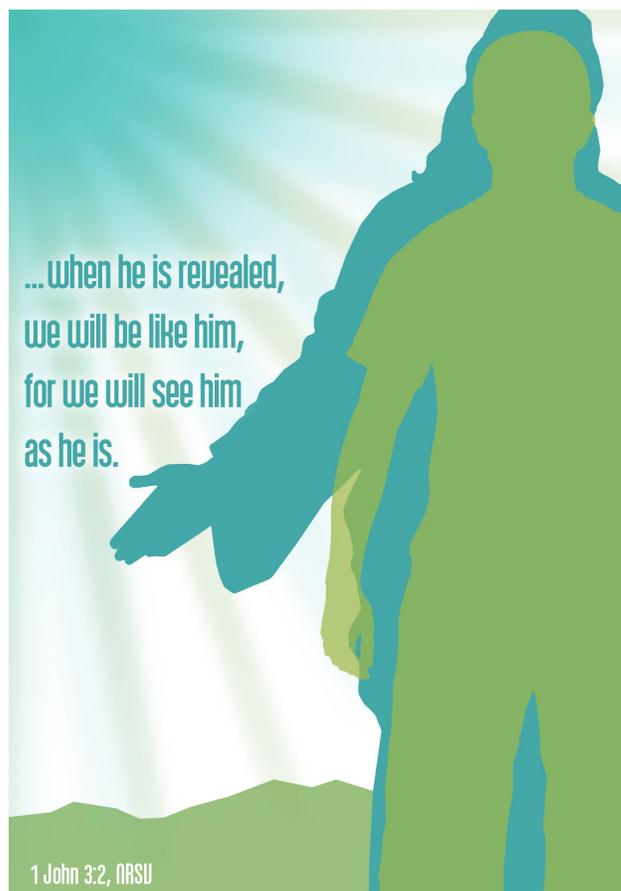
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Music: Janet Hill

Tech: Mike Whately

Reader: Lee Banitt

Prayers: Gail MacNellis



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