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All Saints' Day

In Christ the Cornerstone...Living His Word, Sharing His Love



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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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER!

Opening Hymn: #671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- 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.

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!

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith, You showed them grace, and in their lives You have shown us examples of good works that are the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

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

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

A Great Multitude from Every Nation

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵“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.
¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
 the sun shall not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat.
¹⁷For 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.”

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

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

ALLELUIA & VERSE

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 READING

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Sermon on the Mount

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

The Beatitudes

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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

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

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice 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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON HYMN: #677 For All the Saints

SERMON

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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.

Following each Petition: **P** Lord, in Your mercy
C hear our prayer.

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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.



Offering

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.

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:

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

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

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- 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.

Distribution Hymns

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It;
676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White;
667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses;
799 Alabaré — I

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

CLOSING HYMN: #725 Children of the Heavenly Father