



For *Thine*  
is the kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory,  
forever. Amen

Matthew 6:13



## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS

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TO OUR GUESTS: We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. Please sign the Friendship Register during the offering. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Christian education classes are offered for all ages at 9:00 AM.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH and NURSERY Following the Children's Message, all children ages 3-7 are invited to Children's Church downstairs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering. A nursery attendant is provided for children ages birth to 3 years during our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services.



COMMUNION We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us at the Communion table. The practice of our congregation is to place the bread into the extended hand of the communicant. The wine is offered in both individual cups and the chalice. If you wish to receive it from an individual cup, please take one from the tray as it is offered by the Elder. The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who should not drink wine. Also, children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to come to the Communion rail, fold their hands and receive a blessing.

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

**November 4, 2018**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

"For All the Saints"

LSB #677 (v. 1-3)



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the victor's crown of gold!



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

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

## REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed brothers and sisters in Christ, who have gone before us in faith:

**Elmer Behnke**  
**Elaine Parrish**  
**Steve Filipowski**

We also recall family and friends who are in our hearts and minds this day...

*(moment of silence in gratitude to our Savior)*

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort, deal graciously with all those who mourn that, casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love, through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB #805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your church on earth and now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all the saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Chronicles 29:10-20

*(David's Farewell Prayer Is a "Doxology")*

<sup>10</sup>Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

<sup>11</sup>Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup>Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup>"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. <sup>15</sup>For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. <sup>16</sup>O LORD our God, all this

abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. <sup>18</sup>O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. <sup>19</sup>Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision."

<sup>20</sup>Then David said to all the assembly, "Bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and paid homage to the LORD and to the king.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** (10:30)

Cook/Angerman

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

*Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.*

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
 The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
 One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.  
 My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
 With Christ my Savior and my God.*

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 My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
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*My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.*

**EPISTLE**

Revelation 5:11-14

*(Saints and Angels in Heaven Sing a "Doxology" Around the Throne of God))*

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(Lord's Prayer)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



<sup>9</sup>Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread,  
<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## CATECHISM

### *Lord's Prayer—The Conclusion*

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

*What does this mean?*

**This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

**SERMON**

*"A Hymn to Him to Hum!"*

Reverend Michael D. Ahlemeyer

**I Chronicles 29:10-13**

**VOLUNTARY**

**OFFERING**      *(please register your attendance in the pads located near the center aisle)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SANCTUS**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

# DISTRIBUTION

## "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

*Unison* C Dm Am G G7 C

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,  
 2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and  
 3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are

Am F C G C G Am Em

pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and  
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right for  
 hun - dreds of thou - sands still. The world is bright with the

F G7 C G D7 G

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And  
 Je - sus' sake the whole of their good lives long. And  
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can

C F Dm G C

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a  
 one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was  
 meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the

Am F G7 C Am Em

shep-herd-ess on the green; they were all of them saints of  
 slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an-y rea-son,  
 sea, in the house next door; they are saints of God, whether

F G7 C Am F Dm C G7 C

God, and I mean, God help-ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.  
 rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** (continued)

- "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" Choir (10:30)
- "Behold, a Host, Arrayed in White" LSB #676
- "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" LSB #811

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

American Spiritual

Choir:

I am just a weary pilgrim, Plodding thru this land of sin;  
Getting ready for that city, When the saints go marching in.

**Congregation joins in singing the Refrain:**

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
When the saints go marching in,  
Oh, I want to be in that number,  
when the saints go marching in.**

Choir:

So I pray each day to heaven, For the strength to help me win;  
Want to be in that procession, When the saints go marching in.

***Refrain***

Choir:

Come and join me in my journey, ‘Cause it’s time that we begin;  
And we’ll be there for that judgment, When the saints go marching in.

***Refrain***

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**