
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Forever Blessed

November 7, 2021– 10:45 AM

AS WE GATHER

How blessed you are! Yes, you! Right here, right now, the Lord Jesus is ready to speak His blessings over you. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matthew 5:6). Jesus promises to satisfy you as you lay your sins at His feet and receive the blessing of His forgiveness this day. But not only are you blessed right here and now, you are forever blessed! “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8). One day, Jesus will wonderfully bless you and all His saints by welcoming you into His presence forever. God grant you the heart to receive and share all the blessings He so freely gives.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” LSB 821

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
“I am with you evermore”?**

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

**5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 5:8*

Pastor: Blessed to be in God's presence, let us confess our sins to Him.

We take a moment for silent prayers of confession.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Help me, Lord, for I am in great need! My sins are too many to count. My burdens are too heavy to carry. I call out to You for mercy! I ask for Your forgiveness, full and free. As the Father who loves me and sent Jesus to die for me, forgive me of my sins. By Your Holy Spirit, create in me a pure heart that I may worship You in the company of all Your saints. As Your Word has promised, bless me as Your own. Amen.**

Pastor: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." You have been blessed by Jesus with the purity of heart that comes from sins forgiven. Now we see God with eyes of faith; one day, we shall see Him face-to-face. This is all because of His mercy, which He has poured out upon you and all who trust in Him. As your pastor, it is my privilege to announce this grace to you and, as He has commanded, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ **WORD** ☩

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the blessing of peace from above and for the salvation of all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of all creation, for the well-being of the communion of saints on earth, and for the unity of all those blessed by Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all the holy ones who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, defend, and bless us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“What A Beautiful Name”

**You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ**

**What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

**Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again**

**You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom**

**Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names**

**What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

**What a powerful Name it is
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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **You bless us now by Your Word and Spirit.**

Pastor: You will bless us for eternity with joy in Your presence.

People: **Grant us hearts to receive and share all the blessings You so freely give;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2–17

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, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. 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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

People: 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

Pastor: Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, he 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

- 2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**

- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

- 5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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SERMON

“Saints Past and Present”
1 John 3:1-3

HYMN

“For All the Saints” St. 1-2 LSB 677

- 1 **For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!** Text: Public domain

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: On this Day of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving those of our parish who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of His people through the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in His mercy God has summoned them to His presence that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever. We especially remember this day:

+ THE ROLL-CALL OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED +

**+ MARVIN SCHROEDER +
entered life October 12, 2020**

"For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven." *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**+ DANICA KREIN +
entered life November 17, 2020**

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life."
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" *John 11:25*

**+ LORRAINE MORLOCK +
entered life December 8, 2020**

"My Father's house has many rooms;
**if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place
for you?"** *John 14:2*

**+ WALTER MORLOCK +
entered life December 13, 2020**

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*

**+ ROY GAHNER +
entered life January 2, 2021**

"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." *John 10:11*

**+ BILLIE "PATTY" KOUCEKPOUR +
entered life April 11, 2021**

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me." *Psalms 23:4*

**+ JEAN COLEMAN +
entered life April 19, 2021**

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*

**+ PAMELA JEAN SUPER +
entered life April 20, 2021**

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 8:38-39*

**+ GARY L. PUPPE +
entered life April 25, 2021**

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,

and all these things will be added to you." *Matthew 6:33*

**+ NIDRA RUTH ANDERSON +
entered life April 26, 2021**

"For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven." *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**+ CHRISTINE WALLACE +
entered life May 6, 2021**

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine." *Isaiah 43:1*

**+ BETTY ANN BAUER +
entered life May 10, 2021**

"Be faithful, even to the point of death,

and I will give you the crown of life." *Revelation 2:10b*

**+ RONALD FRICKE +
entered life June 15, 2021**

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." *John 10:27*

**+ FLOYD RAY STROH +
entered life July 17, 2021**

"For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven." *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**+ BRENDA ZELLER-HUMANN +
entered life July 24, 2021**

"Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted." *Matthew 5:4*

**+ CLARENCE JUNDT +
entered life August 18, 2021**

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me

has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

John 5:24

**+ ETHAN POINTS +
entered life September 7, 2021**

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** *John 3:16*

**+ ROLAND HUBER +
entered life September 19, 2021**

**"For all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God,"** *Romans 3:23*

**+ AL BREUER +
entered life September 21, 2021**

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** *John 3:16*

**+ HILDA MOHL +
entered life October 17, 2021**

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first
and also to the Greek."** *Romans 1:16*

**+ ALTA SCHRAMM +
entered life October 20, 2021**

**"The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want."** *Psalms 23:1*

**+ IRENE UNRATH +
entered life October 22, 2021**

**"For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven."** *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death have taken away the sting of death: Grant to us Your servants so to follow in faith where You have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in You, and awake after Your likeness; to You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all glory in the Church now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"For All the Saints" St. 8: LSB 677

**Δ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!** Text: Public domain

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Here I Am To Worship”

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came
to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me

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LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

CLOSING SENTENCES *LSB 677:1*

Pastor: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

People: **Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,**

Pastor: Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

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

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

**4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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