

All Saints' Day



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“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.”

Revelation 7:14b

All Saints' Day (Observed)

7 November A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

All Saints Day ~ The Blessedness of the Saints of God

"The Feast of All Saints" is a church festival that dates from the ninth century A.D. Its beginnings, however, are to be found in a very early festival in honor of "All Martyrs," which originated in Syria around A.D. 360. This truly historic festival finds itself in the midst of "Saintstide," the final portion of the church year, recalling to the mind all the faithful departed and the triumph of Christ over all false gods. "All Saints Day" is not a day to focus on the work, life or attitude of every saint who ever lived, but rather a day to focus on the work of Christ, His life and His attitude toward His people. Though we were dead in our trespasses and sins, God in His great mercy and grace has forgiven our sins and declared us righteous in Christ. He has made us saints. He has placed us in this estate. In Him we rejoice. For in Him alone we are eternally blessed. (Matthew 5)

Service Notes: The Women's Kantorei will be singing at the 8:00 a.m. service. The Sherrill Family Kantorei will be singing at the 10:45 a.m. service. Will True will provide Distribution music at 8:00 and Carter Rossbund at 10:45.

Opening Prayer: O God, as we gather before Your throne bless our worship with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Upon hearing and receiving Your Sacrament, may our faith be strengthened and our lives be inspired to faithful service to You. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Divine Service

Setting One

Prelude: Nun freut euch, lieben.....Ernst Popping

During the singing of the first hymn please stand for the procession of the cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.

677 For All the Saints (Kantorei vs. 4 & 6)



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-ccean's far-thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **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.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit (congregation chants bold) Ps.31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day.....LSB p. 156

Pastor: 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. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen

First Reading ~ Revelation 7:2-17

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. 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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

(Saturday) Gradual *Ps.91:11; 103:1*

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

(Sunday) Gradual (*Kantorei*) "Jerusalem the Golden"LSB #676

Epistle ~ *1 John 3:1-3*

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (*Kantorei*) *Heb. 12:1a,2a*

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

let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sit

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

Sit

Sermon: "Saints look forward to heaven." ~ Matthew 5:12

Stand

Prayer of the Church

*Today we remember those who have gone before us into the Church Triumphant:
Pat Montgomery, Mary Ruffcorn, Shirley Golden, LuEtta Petersen,
Ed Hornbeck, Beth French, Bill Johannes*

Sit

Offering ~ Largo.....Antonio Vivoldi

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface

LSB 160

- 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.**
- 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

8:00 a.m. "Jerusalem the Golden".....arr. Grimpo

10:45 a.m. "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It".....arr. Grimpo

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic 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."

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

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Stand

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



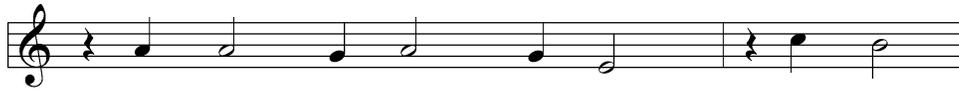
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

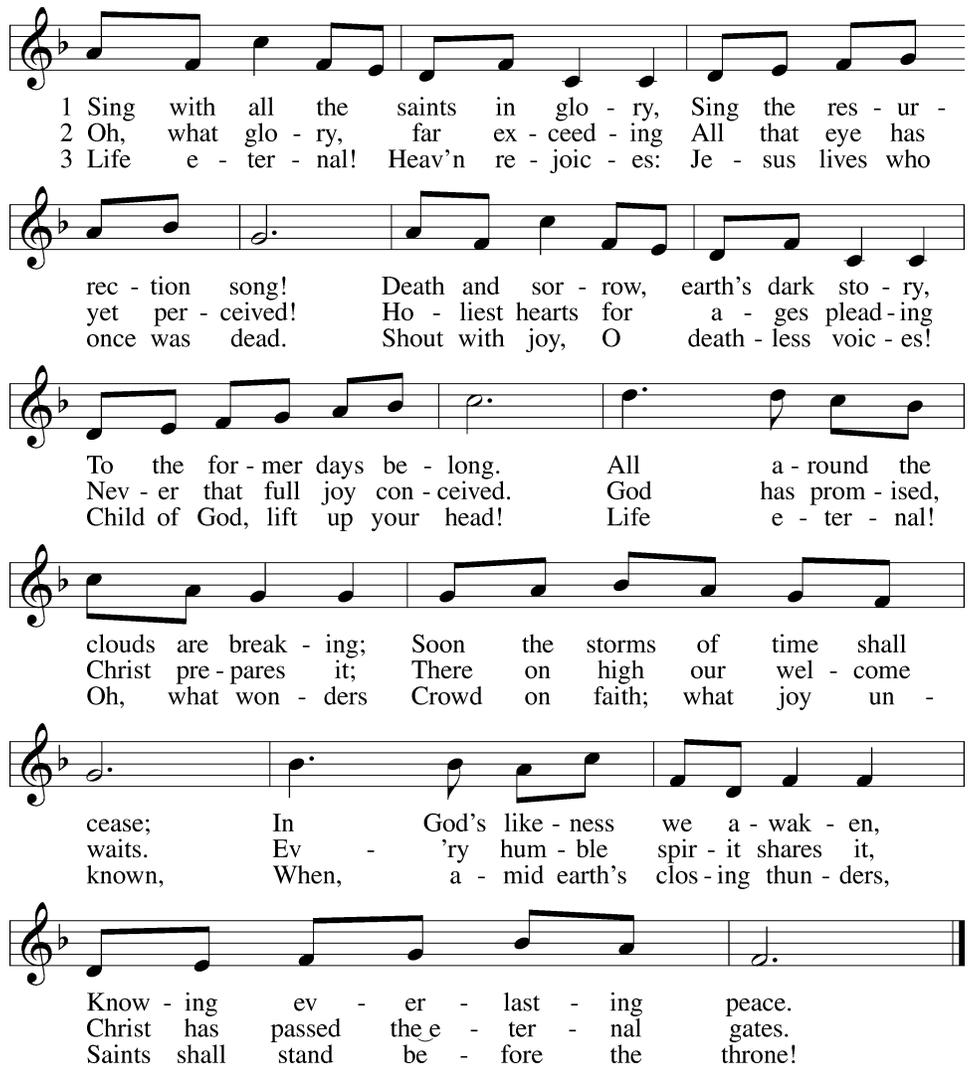
- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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 T give you peace.
- C** Amen.

671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
 rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!
 To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!
 clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
 Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
 Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -
 cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
 waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
 known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,
 Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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Postlude: Praeludium und Fuge.....Lubeck

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In our prayers we remember: Judy Meyer, Dixie Roberts, Wes Walker, Chris Rochleau, Elizabeth Bowerman, Carol Brockmann, Mary Ann Wege, Allen Timm, Jean Volkens, Bill Storey, Helen Nelson, Brad White, Elaine Goodwin (Pastor Tews & Karen Burns sister), Donny Kadereit (son of Don & Marsha Kadereit), Jonathan Freeman (student of Coreen Trost), Sigrid Stoufer (friend of Don & Marsha Kadereit); Trent Casey (friend of the Harris' and Meldrum's), Jon Harper, (neighbor of Ty and Julie Moreno), Ty Moreno's Uncle Vincent; Mary Hagghart (friend of Ty & Julie Moreno), Stan Hofman (friend of Dr. C and Rosemary);

The family of Rev. Merwin Desens (former St. Paul's pastor), who mourn his death;
Art Bandomer and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;
Rev. Merle Ostebee and the congregations of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Walnut and Peace Lutheran Church, Harlan;

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, David Letcher, Nathan Moeller -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Joseph Finch, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Justin Aistrope (friend of Shaylie Gardner);

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week: Eric & Kori Nelson, Michael & Jenny Smothers, Mitch & Denise Lane, Charlie Johnson & Mary Ann Hanusa, Andy & Jo Raymond.

News and Notes

CHRIST ACADEMY.

Christ Academy Wednesday evenings: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner served beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Cantate Domino Choir – 5:00 p.m.

Gloria Dei Choir – 7:15 p.m.

Handbell Choir – Monday's at 6:00 p.m.

"Honoring God's House" ~ It's not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul's Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help! Please make sure your pledges are up-to-date.

Abortion isn't somebody else's issue. It's your business, it's my business, and it's our business. It's our issue as Christians, it's our issue as citizens, and it's our issue as human beings. Abortion and the sanctity of every human life matter very much for elections—more so than anything else. And it matters for much more than elections. It's a whole life issue!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Harvest Dinner We are again happy to be able to plan another dinner at Church, specifically the annual Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, November 21st immediately after second service**. These dinners, as in the past, are sort of like Thanksgiving Dinners for our Church Family. At this time, the main theme will be thanksgiving to God for the generosity of our members and a prayer for continued generosity toward the accomplishment of refurbishing our structure. Comments may be made at this time about the progress of our construction. Later that week we will again bow our heads before the living God in worship on the Eve of Thanksgiving Day. **Join us for worship at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24th.**

We are in need of a new or used computer monitor at our Early Childhood Center. If anyone has something, around 22"-23" we would love to offer it a home in our center. Thank you! Call Heidi in the school office, 322-3294.

In Memory

The Rev. Merwin Desens former pastor at St. Paul's entered heaven on October 22, 2021 after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family at his time of death and passed away peacefully.

Born in 1936 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Rev. Desens was the son of the late Carl and Emily Desens. After graduating from Lutheran High School and Concordia University Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Pastor Desens attended Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated in 1959. It was there that he met Harriet (nee Mennicke), the love of his life, who was attending the Lutheran Scholl of Nursing in St. Louis at the same time. They were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Illinois in 1959.

Rev. Desens was ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1959 and immediately began his ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He accepted a call to lead the Zion Lutheran congregation in Lyons, Illinois in 1965, and then was pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri from 1970 to 1975. At that point, Rev. Desens accepted a call on Monett, Missouri where he led St. John's Lutheran congregation for the next 17 years. Rev. Desens had one final stop as a senior pastor, accepting a call in 1992 to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri where he retired in 2000 after 42 years of full-time ministry. He remained active throughout his retirement, including preaching part-time at various churches in the Kansas City area. He and Harriet were members of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, where they also volunteered at the OSL Food Pantry. Since 2015, they have been active residents of Overland Park Place in Overland Park, Kansas where Rev. Desens also led worship services.

In addition to Harriet, his wife of 62 years, Rev. Desens is survived by his children, Carl (Cathy) of Prairie Grove, Arkansas; Cheryl of Kansas City, Missouri; Craig (Karen) of Geneva, Illinois; Cindy Trivilino (Mark) of Gardner, Kansas; and Chris (Karen) of High Ridge, Missouri; his grandchildren: Taylor (Justin), Jordan (Andy), Katie, Nathan, Michael, Julian, Madi, and Katie; one great-granddaughter, Emma; as well as many nieces and nephews, and cousins who knew him as "Uncle Butch." He was preceded in death by his older brother Robert and his younger sister Karen.

We will be collecting a door offering this Sunday to be sent as a memorial gift to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Cards of condolences may be sent to the family at:
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Opportunities for Growth: November 7 – 14, 2021

Sunday: 11/7/21

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

Monday: 11/8/21

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

Tuesday: 11/9/21

8:00 a.m. – TEWSday Crew

9:00 a.m. – Pastor Circuit Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Elders

Wednesday: 11/10/21

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino Choir

5:30 p.m. – Christ Academy

7:15 p.m. – Gloria Dei Choir

Thursday: 11/11/21

7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Friday: 11/12/21

1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son

Saturday: 10/2/21

5:30 p.m. – Worship – C

Sunday: 10/3/21

8:00 a.m. – Worship - C

9:30a.m. ~ SS/BC

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship – C





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