

ALL SAINTS DAY (OBSERVED) - NOVEMBER 7, 2021



All Saints Day is the day on which we remember the lives of those faithful Christians who have gone before us unto death in the past year. The Scriptures offer us hope in the promise of Jesus' resurrection power in our lives. We look forward to seeing the Lamb of God face to face in that place where tears no longer exist. Christ is our comforter and King forever; his life is our life and we live to worship him.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ An personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL

HOLY COMMUNION, SETTING ONE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: 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. *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" LBW #174: 1-3 *(Sung)* © Oxford University Press

**For all the saints who from their labors rest, All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING *(Spoken)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE *(Sung)*

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above,...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house..let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" LBW #174: 4-6 (Sung) ©Oxford University Press

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one with-in your great design. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken)

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

FIRST READING — REVELATION 7:2-17 (Sit; p.1222 in pew Bible)

SECOND READING — 1 JOHN 3:1-3 (p.1211 in pew Bible)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (KCJAM) "THE B.I.B.L.E." Public Domain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – MATTHEW 5:1-12 (Sung; p.962 in pew Bible)

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew chapter 5. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE (Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY "COME, LET US JOIN OUR FRIENDS ABOVE" (Stand, Sung; CCLI #5437003)

**Come, let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize,
And on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone,
For all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.**

**One family we dwell in him, one church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death;
One army of the living God, to his command we bow;
Part of his host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.**

**Ten thousand to their endless home this solemn moment fly,
And we are to the margin come, and we expect to die.
E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before,
And greet the blood-besprinkled bands on the eternal shore.**

**Our spirits too shall quickly join, like theirs with glory crowned,
And shout to see our Captain's sign, to hear this trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide! O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, and land us all in heaven.**

CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS

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

C: 'In him we live and move and have our being.' (Acts 17:28)

P: All Saints is a day to celebrate that God has given us the precious gift of life.

M: Each one of us exists by God's creative will.

W: Each one of us is unique and special before their Creator.

P: We start our celebration with the remembrance of those saints at Bible Lutheran Church, who in this past calendar year have run their course in faith, finished their race, and now live in the presence of God among the saints in light. A hymn verse will be softly played, their names spoken, and a bell will chime.

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

C: He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: All Saints is a day to celebrate that God has given us the precious gift of eternal life.

M: We who were dead in our trespasses and sins have now been made alive with Christ.

W: And God has raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms. (Eph. 2:5-6)

P: We continue our celebration with the remembrance of all those saints we have known in our lives, both those who by death have gone on to the Lord and those still living among us. As a hymn verse is softly played, every member may quietly speak the names of those saints they wish to remember before the Lord. When finished a bell will chime.

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

C: the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P: All Saints is a day to celebrate the One, Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church of God into which we have been called by the gospel to be fellow members, one of another, in the Body of Christ.

M: We will live lives worthy of the calling we have received.

W: We will make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:2-3)

P: We end our celebration by greeting the saints of God inhabiting this holy house today, each one of us a brother or sister in Christ under the same Lord. After passing the peace, we close by singing the last two stanzas of our hymn.

CELEBRATION HYMN "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" LBW #174: 7-8 (Sung) © Oxford University Press

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Spoken)

P: Let us pray, ... through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM (Sit) "Our Hope Is in the Lord" Hal Wright, Discovery Worship

OFFERTORY "THE DOXOLOGY" LBW #565 (Sung, Stand) Public Domain

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Spoken)

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer our selves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Spoken)

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SANCTUS (*Sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT (*Sit*)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Stand, Sung*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks 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 PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Let us pray.

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

P: Almighty God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER" (*Sung*) *Public Domain*

**Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God? Refrain**

**On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,
We will talk and worship ever, All the happy golden day. Refrain**

**Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. Refrain**

**At the smiling of the river, Mirror of the Savior's face,
Saints, whom death will never sever, Lift their songs of saving grace. Refrain**

**Soon we'll reach the silver river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. Refrain**

Refrain **Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.**

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

P: Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,

C: We fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith! (*Hebrews 12:1-12*)

POSTLUDE: Karen Hall