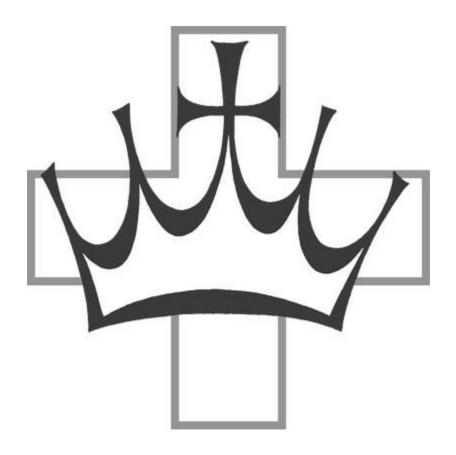
The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: Centered in Christ – Called to Serve



Order of Worship

November 1, 2020 9:45 AM

All Saints' Day

Welcome

Invocation

- **P** This is the day the Lord has made.
- **C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P God invites us to confess our sins before Him with humble and contrite hearts and promises to forgive the sins of those who repent and ask for forgiveness. Therefore we are bold to address our heavenly Father and to confess our sins before Him. Dear Father in heaven, by grace You have made us Your children and saints, and yet we have sinned against You.
- We have not at all times been the salt of the earth or the light in the darkness You have called us to be.
- P We have not always been humble like Jesus, but vainly proud like the Pharisees.
- We have not always been grieved by that which grieves Your heart, but have been callous to the misfortune of others.
- P We have not always shown mercy, but have been pitiless.
- Our hearts have not continually been pure, but soiled with indecent thoughts and desires.
- P We have not always been willing to suffer persecution for Your sake, like the martyrs and saints of old, but have withdrawn in fearful silence.
- 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

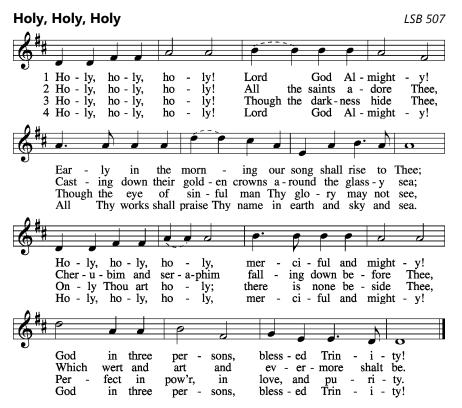
not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- 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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn



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Kyrie

- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

G Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

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."

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



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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

words of e-ter-nal life.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Brief organ introduction Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

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Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:1–12*

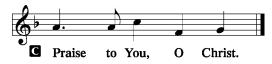
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



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.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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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.



Sermon Hymn



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Sermon

Part of the Crowd

Revelation 7:9-17

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

P Standing with the great multitude of saints before the throne of God and the Lamb, let us join in prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the God of our salvation.

Response after each petition

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Mighty and eternal God, bring us to that day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes and we shall hunger and thirst no more. Knowing You now by faith, we yearn for the day when we shall know You face to face. Until the dawn of that eternal day, keep us in Your faith and fear through our Good Shepherd and Lord, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray together,
- 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.

廿 Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed **廿**

Revelation 14:13

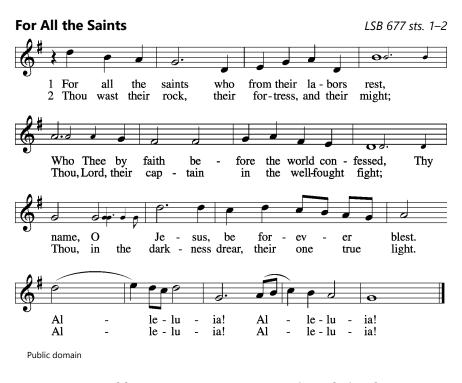
¹³And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.



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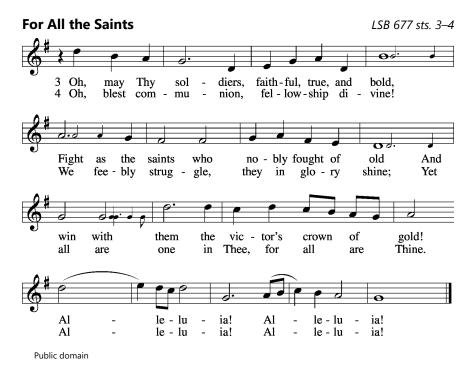
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John 11:25-26

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"



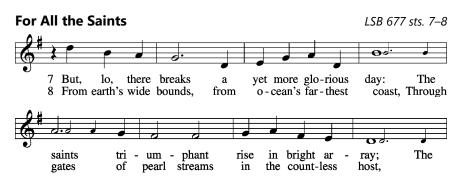
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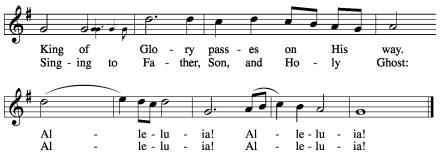
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1 Corinthians 15:55-57

 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.





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Prayer of Commemoration

P Let us pray.

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed family and friends who have gone before us in the faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. We remember before You all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may laud and magnify Your name forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

- **P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- Amen.



Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Resources for Meditation this Week

ALL SAINTS' DAY

1 November 2020

Readings

Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17 1 John 3:1–3 Matthew 5:1–12

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings

Amos 5:18–24 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Matthew 25:1–13

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

