

All Saints' Day
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

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

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 149:1, 3, 5-6, 9b*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly.

People: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

Pastor: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

People: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands. This is honor for all His godly ones.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (Lutheran Service Book, #670, vs 1, 3)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,

All saints triumphant, raise the song:

“Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we are assembled into the house of God, guarded by angels, and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—believers in Jesus who dwell with Him in heaven. Their holiness shines in Paradise, while our unholiness darkens the earth. Humbled by perfection beyond description, let us in repentance confess our sins to God and gratefully receive the forgiveness won for us by the death and resurrection of Christ, His Son.

People: God of grace, we know that we have fallen far short of Your glory. Our souls are wholly corrupted by sin, and our lives reveal its terrible power. Pardon us! For Jesus’ sake free us from death’s hold, and by His victory over the grave restore us to life. Renew us by Your Spirit that we faithfully sing Your praises now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Saints of God, fear not! You have been bathed in the blood of Christ. By faith in Him you are draped with innocence and arrayed in splendor. God sees no stain in you. For Jesus’ sake He delights in you and names you as His children. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel, and with the authority the risen Lord bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty Father, Whose Church is one in heaven and earth, keep us, we pray, in everlasting fellowship with all who faithfully bear witness to Jesus Christ on earth and with all who rest securely in His peace in heaven; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Revelation 20:1-6*

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and

shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with Him for a thousand years.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 149:4

Lector: The LORD takes pleasure in His people;

People: He adorns the humble with salvation.

EPISTLE READING: 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.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 149:2

Lector: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

| *Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5thth chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1–12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] 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.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed

CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH: The 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!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Children’s Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons.

HYMN: “Sing with All the Saints in Glory” (LSB, #671, verses 1 and 3 tune: Hymn to Joy)

Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God’s likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth’s closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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SERMON: “What’s in a Title?” (*Revelation 20:1-6*)

OFFERTORY:

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today at www.flcms.org/index.php/give.

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Blessed Are the Saints of God” (The Lutheran Hymnal, #391, verses 1 and 3, alt.)

Blessed are the sons of God,
they are bought with Christ's own blood;
they are ransomed from the grave,
life eternal they shall have:

Refrain:

With them numbered may we be,
here and in eternity.

They are lights upon the earth,
children of a heav'nly birth;
one with God, with Jesus one,
glory is in them begun: [Refrain]

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

BENEDICTION: *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "For All the Saints" (LSB, #677, verses 1, 3, 5, 7, 8)

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!

Oh, may Thy 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!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, 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!

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DISMISSAL:

Please be seated
and kindly wait for an usher to dismiss your row.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

with

Proclaimer – Rev. Bill Crowe

Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Online Musicians:

Adam Perez, Online Music Director (organ, timpani, vocals)

Austin Angerman, Amanda Theilen, Lauren Brezina (vocals)

Lauren Brezina (flute)

In-Person Musicians:

Austin Angerman, Amanda Theilen, Lauren Brezina (vocals)

Adam Perez (piano, vocals); Karen Darby (organ)

Ty Broyles (timpani); Micheal Gonzalez (trumpet)

Lauren Brezina (flute)

Lay Readers:

Online Reader – Sonja Guyer

9:30 Reader – Lynn Martin

11:00 Reader – Marion Hughes

Children's Chapel:

DCE Jonathan Loesch, DCE Austin Angerman