

All Saints' Sunday  
November 5, 2023

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**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

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

**People: Amen.**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION:**

*Pastor: Christ is risen.*

**People: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 145:1-3, 10-13a, 21*

*Pastor: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.*

**People: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.**

*Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.*

**People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You.**

*Pastor: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power, to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.*

**People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

*Pastor: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.*

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; 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)

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!”

O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
“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!”

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!”  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: Friends in the Lord, we are assembled in 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 our Savior.*

**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: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*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.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM:** "You Are My Refuge"

### **THE FIRST READING:** *Revelation 7:9–17*

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."

**RESPONSORY:** Daniel 7:27, with Alleluias

*Lector: Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High;*

**People: their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them. Alleluia!**

**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:** Colossians 1:12-15, with Alleluias

*Lector: Alleluia! Alleluia! God the Father has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

**People: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Alleluia!**

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

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**CONFESSION 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**

**HYMN:** "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" (LSB, #671, Melody: Hyfrydol)

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.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it;  
There on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

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:** "And So We Are!" (1 John 3:1-3)

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Responsory: Psalm 145:10*)

*Pastor: We sing for joy, O Lord, for You delight in Your people. In Jesus, Your Son, You make us the heirs of Your kingdom. In grace You guarantee eternal life to us and to the whole company of believers in Christ. How can we praise*

*You for such lavish love? You hold no sin against us, nor do You consider us unworthy of Your notice; but in regal love You embrace us and crown us with salvation:*

**People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!**

*Pastor: Loving Savior, You have taught us that the way of blessing is found not in worldly achievement or high position but in humility of spirit and purity of heart. Prevent us from foolishly substituting material good for heavenly gain. Fortify our souls. Daily convict us of our own guilt that we may rejoice in the innocence imputed to us for Your sake. You suffered the penalty of death for our proud and wicked worldliness, and it is wholly because You shed Your blood to wash away our sin that we are pardoned by God and blessed with His favor.*

**People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!**

*Pastor: That others may share our certainty of everlasting life through faith in Jesus, the risen Lamb of God, help us, Spirit of Holiness, to bear witness to Christ in all that we think, say, and do. Use our testimony to lead others to our Savior's cross and tomb, there to see what saints alone can see: the power of love, the reward of sacrifice, the joy of servanthood, and the triumph of life over death. Convert the nations near and far by the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, and keep us prayerful on behalf of all Christian missionaries and generous in their support.*

**People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!**

*Pastor: Lord of life, console with Easter's promise all who mourn the death of loved ones, and equip us, Your disciples, to share their burdens and ease their sorrows. Open our mouths to repeat in their hearing the glad announcement of the angels, "He is not here; He is risen, just as He said." By Your empty tomb fill all hearts with joy and all souls with comfort. Remind us daily that because You live all who trust in You shall also live.*

**People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!**

*Pastor: Great Governor over all things in heaven and on earth, embrace within Your care the nations of the world according to Your perfect will and in Your determination to work all things together for good to those who love You. Lead to a just and swift end every conflict that threatens life and impairs*

*peace. Look with favor on our land and by the counsel of Your Word guide our leaders, especially President Biden, Vice-president Harris, Governor Abbott, Judge Gravell, and Mayor Schroeder, that their exercise of public office may enhance our national well-being and enlarge our capacity to fulfill global responsibility. Extend gifts of healing and recovery to all who suffer in body and soul, including . . . , and so many others. Surround the lonely with companionship, the persecuted with protection, the despairing with hope, the needy with provision, and the dying with the assurance of Your presence.*

**People:** **All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!**

*Pastor: Into Your hands, Most Holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for Jesus' sake.*

**People:** **Amen.**

**THE REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE OF OUR FELLOWSHIP**  
**WHO HAVE ENTERED HEAVENLY GLORY SINCE**  
**ALL SAINTS' DAY, 2022**

*Pastor: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"*

**People:** **"Blessed, indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." (Revelation 14:13)**

*Pastor: Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and honor forever. Our heavenly Father gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at Christ's holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him eternally.*

**Don Stephens**  
**Harold Harkema**  
**Thomas Kemper**  
**Sandy Sorensen**  
**RC Brown**  
**Matthew Pearson**  
**Jeanette Faske**  
**Marlene Stephens**  
**Dale Durham**

**Bill Jones**  
**Michael Myhre**  
**Larry Willis**  
**Kathy Craig**  
**John Ceraolo**  
**Ron Combs**  
**Dick Retz**  
**Verona Jones**  
**Daryl Dressler**



*Pastor: In the Christian expectation of victory over the grave, we remember before You, O God, these and all others who have gone before us believing in Christ, Your Son. We give You thanks for granting them the gift of saving faith and pray for steadfast discipleship that like them clings to the holy name of Jesus.*

**People: Look upon Your Church throughout the world, O Lord; bless each of its members with growth of love for You and one another. As You have received into heaven the souls of our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection, bring us at the last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints we may glorify You forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, in Whom we are bold to pray: 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.**

### The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### PREFACE

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor: 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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.*

**People:** Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

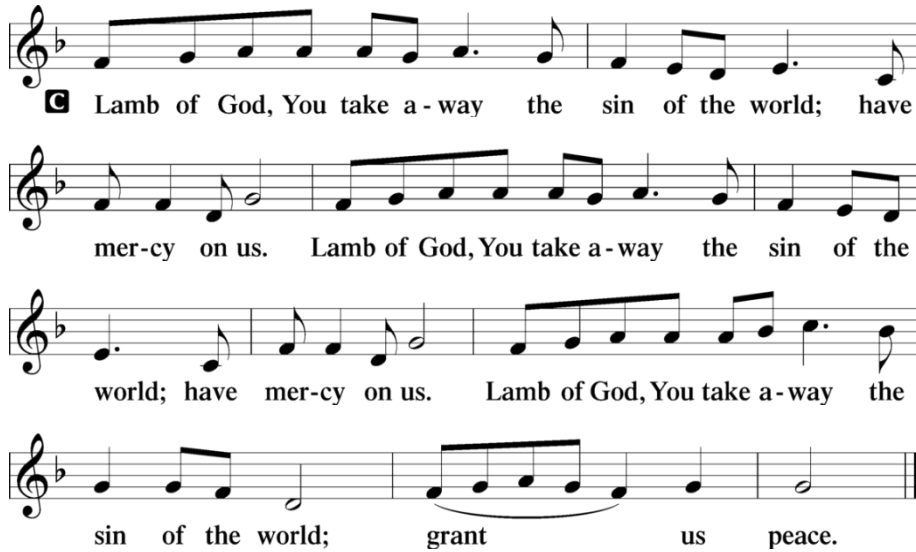
*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People:** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



**G** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at four continuous stations.  
Please follow the ushers' directions.**

## DISTRIBUTION SONG: "This Dust"

*Lord have mercy on me  
I am riddled with the world's disease  
Of taking what I want  
And turning it into a need*

*I am flesh and blood  
Never good enough  
You poured out Your love  
To cover over this dust*

*Oh what senseless love  
That you would come and join with us  
To drink this cursed cup  
Redeeming all that we've undone*

*We are flesh and blood  
Never good enough  
You poured out Your love  
To cover over this dust*

*And mercy reigns  
On all our shame  
And washes all  
The stain away*

*Death is all around us  
We are not afraid  
Written is the story  
Empty is the grave*

*We are flesh and blood  
Never good enough  
You poured out Your love  
To cover over this dust*

*Death is all around us  
We are not afraid  
Written is the story  
Empty is the grave*

**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "10,000 Reasons"**

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship Your holy name.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** “**Ye Holy Angels Bright**” *by Richard Baxter (1615-91) [Tune: Darwall’s 148th]*

Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God’s right hand  
Or through the realms of light fly at your Lord’s command,  
Assist our song  
For else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

Ye bless-ed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race  
And now, from sin released, behold the Savior’s face,  
God’s praises sound  
As in His sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heav’nly King,  
And onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;  
Take what He gives  
And praise Him still, through good or ill, Who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above:  
And with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
Till life shall end, whate’er He send, be filled with praise.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** “**Wide Open Stand the Gates**” (LSB, #639)

Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,  
While round God’s golden throne  
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,  
And joyous praise the Son!

They watch Him now descending  
To visit waiting earth.  
The Lord of Life unending  
Brings dying hope new birth!

He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:  
“This is My flesh and blood!”  
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness  
This gift of holy food.  
All human thought must falter—  
Our God stoops low to heal,  
Now present on the altar,  
For us both host and meal!

The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,  
While saints in wonder kneel,  
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright  
No earthly masks conceal.  
This sacrament God gives us  
Binds us in unity,  
Joins earth with heav’n beyond us,  
Time with eternity!

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: We praise You, Lord Jesus, for uniting us to You and all Your disciples by Your body and blood. Cause Your glory to shine through Your saints so that the world may know the enormity of Your love and the promise of everlasting life with You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION:**

*Pastor: Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen, indeed! 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "For All the Saints" (LSB, #677)

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!

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!

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!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

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!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

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:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Vicar John Cotner

Musicians: Adam Perez, Michael Weil, Julie Reynolds, Jim Newkirk, and Austin Angerman

Organist: Adam Perez

Faith Lutheran Church Choir

8:15 Lay Reader: Joanna Roche

11:00 Lay Reader: Matt Cavaliere

Children's Message: DCE Austin Angerman