ALL SAINTS’ DAY

The Blessedness of the Saints

AS WE GATHER

On the Feast Day of All Saints’, we pray that we would be numbered among those who rejoice in the blessings of the fuller presence of God in His eternal kingdom. With thankfulness, we recall those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who now rest from their labors. On this special day, we remember the blessed saints of times long past and those of recent times as well. As we think of their blessed state, we also rejoice that we, too, are among the blessed, living out our daily lives as the baptized children of God in this time and place. By God’s grace in Christ, we have a promised place among the saints and can joyfully claim this day as ours!
THREE MEDITATIONS ON ALL SAINT’S DAY

“Komm Süsser Tud” (Come Sweet Death) J.S. Bach
“Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit” (God’s Time is the Best Time) J.S. Bach
“For All the Saints” Michael Burkhardt

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.
People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.
Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.
People: Amen.

HYMN “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” LSB 676 Verses 1 and 3

WORD

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** “I have heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.’ ‘Blessed indeed’, says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’” In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of your promises...For those of our congregational family who these past twelve months have died in Christ:

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**Pastor:** For those who have gone before us,

**People:** We thank you, Lord.

**Pastor:** For those in our extended congregational family who these past twelve months died in Christ:

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FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17
(God is worshiped by multitudes in heaven.)

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come 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 spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1–3
(We are called God’s children now through His love.)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
**VERSE**  
*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

*Pastor:*  Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
*People:*  let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12**

(Jesus speaks to His disciples on the mountain.)

*Pastor:*  The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
*People:*  Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Pastor:*  This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:*  Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
"For All the Saints"  
Verses 1-3, 7-8  
*LBS 677*

**SERMON**  
"The End of Tears"  
Pastor John Larson  
Text: Revelation 7:9-17

**CREED (The Second Article)**  
*Text found on page 322 in the front of the Hymnal.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Pastor:*  Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, asking that its members grow in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People:*  hear our prayer.
Pastor: Celebrating our lives together as saints, we pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God’s holy people, asking that You strengthen us to bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Thankful for the saints among us in these days, we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our Synod, district, and local congregation, asking God to bless their work among us as they set examples of devotion and dedication in Jesus’ name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Confident that Your care for the saints knows no limits, Lord, we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, [especially . . .]. Answer their petitions according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Special intercessions may be offered here. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Reflecting on the journey of life we make together as the saints below, we pray for the youngest among us, the infants and children, and also for the most senior of saints, those who have been blessed with extended lives on earth. Give us love to cherish the company of all God’s people and seek to bring a sense of caring to all those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: With thankfulness for the land in which we live, we ask Your blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for security and a sense of community in our world and in our lives. Grant that we cherish the freedoms we enjoy and do all in our power to maintain the public good and promote peace and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.
When memory fades and recognition falters,
When eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused,
Speak to our souls of love that never alters;
Speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace, empow’r us
With patient courage, by your grace infused. Repeat

As frailness grows and youthful strengths diminish
In weary arms which worked their earnest fill,
Your aging servants labor now to finish
their earthly tasks as fits your myst’ry’s will.
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing
your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still;

Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading.
The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading.
No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and off’rings.
Held in in your heart, our deathless life is won!

When memory fades and recognition falters,
Your arms unwearied, shall uphold us still.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.
PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
[Colossians 3:1]

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
[Psalm 136]

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

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the 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 testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER  Matthew 6:9–13  Text found in the back of the Hymnal.
DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Come Gentle Death”  
J.S. Bach  
Ascension Chorale

“For All the Saints”  
arr. Nielsen Young  
Diana Gaide, pianist

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”  
“Come, We That Love the Lord”  
LSB 932  
LSB 669

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING SENTENCES  
Psalm 27:13; 28:8–9; 37:28; 116:5, 15

Pastor:  
God cares about His people and calls them as His saints in every generation. We thank God for that blessing as we speak words of encouragement from the psalmist.

People:  
For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.

Pastor:  
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People:  
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Pastor:  
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

People:  
The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

BENEDICTION

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. Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN “We Sing for All the Unsung Saints” LSB 678

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Hallelujah Chorus” (from Messiah) G.F. Handel

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT Pastor John Larson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES Michael Zehnder
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST Diana Gaide
YOUTH BAND/AGAPE Ashley Boeding, Brooke Boeding, Larry Boeding, Lilly Brinkman, Kayden Erling, Will Kopriva

ELDER 8:00 Michael Lawrenz
10:30 Scott Luethy

LECTOR 8:00 Mike Reimnitz
10:30 Margo Pasha

ACOLYTE 8:00 Gabe Gutierrez
10:30 Anna Wishon

USHERS 8:00 Clyde Wiggins, Members of the Congregation
10:30 Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation

SERVER 10:30 Margo Pasha

ALTAR GUILD Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault, Gloria Mielke, Laurel Shurtleff

FLOWERS Charlotte Wilkinson in celebration of November birthdays.

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We Remember...

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Sam Stoddard
Edgar & Laura Pointer
Ernest & Tillie Grau
Keith & Theresa Anderson
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Bill & LaVerda Hitztaler
Don & Jeanne Sharp
Bill & Janie Hitztaler
Bill & Barb Holthaus
Ray & Shirley Shelton
Chuck & Arlene Rolling
Dave Rolling
Carl Crimi
Robert R. & Amy Skinner
Frank & Clara Toscano
John Crimi
Anna Kogel
Kathy & Chris Wiggins
Louis Brown

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Mother of David
Sister of Joyce Gallagher
Father of Joyce Gallagher
Parents of Lorine Grau
Parents of Del
Parents of Judy Hermsmeyer
Parents of Norm
Parents of Dave
Parents of Sherry Hitztaler
Brother & Sister-in-law of Dave
Parents of Kathy Johnson
Parents of Lori Rolling
Parents of John
Brother of John
Father of Marie Skinner
Parents of Dave
God Parents of Marie Skinner
Cousin of Marie Skinner
Mother of Jodi Tunheim
Children of Clyde & Ruth
Grandson of Clyde & Ruth Wiggins

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