

# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

*November 1, 2020*

10:30 a.m. Sunday



## **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

The Hope of the Children of God

### **AS WE GATHER**

**There are different types of hope. The hope some people have is no more than wishful thinking. Others rely on their own plans and intellect to provide a measure of hope during times of difficulty. But for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith in our Lord Jesus, hope is sure. For His sake, our heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and now calls us His own children, brothers and sisters of our Lord. We shall join those who have gone before us to sing God's eternal praises, even as we join "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" in the Sanctus before receiving His body and blood.**

## Gathering Song

### Better Is One Day

Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

**CHORUS: Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
Than thousands elsewhere.**

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,  
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,  
to find You in the place Your glory dwells. **CHORUS**

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the Living God. Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted, and I've seen. Come once again to me.

I will draw near to You. I will draw near to You, to You. **CHORUS**



✂ PREPARATION ✂

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn

“For All the Saints”  
Verses 1, 3, 7-8

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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The  
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.

## Absolution

## Remembering the Saints

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:

<b>Richard Bress</b>	<b><i>Husband of Judy</i></b>
<b>Ann Clausen</b>	<b><i>Wife of Reid</i></b>
<b>Helen Hartman</b>	<b><i>Mother of Brad &amp; Cathy</i></b>
<b>Marie Mills</b>	<b><i>Mother of Karyn</i></b>
<b>Amy Powell</b>	<b><i>Daughter of Sharron</i></b>
<b>Robert Rodefald</b>	<b><i>Husband of Elaine</i></b>

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:

<b>Entheos Bellas</b>	<b><i>Nephew of Rima Hea</i></b>
<b>Margaret Best</b>	<b><i>Mother of Ron</i></b>
<b>Bert Branan</b>	<b><i>Brother of Deb Shiflet</i></b>
<b>Mike Brannen</b>	<b><i>Uncle of Melanie Bard</i></b>
<b>Pamela Coon</b>	<b><i>Mother of Chrissy</i></b>
<b>Dave Delk</b>	<b><i>Brother of Rich</i></b>
<b>Rosemary Ertl</b>	<b><i>Mother of Deana &amp; Renata</i></b>
<b>Kenneth Green</b>	<b><i>Father of Marla Golden</i></b>
<b>Frank Gutierrez</b>	<b><i>Son of Carmen, Uncle of Gabe</i></b>
<b>Michael A. Hea, Sr.</b>	<b><i>Father of Bob</i></b>
<b>Sarisa Helburg</b>	<b><i>Great-Granddaughter of Viola Raasch</i></b>
<b>Virginia Hermsmeyer</b>	<b><i>Stepmother of Norm</i></b>
<b>Don Hunt</b>	<b><i>Husband of Norma</i></b>
<b>Phyllis McCormick</b>	<b><i>Mother of Dan</i></b>
<b>Laverne Merklein</b>	<b><i>Sister of Del Grau</i></b>
<b>Annette J. Mitchell</b>	<b><i>Step-mother of Rima Hea</i></b>
<b>Pauline Osborne</b>	<b><i>Mother of Linda Marquez</i></b>
<b>Tracey Pablo</b>	<b><i>Niece of Tricia McCulley</i></b>
<b>James E. Price</b>	<b><i>Father of Ina Olson</i></b>

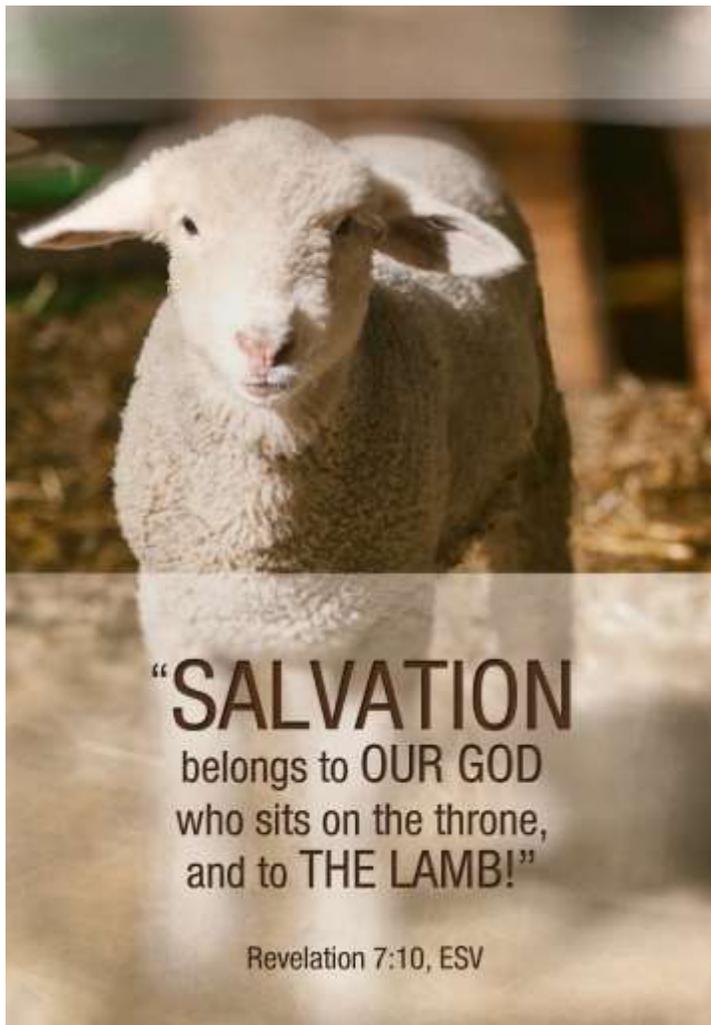
Terry Ramsey  
Pamela Richey  
Charlene Robbe  
Phillip Sturdevant  
Dorothy Sundet  
Wademar Sundet  
Eva Thomas  
Lee Walker  
David J. Wilson  
Steve Withem

*Nephew of Bob & Deb Shiflet*  
*Friend of Bob & Deb Shiflet*  
*Sister of Annette Wolfer*  
*Brother of Millie Fitzpatrick*  
*Sister-in-law of Crystal*  
*Brother of Crystal*  
*Aunt of Joyce Gallagher*  
*Brother of Edna Achziger*  
*Brother of Brian*  
*Brother-in-law of Joyce Gallagher*

✂ WORD ✂

**Welcome**

Pastor: Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life.



**First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

(Saints around God's throne know eternal salvation after having endured persecution.)

**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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

(Jesus' followers are blessed now because of His sure promises.)

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: 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,

**People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who mourn,

**People: for they shall be comforted.**

Pastor: Blessed are the meek,

**People: for they shall inherit the earth.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**People: for they shall be satisfied.**

Pastor: Blessed are the merciful,

**People: for they shall receive mercy.**

Pastor: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People: for they shall see God.**

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People: for they shall be called sons of God.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Pastor: 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,

**People: for your reward is great in heaven,**

Pastor: for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

You are not alone if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy, To be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God, it's all you need.

**CHORUS: And all the people said, "amen." Whoa.  
And all the people said, "amen."  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.  
And all the people said, "amen."**

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together. God knows we stumble and fall,  
And He so loved the world, He sent His son to save us all. **CHORUS**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. **CHORUS**

**Sermon**

"Flawed"

Pastor John Larson

TEXT: Hebrews 11:31-34

**Nicene Creed (Divine Service, Setting One)**

**People: 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy...

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Offering *Offerings will be collected at the back, in the Narthex.*

### ✠ 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.*



### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### Preface (Divine Service, Setting One)

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.**

#### Words of Institution

## Lord's Prayer

**People:** 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.



## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

### Ancient Words

DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart;  
Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

**CHORUS: Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,  
came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ. **CHORUS**

Martyr's blood stains each page, they have died for this faith.  
Hear them cry through the years; Heed these words and hold them dear. **CHORUS X2**

We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

O let the ancient words impart.

### General Communion Blessing

#### Benediction (Divine Service, Setting One)

**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 Song

### Ancient of Days

Gary Sadler | Jamie Harvill

Blessing and honor glory and power Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From ev'ry nation all of creation Bow before the Ancient of Days

**CHORUS: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth Shall declare Your glory  
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne In worship  
You will be exalted O God And Your kingdom shall not pass away  
O Ancient of Days**

Blessing and honor glory and power Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From ev'ry nation all of creation Bow before the Ancient of Days **CHORUS**

Your kingdom shall reign Over all the earth Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare To Your matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days **(Repeat)**

### CHORUS

### Congregational Concerns

### Dismissal

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(and Row by Row Dismissal)*



### Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Pastor John Larson  
Michael Zehnder



# All Saints' Sunday

## PAGE OF REMEMBRANCE

Jack Anttonen	<i>Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Father-in-law</i>
Edgar & Laura Pointer	<i>Parents of Lorine Grau</i>
Ernest & Tillie Grau	<i>Parents of Del</i>
Harold Haeffele	<i>Husband of Caroll</i>
Keith & Theresa Anderson	<i>Parents of Judy Hermsmeyer</i>
Bill & Mae Hermsmeyer	<i>Parents of Norm</i>
Jan B. Hodne	<i>Husband of Lois</i>
Bill & Barb Holthaus	<i>Parents of Kathy Johnson</i>
Neil Johnson	<i>Father of Bob</i>
Dino Denicola	<i>Friend of Dennis &amp; Joyce Lord</i>
Angelina Tacito	<i>Grandmother of Dennis &amp; Joyce Lord</i>
Dorothy Luft	<i>Mother of Jim Mullane</i>
Kelly Baldwin	<i>Sister of Laurie Mullane</i>
Ben Mullane	<i>Son of Jim &amp; Laurie</i>
Daryl Nelson	<i>Husband of Dorothy, Father of Melanie Bard</i>
Herb & Ollie Lines	<i>Paternal Grandparents of Margo Pasha</i>
Verdi & Thelma Gill	<i>Maternal Grandparents of Margo Pasha</i>
Bill & Evelyn Lines	<i>Parents of Margo Pasha</i>
Linda Gill Johnson	<i>Aunt of Margo Pasha</i>

**James & Mary Walstrom**

**Daniel Walstrom**

**Carl Cupp**

**Larry Ruggera**

**Chris, Anna, Harold, & Kim  
Sundet**

**Linda DeMoss**

**Lee & Hester Wilson**

**Louis & Anita Vahle**

**Keith & Eunice Welch**

**Kathy & Chris Wiggins**

**Louis Brown**

**Morey & JoAnn Brewer**

**Mike & Barbara Zeller**

*Parents of Mary Lou Regan, Grandparents of Tanya  
Schmitt*

*Brother of Mary Lou Regan*

*Husband of Mary Lou Regan (Cupp)*

*Son of Wilma, Husband of Roxan*

*Brothers & Sisters of Crystal*

*Friend of Crystal Sundet*

*Parents of Brian Wilson*

*Parents of Marion Wilson*

*Sister & Brother-in-law of Marion Wilson*

*Children of Clyde & Ruth*

*Grandson of Clyde & Ruth Wiggins*

*Parents of Carol Zeller*

*Parents of Dave Zeller*

