

# *Order of Worship*

## *All Saints' Day*

*Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.*

PRELUDE

DR. HERB GEISLER, ORGANIST

WELCOME

*Please stand.*

OPENING HYMN

### ***"For All the Saints"***

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!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

*Worshippers are invited to kneel for the Confession and Absolution.  
Those who desire not to kneel may sit or stand.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### ***"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"***

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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 the grace to live as those who have been made holy by the blood of the Lamb, that 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.

**All: Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

## REVELATION 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> "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. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> 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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

## 1 JOHN 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

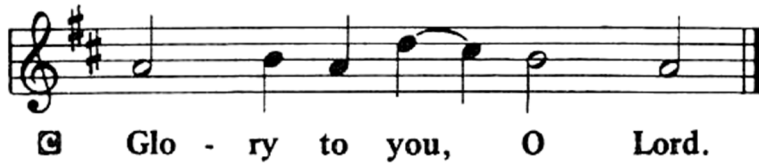
*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

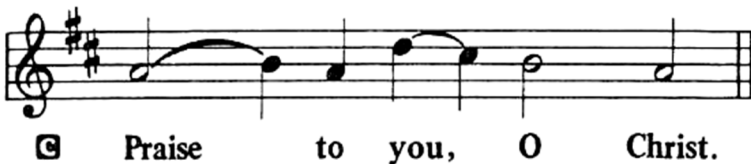
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-two.



## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON HYMN

### *"For All the Saints"*

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!

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***"Doorways"***

*Matthew 5:1-12*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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 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.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*At this time, you may give your offering electronically.*

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You may also place your offering in the gray baskets in the Narthex.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Tolling of the Bell*

Pastor: We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints who this past year have entered into everlasting rest . . . Chris Gibbins, Dale Lange, Mildred Montgomery, Mike O'Brien, Lee Seib, Junko Shiki, Chuck Van Liew

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition the prayer concludes:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

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

All: Amen.

**REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION:** *As Lutheran communicants, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this Holy Supper. Be mindful of the words of St. Paul: "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)*

*Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe that your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for them? Do you believe that Jesus gives you his own body and blood in the Sacrament as a seal of that forgiveness? Is it your sincere intention to do better in living a Christian life? Then come, and receive assurance and strengthening from Jesus.*

**NOTE:** *In the center of each communion tray are a few glasses with grape juice wine for those who are on alcohol restrictive medications or who, for personal reasons, wish to abstain from wine. Also we have gluten-free communion wafers available for those who need them. They are in the small plastic containers on the wafer trays (patens). The empty plastic containers may be placed in the bags with the used communion cups.*

## † HOLY COMMUNION †

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.

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, who in the multitude of Your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may 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.

### 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

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 is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

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

People: And also with you.

### AGNUS DEI

**C** 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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### *"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"*

Behold a host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!  
With palms they stand; Who is this band  
Before the throne of light? These are the saints of glorious fame,  
Who from the great affliction came And in the flood  
Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.  
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;  
But now, how glorious they appear!  
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band,  
God's throne forever near. On earth they wept through bitter years;  
Now God has wiped away their tears, Transformed their strife  
To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.  
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;  
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

O blessed saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,  
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word  
Sustained you on the way. The steep and narrow path you trod;  
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad; Rejoice and bring  
Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.  
The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!  
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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## THE DISMISSAL

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. As we walk through the "valley of tears," lift up our eyes to our Redeemer, that we may anticipate with great joy the day of His coming, when He shall wipe away all our tears and swallow up death in His eternal victory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.



## THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen!

## CLOSING HYMN

### *"For All the Saints"*

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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## *Baptism*

This weekend at our 10:15 worship service, **Brody Edward Rodarte**, the child of **Paul** and **Stacy Rodarte**, becomes the newest member of the kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We wish God's wonderful blessings on this child and his family.

## *Flowers*

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord in celebration of **John** and **Julie Taylor's** 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## *Keep in Your Prayers*

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Patricia Howard

Maggie Winn

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Alexander Hernandez

Jan Morton

We pray for those who are recovering:

Rocky Hewitt

Brad Morton