



NOVEMBER 1ST, 2020
ALL SAINTS DAY
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

As We Gather

PRELUDE

"For all The Saints"

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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 our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P May we have strength to meet the days ahead in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P We remember before You those who have preceded us to glory. Likewise, our hearts are full, recalling the blessings You showered on us through these, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hear us as we name them to You

Bill Gossell and those known to us outside of Holy Cross.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OPENING HYMN

"For All The Saints"

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1. **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!**
2. **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!**
3. **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!**
4. **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
7. **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!**
8. **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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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Psalm 149

Reader: Mr. John Pruser

R ¹ Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**C ² Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

R ³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**C ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

R ⁵ Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

**C ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

R ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

**C ⁸ to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

**ALL ⁹ to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones.**

Praise the Lord!

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

READING*A Great Multitude from Every Nation*Revelation 7: 9-17
Reader: John Pruser

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ 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, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ 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:

¹⁵ "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.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ 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."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

MUSIC MINISTRY*"Unwavering"**Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone*

GOSPEL READING*The Sermon on the Mount**Matthew 5:1-12*

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE*"Good News For Losers"**Matthew 5:1-12**Pastor Tom*

*No one sees the advantage of being at the bottom—until you start to understand Jesus. Then and only then does it become clear Christ is "good news for losers." In his excellent book, *The Imperfect Disciple: Grace for People Who Can't Get Their Act Together*, author Jared Wilson writes that the Sermon on the Mount isn't a collection of "pick-me-ups" for spiritual go-getters, but instead an invitation for all of us at the end of our rope – the beaten, the poor, the orphan, the cheated, the accused. It's for us as we discover that the real winners are those who put not their hope in the world, but in Jesus alone.*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us 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.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of Power and Might;
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Who You Say I Am"

Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen!**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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