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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



David H. Brooks, Pastor – November 3, 2024

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TODAY'S VERSE:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." – Philippians 4:6

PRELUDE

..... **WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD**

Sunday of All Saints

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

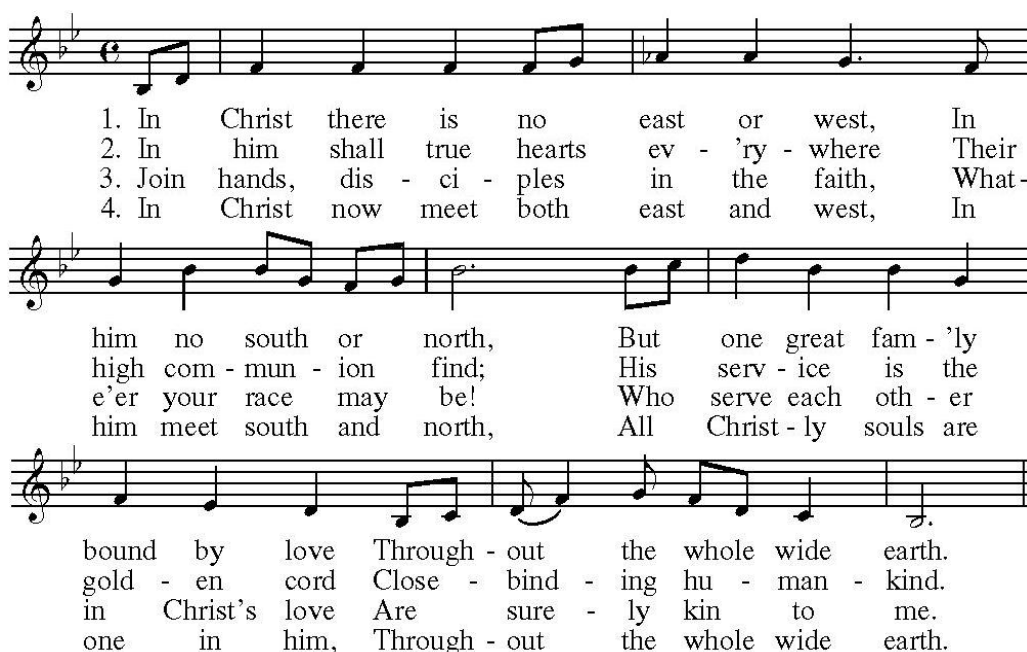
C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,
- C** 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.
- P** Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C** Amen.

OPENING HYMN: **Gather Comp. 738 "In Christ There is No East or West"**



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

him no south or north, But one great fam - 'ly
 high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the
 e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
 him meet south and north, All Christ - ly souls are

bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

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..... WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

..... OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE FIRST LESSON:

Revelation 7:2–17 (*Pew Bible, pg. 1031*)

The First Lesson is from the 7th Chapter of Revelation.

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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

¹⁴I 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.

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

¹⁷For 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149: *See Bulletin Insert* – sung by congregation and choir

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 John 3:1–3 (*Pew Bible, pg. 1022*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 3rd Chapter of First John.

¹See 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.

²Beloved, 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.

³And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1–12 (*Pew Bible, pg. 809*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹*Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.*

²*And He opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

⁵*“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

⁶*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

⁷*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

⁸*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

⁹*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

¹⁰*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹*“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.*

¹²*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 Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

LIGHTING OF THE TAPERS:

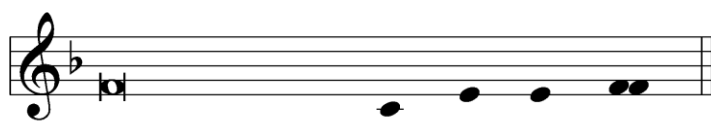
Please come forward as you wish to light a taper in remembrance of loved ones who are among the Saints in light.

LITANY FOR THE SAINTS:

LSB 677 “For All the Saints”- Verses 1 and 2

- 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!*

The litany will be sung according to the following musical form. The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



*Congregational response to each
petition will be sung:*

C Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Alleluia.

LSB 677 “For All the Saints”- Verses 5 and 6

5 *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!*

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

L: For public servants, the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For all called by God to renew the church, who lift up their voices to recall us to the fullness of God’s message of salvation, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Alleluia.

LSB 677 “For All the Saints”- Verses 7 and 8

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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L: For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

C: **To you, O Lord.**

..... **WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD**

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY

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OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

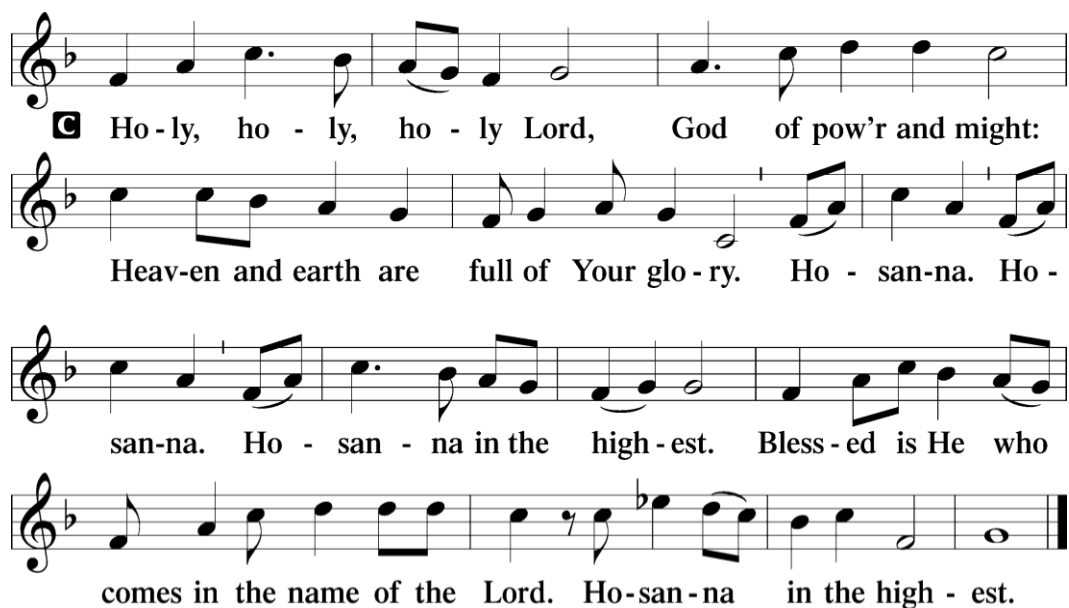


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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, through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy 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:



C 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in fellowship, enter into the fullness of Your kingdom, and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

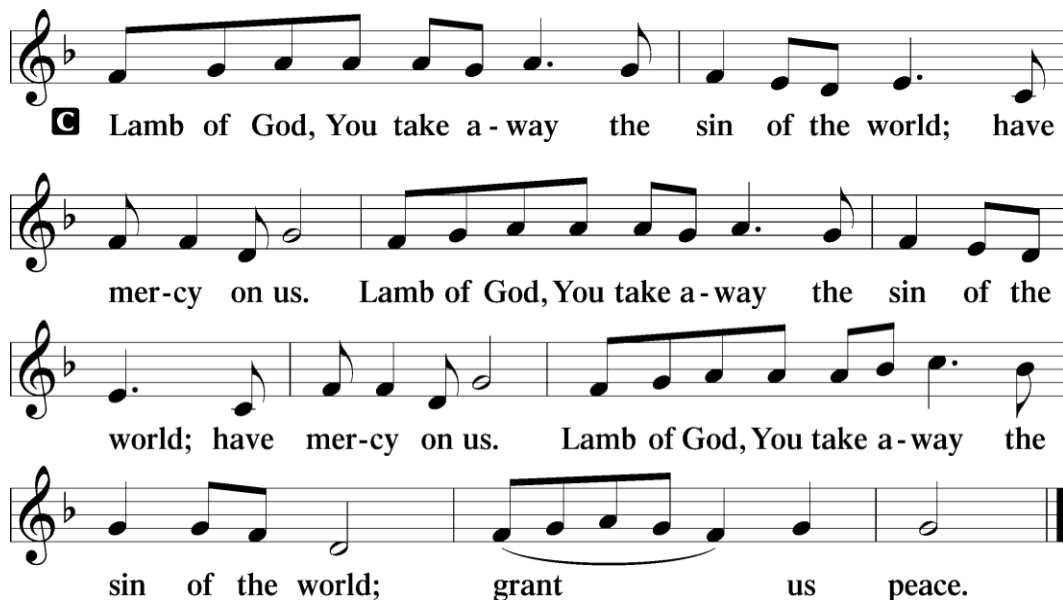
C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

- P** All honor and glory are Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever. Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

- C** 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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Worshippers who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *Gather Comp. 741 "God is Here! As We, His People"*

1. God is here! As we his peo - ple, Meet to
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the
4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an

of - fer praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler
life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font and
Shep - herd's flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are
age of change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the

meas - ure What it is in Christ we share:
pul - pit, Here the cross has cen - tral place:
tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old:
gos - pel, Help us work your pur - pose out:

Here, as in the world a - round us, All our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, Here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant Seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, All we

var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
si - lence as in speech, Here in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
have to give, re - ceive; We who can - not

of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Gather Comp. 754 "Now the Silence"

Now the si - lence, Now the peace, Now the emp - ty
hands up - lift - ed; Now the kneel - ing, Now the plea,
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come; Now the hear - ing, Now the
pow'r, Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing; Now the
bod - y, Now the blood, Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion;
Now the wed - ding, Now the songs, Now the heart for - giv - en
leap - ing; Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion, Now the Son's e -
piph - a - ny, Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing. Now. Now. Now.

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WE THANK OUR LORD

THANK THE LORD:

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION:

P May almighty God shield you as you go, wherever He may lead you.
The hand of the Father touching you, the blessing of the God of life.
The yoke of Jesus upon you, the blessing of the Christ of love.
The power of the Spirit within you, the blessing of the Breath of grace.
The blessing of the ✠ Holy Trinity be upon you. Now and forevermore.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *LSB 644 "The Church's One Foundation"*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go forth! Walk in the light of Christ to the glory of God and for the care of the neighbor.

C: We go in the peace of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

10:10 AM **Ushers**
Dave Pittman &
Tom McGill*

Reader
Judy Ferren
Greeter: Kathy Pittman

Communion Assistant
Gary Stuhlmiller

Altar Guild: John Kolba,
Setup; Frank Oruwari, Clean up

A/V Operator: Joe Wethman

*Acolyte



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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

We remember and give thanks for these Saints who have followed Christ through death and been raised to eternal life in heaven:

MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Mary Masterson – November 24, 2023

Irene Fraver – January 22, 2024

Dave Schomberg – February 2, 2024

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY OF GRACE

Ronnie George, nephew of Kaye Nichols

Florence Charlton, mother of former member Rick Charlton

Gloria Johnson, Sandra Hango's mother

Annie Carver, Whitney Kolba's grandmother, Cindy Gornto's aunt

Steve Gornto, brother of Denese Lee and Bob Gornto

Reggie Sumner, friend of Walt Crosmer

Walt Crosmer, father of Walt Crosmer

Donald Miller, father of Duke Lutheran Max Miller

Jewell Long, cousin of Judy Ferren

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Tommy Harris, brother of David Harris

Joe, friend of the Dickmanders

Betty McDaniel, grandmother of John Kolba's godson Atticus

Linda Hellman, Pastor Amanda Highben's mother

Gloria Martz, aunt of Jan Kolba, great-aunt of John Kolba

Jim Durham, friend of Tom McGill

Rick Propp, friend of Geoff Heintzelman

Paul Baldasaro, father of former member Nick

Lois Durr, member of Advent Lutheran Church

Joshua Fletcher, great-nephew of Jean Pochert

Joan Weissenstein, cousin of Kathy Pittman

Connie Knuth, pastor's wife and former member of Grace

Bobby Tackett, neighbor of Jean Pochert

Jeannie Krout, aunt of Jan Kolba, great-aunt of John Kolba

We thank God for those whose lives have blessed us.

